



Newsletter



Spires Federation

Friday 13th September 2019

'Small schools; wide horizons'



Pupil Comments this term!

We have had such an incredibly positive start to the school year, the school environments look fantastic; pupils are looking smart and have come back with huge smiles on their faces and the learning has begun so wonderfully already! We thought that it would be great if you were able to hear some of the comments that the children have made about being back at school or even starting for the first time. Every time that we hear these kind of comments, it makes us all so proud, so we thought you would feel the same!

I like the new behaviour charts, because there's a lot more stages than before!

'I like that our rainforest display has ropes and leaves coming off it! There's lots to see.'

'I like trying to get in to the star and winning team points for my house!'

We like the new displays and the way that the tables are set out in a good way.!

I like that we have new class names, it's much nicer!

'I felt the best being the first person in the Book of Excellent/Shine book-I loved going to see Mrs Negus-Hill!

School is great-I have missed it!

The reading corner is nice. We love our new Rainforest theme.!

I am a really grown up Pixie now! It is my job to set a good example to the little Pixies!

I am looking forward to being on school council and running tuck shop!

I really enjoy the Maths games that we did this week, it made my brain work!



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How wonderful to hear so much positive feedback from the most important people in the school!

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Mrs Negus-Hill and the Digby team



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Pupil Questionnaire Results July 2019

We always like to hear what the children think about school and carry out a pupil questionnaire at the end of each academic year.

Here are the results of the one from July 2019:

I am happy at this school	97%	How wonderful to hear! This is why the school is full of smiles.
I feel safe at this school	95.5%	A positive outcome, although some children commented that they were worried about that someone could climb over the fence. We have ensured that all measures are taken to ensure that the site is as safe as possible.
Behaviour is good in this school	93.7%	An excellent outcome-although we hope to see this improve even more with the introduction of our new Behaviour Policy. Some children did say that, <i>'Sometimes people fall out over the equipment at lunchtime'</i> .
I think that other children are friendly in this school	94.1%	We are working hard to develop an even bigger community of kindness. Our new Well-Being sessions every Friday will help with this, alongside our new values to underpin all of our actions.
I like my teacher	95.6%	Excellent! 100% of staff said that they like 100% of the children too!
My teacher is kind and fair	97%	
My teacher helps me when I don't know what to do	97%	We are fostering a culture of independence and it is wonderful that the pupils feel confident to seek support when needed.
My teacher help me if I have a problem or I am worried	100%	This is so reassuring, all of our pupils feel supported and nurtured and know who they can talk to about anything that concerns them.
My lessons are fun!	97%	We have also developed a new and engaging curriculum for this year, our staff are very excited to teach it and see how much this year's pupils enjoy themselves. Learning is fun!
My lessons are challenging	94.1%	Our new curriculum is carefully planned to make sure that all pupils are challenged, we are holding a Curriculum Workshop for parents/carers, so you can hear what this means and what your children will be learning. Take a look at the dates below.
I know what to do if I am bullied	100%	All of our pupils know what bullying is and although we take great steps to ensure that this doesn't happen, it is great to know that they know who to talk to if they thought it was happening to them.



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Pupil Absence

If your child is off ill please leave a message on the dedicated absence line on the answering machine, stating their name, class and the reason for absence **by 9.00am** on every day of their absence.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13 September – Morning 11 plus test for year 6 pupils Shine assembly
Friday 20 th September – Morning 11 plus test for year 6 pupils Shine assembly
Friday 27 th September Shine assembly
Tuesday 1 st October Individual pupil photographs - Tempest
Friday 4 th October Shine assembly
Friday 11 th October Shine assembly
Monday 14 th October 11 plus results released
Thursday 17 th October Harvest Festival – 2.00pm letter to follow
Friday 18 th October Shine assembly Last day of term
Tuesday 29 th October New term begins
Friday 1 st November Shine assembly
Monday 4 th November Immunisation team in school for flu vaccination
Tuesday 5 th November Pupil Learning Conferences Gnome Class 3.15 – 6.00pm – letter to follow
Wednesday 6 th November Pupil Learning Conferences Pixie, Gnome and Imp Classes
Friday 8 th November Shine assembly
Friday 15 th November Shine assembly
Friday 22 nd November Shine assembly
Friday 29 th November Shine assembly
Week commencing 2 nd December Last week for after school activity clubs Christmas letter box open
Friday 6 th December Spires Panto trip – Drill Hall Lincoln
Monday 9 th December



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KS1 AM/KS2 PM Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 10 th December KS1 Afternoon performance and church service
Wednesday 11 th December KS1 & KS2 Afternoon and evening performance
Friday 13 th December Christmas Jumper day
Monday 16 th December All Classes – Afternoon Christmas parties
Thursday 19 th December Last Day of term

Please keep checking these dates as some are added as we go through the terms.