



Spaldwick Community Primary School

Head 2 Home

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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.

Although we have had to make significant changes to how we work in school, we are very happy to report that our children are settled and happy. They have quickly picked up the new routines and they are showing a great level of maturity and understanding.

We are also proud to be able to say that despite the changes, we have still managed to provide an exciting start to the new school year. We started the term with our trip to Grafham Water Centre and went on to a whole school project on The Wizard of Oz. Last week the story was brought to life with a visit from M & M Productions. It was a fantastic way to showcase the innovative ways the company has had to evolve to remain COVID safe and they loved the whole production.



Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome three new members of staff who will be joining our teaching team.

Sonia Mrowiec is joining us as a TA in Kestrels.



Holly Newsam is joining The Eagles as a TA.



Julia Sussex is joining us as a HLTA covering PPA in all classes.



Remote Learning Contingency Plan

In the event of us having to implement home/remote learning in the future, we invite you to complete a questionnaire about IT provision. The questionnaire will be available until Friday 9th October

Please complete once per child

[Please click here!](#)

Social Distancing

Please can I remind you to follow social distancing guidelines when dropping off and collecting your child. We ask that you do not congregate around the school grounds and you keep footpaths clear to enable ease of access for everyone.

Please also remember you should not be car sharing. Car sharing could result in the closure of multiple classes in the event of a positive case.

Termly Learning Conferences (TLCs)

At the beginning of the term we were able to offer face to face parent meetings because the school remained closed for the day. We had hoped to be able to offer face to face meetings for our TLCs but unfortunately this is not possible. As a result, we will be running a day of virtual meetings. You will receive the full information and a booking form next week.

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.

As a school our attendance is being monitored by the Local Authority due to the fact we are currently below the government target of 95%.

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.

Morning Routines

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

The doors will open at 8:45am and 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.

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.

Well-being

As part of our PSHE lessons, we are very pleased to welcome back Amy Bradshaw, a mindfulness coach, to deliver another 12-week course for all our children.

Uniform

I would like to say a massive thank you to you all, for your efforts with school uniform. The children look amazing and carry themselves with a real sense of pride. If you need any replacements, we keep a stock of ties, book bags and PE drawstring bags in the school office, costing £5 each.

We will continue to keep school well ventilated over the colder months so we recommend children wear a school jumper every day.

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.

Our new library system is now fully operational! The software was funded by FOSS last year so a big thank you to everyone who contributed to fund raising and running events.

Dates

I apologise for the delay sending home the annual planner this year. You should receive it in the next couple of weeks but I am sure it goes without saying, all dates will be subject to change based on the current guidelines.

All library books are now scanned in and out of the library and children will not be able to borrow a new book until they have returned the previous one. All books are placed in a box for 72 hours before being returned to the shelves to ensure they are COVID safe.

Week Commencing	Diary
19/10/2020	21 st October Termly Learning Conferences 23 rd October School closes for half term
2/11/2020	2 nd November – School closed for Training Day 3 rd November – School opens to all children