



Newsletter

October 2024

Speldhurst CE Primary
School

Newsletter Date
Friday 4th October 2024

Dates

October

Monday 7th

Tudor Day– Crispin Class

Friday 11th

PTA Quiz Night

Tuesday 15th

Parent Consultations

Thursday 17th

- Orchestra trip to The Wells Free School

- Parent Consultations

- Kent Test Results out to parents

Friday 18th

- PTA 2nd hand uniform sale

Monday 21st

-Year 4 swimming all week

- Year 5/6 Girls Football match

Wednesday 23rd

- KS2 Open Classroom– 2.45pm

Thursday 24th

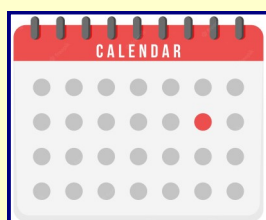
-Victorian Day– Russet Class

- KS1 Open Classroom– 2.45pm

Friday 25th

- PTA Own clothes Day (Bring in sweets for Fireworks Tombola)

- End of Term 1



Term 1 is well underway and, as we move into October, memories of summer are feeling ever more distant! Our new Pippin Class have settled in brilliantly and everyone is back into the rhythm of school life. There are lots of things coming up so do have a look at the dates for your diaries to make sure nothing is missed. Remember, the calendar on the school website is a great way of keeping up to date. For more information about what your child has been up to in class, do check out the Class Sites– if you struggle to access this, please get in touch and we can help!

Online Safety

Keeping children safe when using the internet and a range of devices is crucial. At school, we have a very efficient filtering system, but what can you do at home? Have a look at the information regarding parental controls for some top tips.

PTA Quiz Night

We are really looking forward to our annual PTA quiz night on Friday 11th October. There are a few spaces left so please get involved in what is always a great evening. Teams of six will battle it out for glory– the teachers are ready to reclaim the crown which they last won over 10 years ago in the face of stiff competition in the intervening years. Could you be part of the team that keeps the trophy out of their hands this year?

Even if you haven't got a team of six, contact the PTA who will help to find you a team of lovely people to join on the night. There will be a bar and snacks in addition to the excellent quiz. For more details or for help signing up, please contact Deviani Parekh-Jones or your Class Rep.

Road Safety

The safety of our children is of the utmost importance to us, and all parents can play their part in ensuring children are as safe as possible at drop-off and pick-up times. In the past few weeks, there have been some very worrying incidents which can easily be avoided. Please do not use the Staff Car Park to pull in or turn around in– this is incredibly dangerous. Please find somewhere safe to park before your child leaves your car, even if it means you then have to walk. It is not safe to unload children into the main road– we would rather your children were a few minutes late than being placed in a dangerous situation. We do ask that you do not use our neighbours' driveways to pull in or turn around– this again poses a danger to those walking on the pavement and causes understandable frustration. The road nearly opposite the school should not be used by parents to pull in and drop off– cars have been witnessed reversing back onto the main road which is an accident waiting to happen. The vast majority of people are doing all they can to keep everyone safe and we thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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Harvest Services 2024

Our harvest services this year were wonderful events— KS2 performed a range of songs for parents in St Mary's Church before KS1 led proceedings in the hall the following day. Year 6 were out and about delivering flowers to residents in the village who were very appreciative of the gift and, of course, the chance to see our lovely Year 6 pupils!



A big thank you to everyone who donated produce for the collection at St Mary's church— your generosity is much appreciated. Harvest is a chance to think about those in need but don't forget, there are weekly collections for Nourish organised by Kelly Kyte— do keep a look out for the requests and bring your donations to the school gate on a Friday morning.



Future Dates for the Diary

Monday 4th November

– Start of Term 2

Friday 8th November

– PTA Build a Guy

Saturday 9th November

- PTA Fireworks and Bonfire

Tuesday 12th November

- PTA Odd socks day

Thursday 28th November

– Flu vaccinations

Friday 29th November and Wednesday 4th December

- Christmas wreath making sessions for parents – details to follow

Friday 6th December

- Crispin Class cake sale

Tuesday 10th December

- PTA Christmas Panto

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th Dec

- KS1 Nativity

Monday 16th December

- PTA - Santa Grotto

Friday 20th December

-KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's— 2pm

- End of Term 2

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Start of Term 3

Music Tuition

We are very fortunate to have a range of talented music specialists offering individual lessons in various instruments at Speldhurst School.

Nicky Catterwell currently has space for anyone interested in learning flute, recorder, clarinet, saxophone (for Yr5/6 students only) and beginner trumpet/cornet (up to grade 3) She also offers lessons in music theory up to Grade 5 ABRSM.

Lessons are tailored to suit the individual, some working towards exams, some playing just for fun. She also organises, along with her pianist colleague, Sandra Baranauskiene, student concerts twice a year, giving performing experience outside of school and exams.

For all queries about music tuition, please email: office@speldhurst.kent.sch.uk