



Spaldwick Community Primary School

Head 2 Home

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A message from Mrs Worrell

As this strange and challenging term comes to an end I would like to take this opportunity to look back on some of the wonderful things that did take place!

In September we launched the year with a Treasure Island project, a visiting theatre and we welcomed 13 amazing new children to Reception. The FOSS 'Back to School' event was a roaring success.

In October Year 6 took part in Bikeability and learned valuable skills for life and we started our mindfulness journey with Mrs Bradshaw. Mrs Bradshaw returns in September!

In November we welcomed parents in to school to join in with a maths lessons.

In December we enjoyed a trip to the theatre to see Cinderella and our EYFS and KS1 children performed brilliantly in 'Everyone loves a baby'. FOSS ran an amazing wreath making workshop and a brilliant Christmas Fair.

In January we enjoyed another new tradition, our trip to Young Voices; we sang loudly and proudly and Year 3 enjoyed two adventurous days and an overnight stay at Grafham Water.

In February we celebrated Online Safety Day and welcomed parents in to school for a workshop.

In March we dressed up and enjoyed World Book Day before finally closing our school.

As always at this time of year, there is a long list of people to thank. Firstly, I would like to thank our governing body, led by Jonathan Smith but this year a special thank you goes to Chris Brown and Chris Woodhall who are stepping down from their roles, thank you! Our governors give up so much of their time to support events, to listen and to provide the challenge needed to improve our standards. We have two vacancies for next year so if you are interested please email head@spaldwickschool.org.uk as soon as possible.

To FOSS, who work tirelessly to run events and raise funds to enrich our curriculum. This year they made an enormous contribution to a class set of laptops, which quite frankly couldn't have come at a better time. Without them we would really have struggled over the last 4 months. Racheal Woodhall has decided to step down as the chair and I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you for all her hard work and commitment. We also say goodbye and thank you to Emma Brown and Lisa Hunter, we are going to miss you all. FOSS is a small team of wonderful parents but we are going to need your help to keep FOSS going next year. So, please pop Thursday 17th September in your diary and join us for our Zoom AGM.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your overwhelming support during such a difficult time. You have been fantastic home school teachers and your children are very lucky to have such dedicated and engaged parents.

Finally, I need to thank the most amazing team of teaching and learning staff I have ever known. Every single one of them, from teachers and teaching assistants to the office team and the site team, have worked tirelessly to give Spaldwick children the very best educational provision possible and a clean and safe environment for us all to enjoy. You can all feel totally confident that this wonderful group of people will stop at nothing to get the children's learning back on track as soon as term starts. It is so important that all children return, this time in their education is more important than it has ever been before.

Have a very happy and relaxing holiday, we can't wait to see you all in September.

Louise

A message from FOSS

Well, this was a year none of us anticipated or could plan for! We have, however, been able to make our biggest single contribution to the children's education for some years – we were able to deliver a suite of new laptops! An amazing achievement that we should all feel proud of and was achieved through everyone's support of all the events and fundraising activities put on by FOSS committee members and supported by all parents, carers, relatives and friends.
Thank you all for your support!

FOSS has a committee that provides a focus on fundraising activities and the governance around spending of raised funds. The committee needs new volunteers - parents and carers - to bring fresh ideas for activities and fundraising opportunities as well as having a say in how the raised funds are spent for the benefit of our children.

We will be holding a web based AGM and information evening on the 17th September – please do log on, join in and help FOSS deliver more successes like the laptops!

FOSS wishes you all a great summer break and hopes to see you at our AGM in September. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Steve Nicholls (nicholls2008@gmail.com or 07775 546804) should you wish to learn more about what FOSS does to support the school or if you are thinking about joining our small and welcoming committee.

What won't happen next term...

We have spent a long time reviewing our risk assessment to ensure that our staff and children can return to school as safely as possible. Unfortunately, this means that there are a number of activities and events that we think are too high a risk to run in the Autumn term.

- Individual music lessons
- Swimming
- Whole school assemblies
- Parents in school
- PTA events at school

Of course this makes us very sad, and we will return to normal service as soon as we possibly can. We will review at half term and as always make decisions based on the Government guidance.

Where will I drop my child off?

All children will attend full time. Children can arrive between 8:45 and 8:55am and the school day will finish at 3:20pm.

To minimise traffic around school, each class will use a different entrance and exit point:

- Swifts – classroom door
- Blackbirds – front entrance
- Kestrels – classroom door
- Eagles – staff car park exit (parents must not drive into the staff car park)

School Uniform

Children need to wear Spaldwick School uniform in September

Book Amnesty

As we left school in such a hurry back in March, I'm sure that many of you still have some of our school reading and library books hidden around your houses if you look hard enough! We will have boxes at all entrances to the school during the first week back so that you can return any you find hiding under the sofa or down the back of the bed.



Thank you!

Summer Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency are running their annual summer reading challenge but this year it's digital!

You can join in [here](#)

Happy reading everyone!



Grafham Trip

On Friday 11th September we are taking Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 to Grafham Waters for a day of team building. Children will remain in their class bubbles at all time and there will be staggered drop off and collection times. If you haven't returned your slip, please send it in on Tuesday 8th September.