

# Executive Headteachers' Bulletin June 2024





Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to June and the final half of the Summer term. Transition becomes a real focus this half term for all children, whether they are joining our infant school for the first time, moving to the junior school, onto their high school or moving up to the next year group within our schools. Read on for news, updates and information for the end of this year and the beginning of next year.

Ms Jordan

## Well Done, Year 6!

Year 6 SATs are not only a test of children's English and Maths skills, but also a test of their resilience, determination and maturity. It is not easy to walk into an exam hall, overcome any feelings of anxiety and do your best, but our children did just that. Well done! We are all proud of you and hope that the experience has given you confidence for many experiences to come.

#### Flu Vaccinations

All children from Reception to Year 11 are eligible for a flu vaccination. All parents will receive information and a consent form from the NHS. **Please complete this.**Vaccinations will take place at the Infant school on 19<sup>th</sup> September (Last year the Infants had a 75% uptake but 19% did not submit a response) Vaccinations for Juniors will be 8<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November (Last year, Juniors had a 71% uptake but 21% did not submit a response)

#### September 2024 Classes

Funding for education continues to be exceptionally challenging. All schools are having to manage higher bills, higher costs and higher needs with less money. The Governors and I work hard throughout the year to try to ensure our children have the best school experience possible, based on the funding we receive. As funding is based on the number of children in school, funding has a direct impact on the way we plan the class structure and adult support. Infant class sizes are limited to 30 children. Junior classes do not have this limit. Our schools can admit up to 45 children each year, meaning some classes are expected to be mixed-age.

In September 2024, our class structure will be:

Spixworth Infant	Reception
School	Reception
	Year 1 and 2
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Woodland View	Year 3
Junior School	Year 4
	Year 4
	Year 5
	Year 5
	Year 6

Information on which class your child will be in and the staff within that class, will follow shortly.

## A Spotlight on Supporting Transitions

For children joining our Reception classes in September, Mrs Kidd is running a 6-week course of transition sessions. Information is in your admissions pack, or call the office for more details.

For children suffering with anxiety, Mrs Kidd is able to support parents to support their children through the Working on Worries programme. This can be completed online or face-to-face. Email Mrs Kidd for details: fsa@spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk

For general advice and guidance you can also go to: Anxiety in children - NHS (www.nhs.uk)



This half term we have said thank you and farewell to Mrs Stubbs and Miss O'Hanlon, who have both moved on to new roles. Mrs Carr, Finance Officer from Sparhawk and our very own Mrs Judd are kindly supporting us as we appoint new permanent staff.

#### School Matters!

#### Attendance



A new National framework to support school attendance is coming into effect from September. Please read the flier that has accompanies this newsletter carefully. 5 days of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks will be an offence. 3 offences within 3 years and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's court.

### **Partnership**



Our Partnership with Sparhawk Infant School and Nursery goes from strength to strength. Sparhawk are working toward their Gold Artsmark and are pleased to have created a link with Miss Durban to share best practice. Governors of both schools continue to reflect on this partnership and look forward to providing more information soon.

## **Safeguarding Online Safety Mark**



We are about to welcome an assessor to our Federation with the aim of achieving this valuable award and recognising our excellent practice in Online safety. Thank you to Mrs Jackson for leading our work in this area.

#### **General Reminders**



- Please park considerately to our neighbours and safely for our whole community. Do not park in Elizabeth Close.
- All children should have their own, named, water bottle in school everyday
- Please name all your child's items.
- Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed over the holiday.
- Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by the kitchen.

#### Safety Reminders



- Only certain members of staff are allowed to let visitors into the school
- If you come into school you will be asked to sign in and out at the office
- Unless otherwise informed, push chairs should normally be left outside school in the buggy park or in the entrance
- Children should not be on the play equipment or on the playground on their own bikes/scooters before or after school

Thank you

#### Key Dates for this Half Term

A revised, full list of key dates for the year was sent in April and is available on our website.

#### June;

## July;

7<sup>th</sup> - Y5 & Y6 Swimming 14<sup>th</sup> – Y5 & Y6 Swimming 19th – YR, Y1 & Y2 Sports Morning 20<sup>th</sup> – Y5 & Y6 Sports Morning 21st - Y3 & Y4 Sports Morning 21st – Y5 & Y6 Swimming 25<sup>th</sup> – UEA City Sports Heats 26<sup>th</sup> – Y5 trip to The Royal Norfolk Show 27<sup>th</sup> – UEA City Sports Final

2<sup>nd</sup> – Y3 & Y4 Time and Tide Museum Trip 3<sup>rd</sup> - Y3 & Y4 Time and Tide Museum Trip 5<sup>th</sup> – Tennis Taster Day 5<sup>th</sup> – Y5 & Y6 Swimming 6<sup>th</sup> – Friends Summer Fete 19<sup>th</sup> – Leavers Assemblies

