



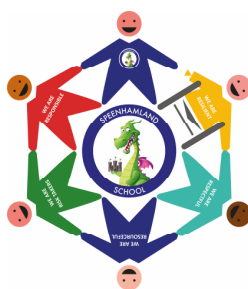
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Celebrating Achievement and Success for all

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We welcomed the children back to school on Monday with a whole school assembly on 'Being a Champion Learner.' It was a lovely way to bring the school community back together and introduce myself to the children. The children generated some fantastic ideas on the attributes needed to be a champion learner including: being brave; being respectful; keep trying even when you make mistakes; having a positive outlook; show confidence and dedicating time to learning. Throughout the year, we will continue to develop this theme of learning as well as embed our school values: respect, resilience, resourcefulness, risk taking, responsibility.

This week, we welcomed our new Reception children into school as part of their transition. The children were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed exploring both the outdoor and indoor learning environment. They will start full time with us from next week. A big thank you to Miss Hipgrave and the Reception team for making the children's first experiences of Speenhamland so positive.

The school has felt like a truly special place to be this week with all the children returned and looking smart in their new school uniform. There is a buzz in classrooms as children engage in new learning and enjoy being back together with friends. I would like to say a big thank you to children, staff and parents who have all made me feel very welcome in my first week at Speenhamland. Please do introduce yourself and speak to me if you have any concerns or I can help in anyway.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher

Reminders

Asthma Allergy Form

If your child has asthma or an allergy, please complete our form using the link that was sent out earlier this week.

You will then be contacted by Mr Page to discuss an action/care plan, to ensure that we provide suitable conditions for your child in school.

Data Collections Forms

Data Collection Forms have been sent home this week. Please check and amend if necessary, and then return to your child's Class Teacher to ensure we have up-to-date contact details etc at school.

Book Amnesty

At the end of last year, a significant number of books, including phonics books, were not returned to school.

Please can you have a good hunt at home and if you discover any school books, please can they be returned for other children to enjoy reading.

Junior Forest School

A reminder that our Forest School provision will be starting for Junior pupils next week.

The letter containing details of timings and clothing requirements was sent out this week.

We are currently recruiting for **Teaching Assistants**.

If this is a role that interests you and you would like to join the Speenhamland staff team, please speak to the School Office who can provide you with further details and an application pack.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please use the link below to quickly and easily find out if you are entitled to free school meals.

We encourage all our parents, including those in EYFS and Year 1 and 2 who already receive free school meals through the Government's Universal Free School Meals, to check as there are other benefits eg reduction in school trips.

<https://citizen.westberks.gov.uk/article/36469/Apply-for-Free-School-Meals>

This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

	Teacher
Cherry	Irenka Kratochvilova
Oak	Aaliyah Proctor
Ash	Riley Aitken
Hawthorn	Hollie Fairclough
Juniper	Danny Black
Maple	Alex Griffiths
Acer	Isaac Sproule
Redwood	Chloe Rubery
Cedar	Brittany Cordova
Sport	Irenka Kratochvilova

PSHE
Niksha Kajan
Lily Scott
Morgan Waterhouse
Logan Goddard
Alice Jones
Emmie West
Keira Carlyon
Logan Harding
Jakub Nowak



Please note that Wisteria awards will start next week.



Go Read

We have launched our exciting, new reading app Go Read, which will now be used to record all of your child's reading, both at school and at home. Please see attached letter for further details and login information.

Summer Reading Challenge

If your child completed Newbury Library's Summer Reading Challenge, please bring their certificates and medals in to their Class Teacher.

We will be celebrating their achievements and producing a display in our Library.

JEANS FOR GENES

Next Friday, is Jeans for Genes Day – our first charity event of the new school year. Please read the attached letter and join us in making a difference to the lives of others.



RAGBAGS

Thank you to everyone who donated items for Rag Bags last term. We are delighted to advise that we raised £42 for our school.



KS1 and KS2 Clubs

We have been overwhelmed by the positive uptake of children wanting to attend extra-curricular clubs.

Confirmation letters will be going home today and clubs will commence from next week.

A big thank you to Mrs Earl and Mr Page for organising all of this – every child who has requested a club has been placed!

Attendance

This week's attendance is 97.75%!

This is a brilliant start to the term and something we need to maintain.

Thank you.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN

The children in Wisteria Class have enjoyed exploring their new classroom. They have had lots of fun working together and developing their friendships. The children had a lovely week and are looking forward to being in school full time from Monday.

