



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 at the start of a new school year and a very special welcome to all our new families. This year, due to teaching commitments, I will be sending home a monthly newsletter instead of the previous weekly newsletter. I will continue to use Facebook and Twitter to promote the school but teachers will keep you up to date with what is going on in classes using the password protected pages on our website. Teachers will not post information messages on Facebook so please check the website regularly. We hope this will make it easier for you to know where to look for information. If you are having any trouble accessing any information, please do not hesitate contacting us.

We have had an exciting start to the term with a whole school project on The Robert Louis Stevenson novel, Treasure Island. From Year 2 upwards children have been immersed in the text ready to write a variety of different genres. This week the story was brought to life with a visit from M & M Productions.



A big well done to our Year 6 footballers who won the first tournament of the year.



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. 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 and parents will receive a fine.

Well-being

A recent NHS survey of young people's mental health shows one in eight, five to 19 year olds in England has a diagnosable mental health condition. Children are under increasing pressure, and stress is a known barrier to learning. We believe that investing in our children's mental well-being, will help them now and in the future.

As part of our PSHE lessons, we have arranged for a mindfulness coach to run a 12-week course for all our children. There will be a parent session on Tuesday 8th October at 6:30pm to explain the types of activities your child will be doing. It would be great to see you there.

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.

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 and do not block driveways.

Governors

Do you know anyone who would be interested in joining our governing body? We currently have vacancies but unfortunately we have reached our full quota of parent governors.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to email head@spaldwickschool.org.uk or give the office a ring on 01480 890371

Morning Routines

Staff are not available to supervise children on the playground before 8:45am and therefore we ask they are not left unattended.

At 8.45am teachers will be available for you to pass on messages; the bell will be rung at 8:50am ready for children to line up and enter school. The doors will close at 9.00am. After this time, children need to enter school via the office and be signed in by an adult. This is a safeguarding requirement so we know which children are in school.

Uniform

I would like to say a massive thank you to you all, for your efforts with the new school uniform. The children look amazing and carry themselves with a real sense of pride. We keep a stock of ties in the school office, costing £5, if you need a replacement.

The school is also looking tidier and more loved than ever! We have new tables and chairs, we have continued our decorating and we have new curtains. We can't wait to show you how great it looks.

Volunteers in School

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

Dates

I hope you received the updated annual planner last week? If not, you can find it on the website. I will continue to provide a list of upcoming events on each newsletter.

Library Books

Please can we ask you to check if you have any school books mixed in with you own books at home and to remind your children to return library books as soon as they have finished reading them.

Week Commencing	Diary
30/09/19	Tuesday 1 st – Longsands and St Peters Open Evening Thursday 3 rd – Hinchingsbrooke and Sawtry Open Evening Thursday 3 rd (1.30pm) – Tour of the school for prospective parents Thursday 3 rd – Lunchtime theme day, Rugby World Cup
07/10/19	Tuesday 8 th (6:30pm) – Parent session on mindfulness and well-being Friday 11 th (9am) - Tour of the school for prospective parents
14/10/19	15 th – 18 th – Book fayre Tuesday 15 th (1:30 – 7pm) – Parent consultations Thursday 17 th (6pm) – Tour of the school for prospective parents Friday 18 th – School closes