

COVID-19 Update

Parents may have seen in the media today that Spelthorne has been deemed an "area of concern" by the Government as a result of the increase in positive COVID-19 cases. Attached is the media statement for your information. This designation does not require us to do anything more at this point, other than be extra vigilant over the weekend and coming days in following the "hands, space, face" Government guidance when we are out in our local communities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jr09ByDYuq4> In school, please be assured we will continue to strictly follow the expectations laid down for schools by Public Health England, and should anything change, we will of course work to implement those changes as soon as we are able. This is also why it's so important that we create space for each other at drop off and pick up times; please see the section below about collection arrangements.



Autumn I Learning in School & Home Learning

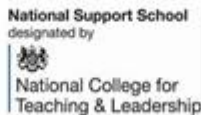
Today, parents will receive a document detailing the learning for this half term for their child's Year Group. We hope these documents will give parents an insight into what the children are learning in school across the subjects. You will also see there is a section on Home Learning as, at the moment, we are unable to send the daily and weekly home learning in its previous format. For this half term, please use the suggestions on the Autumn I Learning page and don't forget our website still has lots of learning ideas children can complete at home if you need them. You can find it under the 'Curriculum' tab (previously 'Learning'); select your child's year group and then the 'archived learning' in the box on the right-hand side of the page.

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=67> We are mindful that children are still settling into school and building their stamina for a full day's learning and therefore specific English and Maths home learning is not being set each week for now.

Moving forwards, we will be moving to the online platform 'Google Classroom' which is a great way of sharing learning with the children and can also be accessed in school. This half term, we are trialing this in school and arranging for everything to be in place for Autumn II. More information for parents will be shared.

Collection Reminder

The end of the day process is working really well and we continue to be grateful to parents for supporting us. To try and ensure the different groups of parents are able to keep their distance from each other at the front gate, please can we ask that parents queue from the yellow line marking outside the pedestrian gate and around the pathway to the left (as you look from outside the gates), rather than wait across the driveway and the other side of the path? It can become quite congested in this space and this will allow parents exiting more room to leave the school. Please can we also remind parents to wait until their child's allotted dismissal time before entering the gates? If the collection points are particularly busy, we will hold parents outside the gate to ensure we can maintain social distancing and avoid too many parents and children coming into contact with each other. We ask for parents' patience with this and wait until the member of staff on the gate calls you in.



In addition, please continue to ensure only one adult is coming through the gate to collect your child. Thank you

Open Day for Prospective Parents

Usually in the Autumn Term we hold our Open Mornings for parents who would like to view the school and meet the SLT ahead of making their school choices for children starting in Reception in September 2021. Due to the guidelines restricting visitors to school, we will be holding one Open Day on Saturday 7th November. All the details are on our website, however, as a portion of our yearly intake is siblings of children already at the school, and these parents already know the school and the staff very well, we will not be allocating spaces to current parents and are prioritizing those who are new to the school. We thank our established parent community for their understanding with this.

Gates

Our new automated gates are now fully installed and working! The gates at both entrances will be held open for children and parents during the drop off and collection times. During the school day, or if you are late in the morning, parents will need to press the intercom and a member of the office staff will let you in. Parents will need to press the green button to exit. Please note this only applies to the front gate and parents should continue to use this entrance for any visits to the school outside of the usual drop off and pick up times.

Harvest Festival & Food Bank Donations

We will still be celebrating Harvest this year, albeit in a slightly different way. Throughout the school, children will be sharing messages of Harvest as they usually do in their class assemblies and our Year 5 children are currently preparing for their Harvest 'performance' with Mrs Stewart. Year 5 parents will be sent more information about how the children's celebration will be shared with you.

We would also still like to collect donations for Jubilee Church as we have in previous years. Whilst Jubilee Church have shared they are unable to make their usual Christmas Hampers, they are still collecting for their food bank which goes towards helping people most in need in our local community. Therefore, we are asking for donations to come in during the week beginning 12th October. Boxes will be placed outside both gates each morning that week for parents to drop their donations into. Suggested items include: tinned meat, tinned meat meals, tinned Tuna (no other fish items please), tinned tomatoes, sweetcorn, peas, carrots or other vegetables, baked beans, spaghetti in tomato sauce, tinned fruit, tea, coffee, drinking chocolate, custard (cartons or tinned), dry pasta, rice and pasta sauces. Ideally best before dates should be later than 31st December 2020. Thank you in advance for your support.

SSA

The SSA committee are due to meet with Mrs Vaughan next week to discuss the Autumn Term events and fundraising opportunities. At the moment, the majority of our usual events are unable to go ahead, which is disappointing for everyone but out of our control. What the SSA have planned so far is two mufti-days where the children can wear their own clothes to school (not pyjamas please) in return for making a minimum £1 donation. The SSA are supporting us with raising funds for a new Sensory Garden which we hope to add to our school environment. The mufti days will take place on Friday 9th October and Friday 23rd October.

Smoking Outside the School

Please can we ask parents not to smoke outside the school gates at drop off or pick up.

U10 Girls' Open Football Training

Walton & Hershaw Youth FC are looking for enthusiastic and committed players to join their U10 girls' team this season. Come along and have some fun - no experience necessary, all abilities welcome. Every Friday 5.10pm - 6.30pm at Xcel Leisure Centre.

Register your interest by contacting:

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Is your child starting school in September 2021?

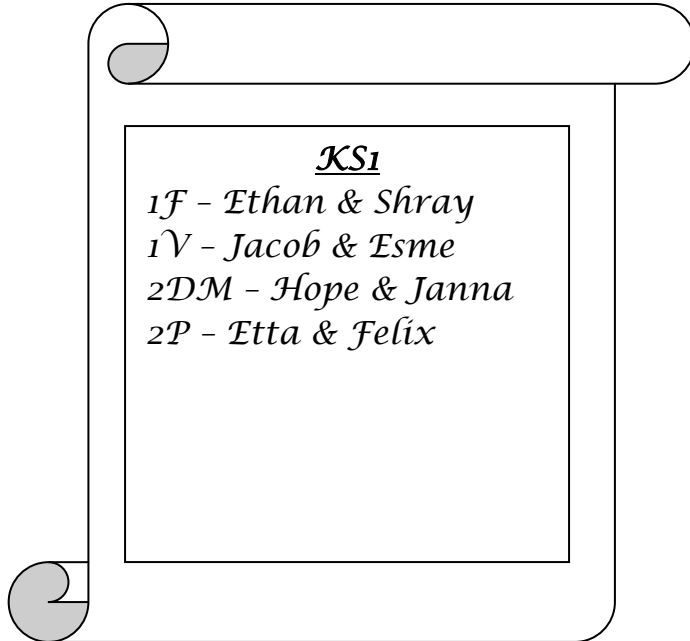
Please see attached leaflet regarding how to apply for a reception place online.

Is your child in Year 6?

Please see attached leaflet regarding applying for a secondary school place online.

Golden Learning Celebration

This week, the children showing exceptional learning in Writing, PE, Art & Music are:



Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Frankie (RG); Ruby & Niamh (RL); Macey (1F); Cerys, Finley & Poppy (1V); Isla (2P); Blake (3P); Joey (3W); Ollie (4L); Halle (5C); Jessie & Isabel (5N); Dylan & Scarlett (6D) and Robert, Jeelan & Evie (6R) very well done!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Davis & Miss Morris
Headteachers