



Spaldwick Community Primary School

Head 2 Home

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Spaldwick School where every day is a chance to LEARN and SUCCEED

A message from Mrs Worrell

An enormous welcome back to everyone as we start a new school year. We have had an exciting start to the term with lots of 'sparkling starts' for our new themes; children have made volcanoes, Greek masks and sampled British delights. It's been great to see their enthusiasm for learning. We have also welcomed our new Reception children into the Swifts class. They have settled so quickly and have already started picking up the routines, well done Reception.

This term we have launched several new initiatives. In Swifts and Blackbirds we now use Read Write Inc to teach phonics. The children are being taught in smaller groups and the focus is on reading and spelling. As we get going your children will bring home new reading books linked to the level they are working at in school. They should be able to read the books confidently and independently. Have your children been talking about stone lions and gorillas? I hope so, we have introduced Kinetic Letters to tackle presentation and handwriting and they are loving it. Finally we are working with the Cambridgeshire Maths Hub on a mastery approach to maths. It's been so exciting to walk around school and see consistent approaches to learning. We will be holding a curriculum evening to share our new initiatives with you soon.

Spaldwick School are Recruiting

We are looking for enthusiastic staff that have the same high expectations as us.

We need a fabulous Site Supervisor (15 hours) and an extraordinary cleaner (12.5 hours) the hours are flexible and could be combined for the right person.

If you would like to join us for a cup of tea and a chat about the positions give us a call on 01480 890371 or see our website for more information and an application form.

Please spread the word!

http://www.spaldwickschool.org.uk/?page_id=12795

Attendance

Children of school age who are registered at a school must, by law, attend that school regularly. Regular attendance is the best way of ensuring that a child makes the most of the educational opportunities which are available to him or her.

When a child is absent from school, they miss not only the teaching provided but they are also less prepared for the lessons after his or her return.

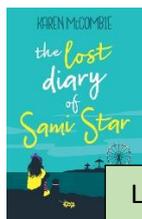
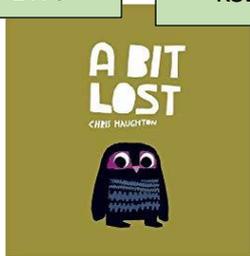
We will be operating in line with local schools with immediate impact. I have attached the HAPP letter that you have seen previously.

This term new guidance has been released to Head teachers. As previously, Head teachers can only authorise exceptional absence requests. A parents' profession and holiday entitlement is not deemed exceptional. If a holiday is taken during term time Head teachers **MUST** refer to the Local Authority.

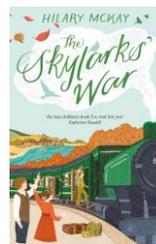
Mrs Worrell's Book Recommendations

EYFS

KS1



Lower KS2



Older Readers

Walking to and From School

We appreciate that children like to develop independence and that you might choose for your child to walk home alone once they are in upper KS2. If this is the case, we will need the request in writing. We always encourage younger siblings to be collected by an adult.

Dates for Your Diary

Please find attached our annual planner. Although it is not a comprehensive list of dates, it's a good starting point.

Morning Routines

Children arriving by bus are on the school premises by 8.40am and will be supervised by a member of staff.

All other children should not be on the school premises before 8.45am. Children must not use the equipment in the courtyard.

At 8.45am classroom doors will open; they will close at 9.00am. After this time children will need to enter school via the school office and be signed in.

Parking

Please can I remind you to keep the bus bay clear at the beginning and end of the day. It is a busy time of day and we need to ensure the safety of all our children. Can I also ask that you show consideration for local residents. Several times last year residents had their driveways blocked and this is not acceptable.

Clubs

Next week, you will receive information about the clubs available this term. Please return your slips as quickly as possible

FOSS News

The Friends of Spaldwick School work so hard to support our school, raising money to buy resources and fund events. Last year they paid for the swimming pool rental for our swimming lessons and gave every class money to reduce the cost of their annual trips. They also donated £1000 for reading books and they have pledged a further £500 for library books.

This year they have lots of exciting events planned. Tomorrow they are hosting the annual, Welcome Back BBQ from 4pm – 7pm. Please come and join us for a burger and a bounce.



Ear rings

Please ensure you help your child to remove their ear-rings on PE days. For health and safety reasons children cannot join in with PE if they are wearing ear-rings. Ear-rings cannot be covered with micropore tape.

Volunteers in School

We are looking for volunteers to join us in school. If you can spare a couple of hours on a regular basis to help in school, we would really appreciate your help. You might be able to listen to children to read, support small groups or complete small clerical jobs for teachers. If think you can help, please pop into the office to complete a form. All volunteers will need to complete a DBS check.