

Executive Headteachers' Bulletin

End of Year 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

As another academic year comes to a close, I want to thank all staff, parents/carers and children for their support and hard work this year as well as our Governors and the Friends of our Federation. As well as supporting an ever increasing number of visits to make our curriculum as engaging as possible, this year we have also refreshed our classrooms, achieved a Young Carers award, the 360 Safe Mark, the Dyslexia Friendly award (last week!) and successfully grown our federation! We can't wait to begin working formally with Sparhawk Infant and Nursery School as we continue to improve all of our schools, together, for the benefit of all of our children.

From everyone at The Federation of Spixworth Schools we wish you all a very happy, safe and fun-filled Summer break. To our Year 6, we wish you every success at high school and for all other children and families, we look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year!

Ms Jordan

Reminder – Return School Reading/Library Books

Please make sure all school reading and library books are returned before the end of term. If you happen to come across any school books in the Summer, please keep these safe and return them to any member of staff in September.

Thank you



Keep Learning!

For the best start for your child in their new year group in September, please regularly refresh those learning skills. There is lots available to choose from!



September Staffing



We look forward to welcoming Miss Judd permanently to the admin team, Mrs Wassell as a new Higher Level Teaching Assistant and Mrs Hill and Mr Puddifoot to new roles as Teacher and Play Therapist respectfully.

In September, we will be looking for a new Midday Assistant to join our infant team. If you, or someone you know, is interested please get in touch!

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child, call 0344 800 8020 to pass it on.
The Domestic Abuse helpline is 0808 2000 247
Call the Samaritans on 116 123
The Young Minds parent helpline is 0808 802 5544

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility



Diary Dates and Curriculum Plans

The annual list of key dates for the year ahead is included with this newsletter. We try to keep additional dates to a minimum and will aim to communicate any changes or new dates with as much notice as possible.



Thank You!

A huge THANK YOU to The Friends of our schools for planning, organising and achieving so many fun events for our children and families over the year. The time and effort that goes into these events is fully appreciated and means our children have extras that they would otherwise go without. If you can give any of your time next year, even to support one event, it would mean this success can continue and our children can continue to benefit – many hands make light work and the Friends really need a few more pairs of hands.

Money raised by the Friends this year is being spent on updating and extending our library collections, as well as paying for leavers' gifts, discos, bookbags and Easter/Christmas treats.



Federation – Next Steps

We are thrilled with the positive outcome of the recent consultation and look forward to being a 3-school federation.

To be ready for a September start, we have worked quickly to ensure elections for Parent and Staff Governors are complete. Over the Summer break, these governors will review the skills of all other current governors who wish to remain on the board and co-opt those who will best meet the needs of the new federation. The new Governing Board will then be complete. A Chair of the Board will be elected at the first meeting of the year.

Full details of all Governing Board members will be shared as soon as possible in the new academic year.



Community Hub – Pantry and Clothing/Toy Bank

Our Community Hub pantry and clothing/toy banks will be open on Mondays only throughout the holiday. The Hub has provided valuable support to families in many different ways this year and we look forward to continuing this support next year.



Premises Work

Over the Summer, the brick wall and metal gates to the right of Woodland View reception entrance will be replaced with higher, more secure, metal fencing.

CCTV will also be added soon to both schools to further protect and safeguard our sites and all who access them.



Reminders

Please make sure every item of uniform including coats, lunch boxes and water bottles are labelled ahead of September

Packed lunches from home must be nut free

If you change your contact details over the Summer, please let us know straight away in September



Wishing you all a happy, fun-filled and safe Summer.
From all of us at The Federation of Spixworth Schools.

