



SPRATTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Athletics Competition

Ten of our children took part in a fantastic athletics competition at Moulton College on Tuesday after school. The children joined up with the West Haddon athletics team and competed in a range of events involving throwing, jumping and running. Our children had an excellent sporting attitude and worked well as a team, encouraging and cheering each other in each race. I was particularly impressed by the way they mixed with the West Haddon children and started to make new friends.

Highlight of the evening: The Spratton children taught us all some new some new songs on the return coach journey and everyone joined in.

Ashmoleon Museum Trip

Thank you to all who have returned their slips and payment for this trip. We are still waiting for a number of responses – please can you return these by the end of next week. Thank you.

Why is Reading So Important?

There is increasing evidence that children who read for enjoyment everyday not only perform better in their reading tests, but also develop a broader vocabulary and an increased general knowledge. Some experts suggest that reading for pleasure is key as to whether a child does well at school or not.

Parents and carers are by far the most important educators in a child's life, and the time you spend reading promotes a love of books has a massive impact on your child's learning – even for few minutes a day makes a real difference to your child's reading abilities.

Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out the words in print, so an active discussion about the story line is just as important as reading out the words. As children get older sharing books is equally important - having an adult read aloud from their book shows you are interested in what they are reading and helps to develop fluency and a wider range of vocabulary.

If you do not regularly read with your child, why not make this one of your New Year's Resolutions? It will definitely make a difference and we can help you if you are struggling to find the right books for your child – just mention it to your class teacher.

Dates for the Diary:

January

Thursday 5th School reopens
Thursday 12th – 2nd March – Judo classes 2/3
Tuesday 17th Moulton Athletics Competition
Saturday 21st FOSS Family Ceilidh @Moulton College.

Don't miss out on the Family Ceilidh (Barn Dance)! This is taking place on January 21st at Moulton college function room (gate 1). Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for children. This event helps raise money for our school.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank FOSS for all their hard work this term. It is much appreciated.

February

Wednesday 1st Class 2/3 trip to the Ashmoleon Museum.
Friday 10th School closes
Monday 20th School reopens

Our value for this term is **Responsibility**

Road Safety

As the winter evenings are very long and dark at the moment, I thought it might be worth raising the profile of road safety. We teach the children about the Green Cross Code so that they know how to find a safe place to cross as well as how to check for oncoming traffic. Mrs Hewitt will be leading an assembly next week but it would be fantastic if you could all follow this up at home.



Please remember to visit our new school website regularly, which is still under construction including important upcoming events at... <http://sprattonprimary.org.uk> alternatively, follow us on facebook at: [Spratton Primary School](#)