

Executive Headteachers' Bulletin

July 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to July and the last few weeks of the school year. Thank you to FOSSA for such a wonderful BBQ and to everyone for such a fun Sports Day! We have lots of lovely events still to come including our transition (move up) sessions, a residential to Hautbois and of course our leavers' assembly for Year 2. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Ms Jordan



End of Year Reports

Reports will be sent home on Friday 12th July. If you wish to discuss anything within the report, please request this from the office and the teacher will book a telephone conversation with you.

Staffing Update



We have a number of changes for September within our staff team. I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Spalding, Mrs Millroy and Mrs Nichols the very best of luck and happiness as they move on to new adventures. They have each been real advocates for Sparhawk and we are so grateful for their time and efforts with us. I am delighted that two new teachers will be joining us in September: Mrs Edwards will be joining the Year 1 team and Miss Howe will be joining Year 2. We are also thrilled that Mrs Smalley will be joining us permanently, supporting Nursery and Reception. Mr Ainley will have a slightly different role from September as he extends his SENDCo responsibilities and also works alongside Mrs Munday in the Head of School role. Having a Head of School means there will always be a school leader on site. Mrs Munday and Mr Ainley will be available to support children and staff and of course, be available for parents, too. Should the outcome of the current consultation be positive, I look forward to leading this new team as the permanent Executive Headteacher of this wonderful school.

September Lunchtime Change

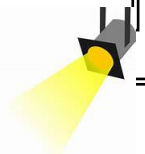


From September we will be shortening our lunchtime slightly from 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour. Lunchtime will be from 12 noon to 1pm for all school children (11.30 to 12.30 for Nursery).

We have found that 1 hour is plenty of time for children to eat and have a fun break.

The change will mean teachers can make the most of learning time in the afternoon.

A Spotlight on Online Safety and Screentime During Summer



There are so many great opportunities for children of all ages online. Children can learn, have fun, relax and socialise using a huge range of websites and apps. Unfortunately, there is also another side to this resource, that we, as parents and educators, are right to be worried about. Please follow the below links for advice and support to help to keep your child safe online:

Use games and quizzes to help start a conversation with your child about online bullying

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/being-kind-online>

Top tips for managing screentime, activities and guides to popular apps

[Summertime Screen Time - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Parents guides to technology and resources

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Parent controls and online safety

[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

Support Staff



All schools are struggling with funding right now and many schools are having to reduce their support staff as a result. We are so pleased to still be offering a full-time teaching assistant in every class in September as well as extra adults to support those with additional needs. We will continue to do all we can to maintain this most valuable asset.

Partnership



Our consultation to formalise our partnership with The Federation of Spixworth Schools is open for a few more days. All feedback will be considered before a final decision is made in the last week of term. It has been lovely to hear such positive feedback so far, from staff, parents and other members of the schools communities.

Attendance



A reminder that attendance rules are changing. From September, all schools nationally will follow the same rules in how attendance is recorded and absence is responded to, including unauthorised absence and fines. Our policy will be updated over Summer and available from September.

Safeguarding



Mrs Easlea is currently completing her Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) training. Mrs Easlea will join Mrs Munday, Mr Ainley and Ms Jordan as part of the DSL team from September. Thanks go to Mrs Spalding for her excellent contributions to this team, in her time at Sparhawk.

General Reminders



- Please park considerately to our neighbours and safely for our whole community. Do not park in Libra Court.
- 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.
- 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

July

- 4th July – Transition activity in new classes
- 11th July- Transition activity in new classes
- 16th July- Year 2 Leavers
- 17th and 18th July- Year 2 at Hautbois
- 18th July- Diamond Celebration Assembly
- 16th July –Last day of school

Sept

- 4th Sept- Year 1 and Year 2 return to school
- 4th and 5th Sept– Reception Home Visits
- 4th to 11th Sept – Nursery Home visits

