



# Sproston Infant School Newsletter

October 2014

## HEAD TEACHERS LETTER

This term has been so busy it is flying by and I can hardly believe we are approaching half term already. We are very pleased with our new Reception children, who have settled in incredibly well, and all the children have worked very hard. I am sure they are looking forward to a well earned break next week! We have learned about the school value of 'excellence' and the children are really beginning to understand the idea of working hard to improve continuously. As a staff, we are also trying to do this; we are working on new teaching techniques and new approaches to Maths, as well as marking and feedback, all of which are showing a positive impact so far. We look forward to seeing you all at the parents' evenings in November but please don't wait until then if you have any concerns, as staff are always available to talk to you if required. I wish you all the best for an enjoyable half term

Mr R Edwards

## Tubs4Tablets

Come on all ! We need your help and support to reach our target. The tokens are printed on the metal foil liner inside the promotional tubs of Flora or stork.

300 tokens  
= 6 Tablets

250  
200  
150  
100  
50

We are 4 away from our first tablet!!!



## Dates for Diary

22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Halloween Party
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School finishes for half term
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Back to school
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Lions Reading Cafe
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening – 5.00-7.30 (Yr1 & Yr2)
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening – 3.15-5.30 (Yr1 & Yr2) (not including Zebras)
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening – 3.15-5.30 (Zebras only)
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual pupil Photos
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Pandas Reading Cafe
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Tigers Reading Cafe
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Disco
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day for save the children
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas performance
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & Turtles Christmas performance
19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term

Thank you to everyone that brought in food to donate to Norwich foodbank for Harvest Festival



### Macmillan cancer support.

Thank You to all that came and supported this great charity event we raised £185.



**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**



### Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November for all classes except Zebras who will have their second session on 13<sup>th</sup>.

Time slot lists will be going up outside the classrooms after half term for you to book your time to see your teacher. This will be on a first come first served basis. The school's new library will also be open on the parent evenings and you are welcome to come in and look round.

### Giving Machine

Support Sprowston Infant School through online shopping. When you shop online through [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk) a sales commission is received from the participating shop e.g. Amazon, Argos, Sainsbury's amongst many others. 75% of the commission is converted into a donation on your behalf and sent to the school. 25% is retained to contribute to the costs of maintaining the website and distributing the donations. It's easy to do and doesn't cost you anything! Just enter via the Giving Machine website, click on the site you want, e.g. Amazon and it will take you straight to the site.

### Dogs

**Please can we make all parents/carers aware that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. Not only are some children afraid of dogs but we also have children that are allergic to them.**

**Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.**

### Bookbags

Please ensure that any trip returns, Friends money or after school clubs slips are in a named envelope and either handed to the office or a member of staff in your child's class. This is to ensure returns are prompt and money is not in book bags. Please continue to use the book bag as correspondence with your child's class adults. Also, please could drinks bottles not be put inside book bags - we are getting a few leakages!

Reading cafes – we invite you to come into school to enjoy a story read to you and your child's class by either the staff or a visiting reader. This will be followed by an activity planned by the staff for you to enjoy with your child. Coffee and biscuits will be available. This is a lovely opportunity to spend time with your child in school learning and having fun together. The cafes have been a huge success so far and your children really do look forward to seeing you there.



### Please Shut the Gate !

The new year 1 gate has been a welcome entrance for both the school and playgroup parents but please can we remind all parents and carers to keep the gate shut at all times as this does present a safety risk if left open especially to younger children using the playgroup.