



Spaldwick Community Primary School



Head 2 Home

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A message from Mrs Worrell

A newsletter of thanks but first...

As most of you are aware we have had a difficult end to the term. The league table published in the press last weekend was not a fair representation of our school and does not offer the complete picture. In 2017-2018 our end of Year 6 data was: Reading 79.3%, Writing 75.9%, Maths 58.6%, Grammar Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) 89.7% and Science 89.7%. We were above National expectations in Reading, GPS and Science and just below National expectations in Writing. We were all disappointed that our Maths data was lower than predicted. However, we had already identified it as an area for improvement. This year, we implemented a consistent approach to the teaching of Maths across the whole school to ensure standards were improved rapidly. We also joined the Cambridgeshire Maths Mastery Hub to enable us to access high quality training. These initiatives are really positive and we are already seeing the impact on children's learning. In June 2017 our Ofsted inspection awarded the school a 'Good' and we continue to be a 'Good' school. On a personal note, I have really appreciated your support and understanding on the gate in the mornings, it means a lot!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible children. Wherever we go and whenever we have visitors in school we always receive extremely positive comments about their behaviour and their enthusiasm for learning. They are a credit to you and to Spaldwick! I would also like to thank our amazing school team; they work tirelessly to provide the best opportunities for our children and they are frankly, brilliant! Finally, I would like to thank you. You are supportive and helpful and we couldn't do it without you.

Have a peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Louise Worrell

Staffing News

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Mrs Page will be leaving us at the end of the first week of January. Dionne has worked at Spaldwick School for 11 Years.

We will miss her enormously but we wish her every success in her new role.

Twitter

We are launching our new Twitter page. This will be used to promote the fantastic things we do at school. You can follow us at:

@SpaldwickPrima1

FoSS News

On Saturday 1st December FOSS ran a fantastic event to raise money for new computers. Despite the rain the event was really well attended and lots of fun. They raised...

£1039

Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a success.

Another quick and easy way you can support is by signing up to Easy Fundraising. You can find out more at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Corridor Art



We would like to thank Mrs Avery for the amazing artwork she painted this term. The children loved watching our school motto taking shape along the corridor outside my office. Mrs Avery is extremely talented and we have all missed watching her work now she's finished. Watch out Mrs Avery, we will be planning another project for you!

Thank you ☺

Parent Forum

Would you like a say in the decisions being made at Spaldwick School?

Next term I am keen to start a parent forum so I need you!

Could you spare an hour a term to attend a meeting? Ideally we would like one representative from each class, drop me an email at: haed@spaldwicksschool.org.uk if you are interested.

Christmas Tree



A massive thank you to Homefields Nursery who donated an enormous Christmas tree to School.

The children loved decorating the tree and it has had pride of place in the hall throughout December.

Thankyou

Trips and Visits

This term we've had some very successful football fixtures with our Year 3, 4 & 5 team winning 8-3 and our Year 5 team achieving overall 2nd place in a HAPP tournament. Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a tag rugby tournament and have also been swimming at Kimbolton. Next term we have some sporting events planned for our younger children and a KS2 quick sticks hockey and netball club booked for after school.

Year 6 have had the opportunity to learn about Fair Trade and safety around lorries when Wincanton and the Co-op came to visit. The Fair Trade chocolate was extremely popular and not just with the children.

To end the term, we have all enjoyed a fantastic piano concert, wonderful nativity performances, a Christmas lunch complete with crackers and songs, Christingles and carols and of course our pantomime trip, which was definitely the highlight of our Christmas celebrations. We would like to thank Mrs Cundy for all the fantastic wands and hats. Shall we go again next year? Perhaps this can be the first discussion for Parent Forum.



Fund Raising

You have pulled out all the stops to help with fund raising this term.

You supported the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child donating filled shoeboxes.

Raised £140 for Children in Need with your crazy hair and £135 for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day.

Thank you all!

Coming Up...

3rd Jan – School Opens

14th Jan – Year 1/2 Multiskills

23rd Jan – Year 4/5 Young Voices trip

28th – 29th Jan – Year 3 Residential

31st Jan – Kestrels Parent Lunch

7th Feb – Classroom in action

14th Feb – School closes

15th Feb – Teacher Training Day

Don't forget to check the Annual Planner on the website