

Water Bottles

All children (except Nursery) should have a water bottle in school every day. Bottles should be brought to school each day with fresh tap water only inside and placed in the class water bottle tray. At home time water bottles will be placed outside the classroom door for parents/ carers or children to collect and take home.

Please make sure your child's water bottle has their name on it and only send plain tap water, all other drinks will be disposed of and replaced with tap water. This is to ensure we are meeting our healthy school standards.



Sale of Equipment / Second Hand Uniform

We have a number of chairs / tables for sale and also some second hand uniform. They will be on sale from tomorrow morning (Wednesday).

Tables - £2.50.

Chairs - £1

Sweatshirts / cardigans and PE bags - £1

Payment on collection, sorry not able to save without payment.

Speedwell Infant School 10th September 2019

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Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year. All the children are settling into their new classes and we are looking forward to seeing how much progress they will make this year. We will send out newsletters every few weeks or so to keep you up to date with school events, activities and useful information. We are happy to send them by email, please let the office have your email address if you would like the newsletter emailed to you.

Term Dates 2019 - 20

School Opens

Wednesday 4th September
Tuesday 5th November
Monday 6th January 2020
Monday 24th February
Monday 20th April
Monday 1st June

School Closes

Friday 25th October
Friday 20th December
Friday 14th February
Friday 3rd April
Friday 22nd May
Friday 17th July

School will also be closed on Friday 8th May 2020 for May Day and Friday 19th June for an INSET day.

Attendance

It is really important that your child attends school every day unless they are poorly. Children miss important learning when they are not at school. The school attendance target is 96%. This means that if a child misses 7 or more days school over the year they will not achieve this. We monitor attendance weekly, and will talk to you if we are concerned about your child's attendance. Please try to take family holidays in school holiday time. If your child is poorly please ring school to let us know they will be off and the reason. If your child is going to be off school for any planned reason, including holidays, collect a leave of absence form from the office to request permission for your child to be off. Time off will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. If your child is off school without a genuine reason or the reason has not been authorised, you may receive a fine from the local Authority. We don't want to get to this point, so please talk to us if you are worried about the need for time off and ensure your child attends school every day unless they are poorly.

Mobile Phones in School

We are requesting that Parents / Carers do not use their mobile phones while in the school building. As part of our safeguarding procedures mobile phones are not used in the school. Please do not use your mobile phone in the school building. Exceptions will be made in Gold Award assembly when your phone may be used to take a photo of your own child.

Arriving on Time

School doors open at 8.45am and parents / carers are welcome to come into classrooms to join in with morning activities with their child. Breakfast bagels will be available for children. At 8.55am parents / carers should leave and the teacher will take the class register. All children should be at school by 8.55am so they do not miss the start of lessons. It can be unsettling for children if they miss the start of lessons as they are trying to catch up on what is happening, so please help your child by ensuring they are at school by 8.55am every day. Where children come late to school you will be asked to complete a form to provide the reason, while office staff will take your child to their class. We monitor lateness on a weekly basis and will talk to you if we are concerned about your child's lateness. We understand there are occasional times when children are late for a genuine reason and we are quite understanding of this.

Gold Award

Gold award assembly is held to celebrate achievements of children during the week. Two children from each class are chosen for something that they have been especially noted for doing during the week. We invite Parents/Carers, whose children are receiving the award, to attend the special assembly. It takes place every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm. Parents/Carers will be notified that their child is receiving an award by text on Thursday afternoon. Children who receive an award can go home with their Parents / Carers after the assembly.