

## Library Visits

One of our school priorities is to support children to develop a love and enjoyment of books and reading, and to become a great reader. To support this, children will be visiting the library in Staveley on Friday mornings each half term. We will let you know by text when your child's class will be visiting.

The children will leave school at 9.00am, walk down to the library and spend some time in the library looking at and selecting books to bring back to school. The librarian will share some information about the library and read a story to the children. We are always grateful for anyone who can walk to the library with us. If you are available any Friday to walk with us please let your child's class teacher or the office know.

## 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.

# Speedwell Infant School

## 13th September 2019

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## Reading Challenge

We want all children to become confident readers. To help your child with their reading, please try to hear them read at home 3 or 4 times per week or every day if you are able. Please make a note in their school reading record every time you hear them read. When your child has read at home 30 times, they will receive a special sticker and a prize. At the end of the year the child will receive a raffle ticket for each reading challenge they have completed and these go in to the reading challenge raffle to win a gift voucher. The more reading they complete the more chances they have to win the reading challenge raffle at the end of the year. Happy reading.

## Credit Union

Each school year to encourage children to take responsibility and learn to add up their money and to learn how to save for things, we work with the credit union to set up junior savings accounts for children. Children can save a minimum of 50p a week.

We will be collecting on Wednesday mornings 8.45 - 9.00.

Every child will have their own passbook to see their savings grow. If your child would like to join the credit union see Mrs Gilbert in the office on Wednesday morning and she will explain more about it to you.

## **Dates for your diary**

Monday 16th September - 2.45pm Reception class book bag assembly (further details to follow)

Tuesday 1st October - Family reading morning - any family member can stay at 8.45am - 9.15am to read with children.

Friday 4th October - Year 1 parents phonics meeting 9.00am - 9.30am (further details to follow)

Tuesday 8th October - School photos. Family groups from 8.00am, individual photos during school time (further details to follow)

Week beginning 14th October - Parents Evenings (further details to follow)

Wednesday 6th November - Family reading morning - any family member can stay at 8.45am - 9.15am to read with children.

Wednesday 13th November - Book bus (further details to follow)

Tuesday 3rd December - Christmas Fair

Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Craft morning (further details to follow)

Harvest dates for school and Christmas performance dates will be available soon.

## **Website and Facebook**

We have a website [www.speedwellinfants.co.uk](http://www.speedwellinfants.co.uk). We regularly update the information on there. All newsletters are published on the website. You can have a look at what your child's class will be doing this term.

We also have a Facebook page for information, Speedwell Infant-school, we will put any announcements on here as reminders. We will never put photos on the Facebook page, it is used for providing information only. Some staff members have accounts on Facebook. If you have sent a friend request they are not ignoring you they are following guidelines from Derbyshire County Council stating they should not be 'friends' with Parents / Carers.

## **Aldi**

We are taking part in the Get Set to Eat Fresh campaign by Aldi. From 6th September to 3rd November families who shop in Aldi can receive Team GB stickers. Please send in the stickers in to school with children to put on the poster. When we have completed the poster we can send it off and receive a school sports kit and the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a health legacy for school.

## **Headlice**

We have had a number of reports of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair regularly. The advice from the school nurse is that it needs to be part of a health routine just like cleaning your teeth.