

Newsletter

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The children have made the most of the Autumn weather this week, especially during their PE lessons. A number of classes have completed a mile, by running or walking 6 times around our new track. I have even seen some members of staff participating in this too!

The Infant and Lower Junior children have been using their investigative skills in Science and History this week, as they have explored 'Dinosaur and Stone Age Poo!' The children were able to deduce the diet that had been eaten based upon the sample they were exploring. There was a great deal of enthusiasm and engagement and I am sure that the children have shared their learning on this with you at home.

Maths

At Speenhamland we would like all children to be fluent in mathematical calculations. An important element of this is the ability to recall times table facts. In order to support the children to do this we buy into Times Tables Rockstars. This is an online resource which all Junior children have access to, using the passwords in their Reading Record. We have found that children who access this daily, for as little as 5 minutes at a time, become increasingly fluent with their times tables. In order to encourage children to do this, we are introducing a similar system to the Reading incentive. Each child that spends 20 minutes a week on TTRS will receive 2 Dragon's Eggs, and anyone spending 15 minutes will receive 1 Dragon's Egg. Each half term there will be a Golden Dragon's Egg awarded to the class with the most minutes.

School Photographer

The children all had their photo taken on Wednesday and should have brought home a card so that copies of photos can be ordered on line. This is the only way that photos can be ordered. There is a 10% discount if you spend over £30 by **25 October**. Once ordered, the photos will be delivered to school in batches and handed out to pupils.

Drop Off and Collection

Once again, thank you for your support at the beginning and the end of the day. The system is now working well. It really helps the staff when dismissing the children, if parents of that class could be at the front metal fence and not on the other side of the road due to passing cars. If you are waiting for siblings, please step back onto the opposite side of the road so that we have clear vision.

I have been contacted by several of our neighbours, who have asked me to ask parents to park courteously so that they are not blocked in.

House Winner

This week's House Winner is Laal.

Flu

12 November at Speenhamland School

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. Please complete the electronic consent form (one per child) via the following link: <https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> and insert your school's **unique code: BK143999** by **11 November 2020** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year. A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be found on their e-consent website and is also available via:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccinationleaflets-and-posters>

This includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

Foundation, Y1 and Y6 National Child Measurement Programme 2020

Please find attached a letter from Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust regarding the National Child Measurement Programme 2020.

Parents Evenings

Every family should have received an email outlining the process for our upcoming Parents Evenings. We are arranging for both socially distanced face-to-face meetings, as well as telephone conversations. This will ensure that we meet the needs of all of our families. There have been a couple of queries regarding which door parents should use and so there will be members of staff on the playground during these sessions to assist anyone who is unsure.

A reminder that Friday 23rd October is an INSET Day, and so children are not expected in school that day. We return to school on Monday 2nd November

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs E Parish

Associate Headteacher

FoSS News (Friends of Speenhamland School)

The FoSS will be holding a Halloween Dress Up on 6th November and children can come in to school in Halloween clothes for a donation of £1. There will also be a chance to win Halloween goodies by decorating a satsuma or an orange at home for a donation of 50p. These can be brought in to school from 2nd November to 4th November and the winners will be announced on 6th November.

Please see separate flyers sent with this Newsletter for more information.



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