

# Newsletter

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## National Lottery

I am delighted to say that we found out this week that our application to the National Lottery Awards for All scheme has been successful. We have applied for a project called 'Athletics versus Technology', which will enable us to work with families to develop a greater understanding of the benefits of exercise and healthy eating. I will share more details as soon as these have been finalised.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to those parents who attended our meetings this week. I hope you found the assessment packs a useful starting point with regards to the expectations for your children this year.

## Reading

I am delighted to say that since September, children have read at home a minimum of five times a week and were entered in to this term's draw for a Kindle. Congratulations to Harry Leeke who won this term's Kindle. We will be running this initiative again next term.

## Parent Communication

I wanted to remind parents of the systems in place to enable communication between home and school:

- Our Clubs board is updated weekly to show the clubs that will be running the following week. In addition, this information is available on our school website.
- Any parent wishing to speak with their class teacher has several options. They can either leave a message for the class teacher with the office in the morning or alternatively email the office who will pass this on to the class teacher. Parents are also able to talk with the teacher at the end of the school day or make a note in their children's reading record, which has a space that can be used to pass messages between home and school.
- There is a member of staff on the gate at either end of the school day who is also able to help with any queries.

## House

Congratulations to Laal who were crowned this term's winners. As a result, they have watched a film with popcorn this morning.

## FoSS News (Friends of Speenhamland School)

### Autumn Disco (fancy dress optional)

Tickets on sale today at Parents' Evening in the hall. If you have missed this, the final opportunity will be after school in the dining room on Monday 04 November.

### Christmas Fair

Friday 22 November— Non-uniform Day for donations towards chocolate/bottle stalls.

- Foundation and KS1 Chocolate
- KS2 Bottles

Also week beginning 18 November will be general donations eg items for Secret Room, small items for Lucky Dip etc, which can be left in the plastic box inside the dining room on the left hand side.

***Many thanks for your support.***



## KS1 Football

The Infant Football Team had their first tournament last Saturday. Across the morning, they played exceptionally well and showed great ability. Miss Buckell was very pleased with the attitude and teamwork of all the boys. They have been given their first ambassador's stamp in recognition of their efforts.

## Cross Country

Once again, we took part in the Excel Cross Country Event held at Fir Tree School yesterday. Our runners showed great resilience across the afternoon and as a result we were crowned overall winners.

Further information with regards to all of the sporting events this term can be found in this year's first edition of the Sporting News which accompanies this Newsletter.

## Car Parking

As indicated in a previous Newsletter, car parks will be limited to staff parking from after half term. They will be closed at 8.15 am and opened at 3.15 pm. This will enable any parent dropping or collecting from Dragon Club to park. The member of staff on gate duty each morning will stand out by the "kiss and drop" to enable parents to use this facility should they so wish. This facility can also be used at the end of the school day. The exception to this is any parent or Speenhamland pupil who has a blue badge. These parents will be able to use the car park to the left of the main gate between 8.40 and 9am and 2.55 and 3.10am. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Head Lice

Please take the opportunity over the half term break to check and treat hair. We are experiencing a recurring a problem with head lice at the moment.

*All that remains is for me to wish you a happy half term and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 04 November.*

*Mrs E Parish, Associate Headteacher*

## Diary Dates

### New Dates in Italics and Underscored

**25-10-19 to** *Half Term*

**01-11-19**

04-11-19 Pupils Return

07-11-19 Autumn Disco

11-11-19 LKS2 to Cinema 10 am to 11.40 am

12-11-19 Infants to Cinema 10 am to 11.40 am

15-11-19 Children in Need—Big Move Morning £1

**18-11-19** ***PTA General Donation Day for Christmas Fair***

19-11-19 Open Morning—EYFS (next academic year) 9.30 am to 10.30 am

19-11-19 Half Price Book Fair in school.

**22-11-19** ***PTA Dress Down Day—donation for Christmas Fair***

29-11-19 PTA Christmas Fair 4 pm to 6 pm

05-12-19 Whole School to Panto 10 am—Sleeping Beauty (more details to follow)

10-12-19 St Mary's Service 9.30 am (Foundation and Infants)

11-12-19 St Mary's Service 9.30 am (Juniors)

13-12-19 Save the Children—Christmas Jumper £1

18-12-19 School Closes at 12 noon for Christmas Holiday

07-01-20 Pupils Return

