

# Springfield Infant School and Nursery

## Newsletter

15 September 2023



### Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a huge welcome to all our new families starting at Springfield. It was a pleasure to see so many happy, smiling faces race into the playground last week all looking so smart and enthusiastic!

Our new Early Years children are now all in full time and seem to have settled remarkably well; they are certainly enjoying their fantastic environment, exciting activities and making friends with staff and peers.

This term we welcome Mrs Jess Burns who returns as our Nursery Teacher and we also welcome Miss Rosie Porter as a mid day meals supervisor, to our Springfield Team.

All staff and Governors met last week for a training day before the children returned and we did our annual Safeguarding training as well as briefings on new initiatives, health and safety and general updates over the summer. The staff have worked hard to prepare the classrooms and learning environments and teachers have some exciting learning planned for this term.

Lastly, on behalf of all the staff at Springfield I would like to thank all parents and children for their very generous gifts and kind words at the end of the academic year, are always very much appreciated.

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Becky Wycherley. Headteacher

### Important Dates

- 19 Sept**  
**Come and meet the PTA! 9am in school hall.**
- 21 Sept**  
**EYFS Fire engine visit**
- 25 Sept**  
**Open the Book Assembly**
- 28 Sept**  
**Year 2 Bushcraft**
- 29 Sept**  
**Individual class photos**
- 6 Oct**  
**Harvest Assembly in school**
- 17 Oct**  
**Science day**
- 20 Oct**  
**Last day of half term**
- 30 Oct**  
**INSET DAY**
- 31 Oct**  
**School restarts**

**All dates are subject to change**



## **WATER**

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school everyday so we can encourage them to stay healthy and hydrated.

DO NOT carry bottles in book bags as they sometimes leak!

## **Attendance %**

<b>Pandas</b>	<b>99%</b>
Turtles	98%
Tigers	98%
Dolphins	97%
<b>Frogs</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>99%</b>

### **Attendance Bear**

Awarded to

**Pandas, Frogs & Hedgehogs**

## **School Uniform**

We have a large selection of second hand uniform for sale in school, please ask at the office.

**Please can I ask that you label all of your child's uniform.**

## **Attendance**

The Government and West Sussex have stepped up the importance of attending school following the last two years. At Springfield we feel that the children should be in school everyday and on time in order to maximise their learning and experiences. Holidays will not be authorised and subject to a penalty fine. Please also make every effort to book appointments for your children outside of school hours. There are only 190 days in the school year which means that there are 175 non-school days left for holidays, appointments and other activities.

## **Birthdays**

It is lovely to celebrate children's birthdays and we do so in class by making them feel very special including singing to them!

Please can we politely ask that you do not bring any gifts or sweets for the class as not only are we a healthy school and children have many different allergies, but it can make some parents feel uncomfortable.

Thank you in anticipation.

## **Meet the Teacher session**

It was lovely to see so many eager parents join us for 'meet the teacher' sessions. All information following this will be on the school website.

## **PTA**

Springfield have a strong PTA led by Anna Burdick (Mary in Tigers) and her team. Every year they tirelessly organise and run many exciting events for the children and parents resulting in extra funds for the school. Over the last few years they have raised money for playground markings, equipment, resources, trips, events and much more.

They are always looking for more volunteers with great ideas or just willing to help and support and get involved in school life. If you would like to find out more and meet other parents please join us on

**Tuesday 19th September 9am in school hall.**

Or [pta@springfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@springfieldschool.co.uk)

## Playground Rules

Parents and children are invited to enter and exit both playground gates to make their way to the relevant class doors. We encourage bikes and scooters but please can you **NOT** ride on the playground and walk your bike or scooter to the parking bays. We have had a few near misses and would like to keep our playgrounds risk free and safe!

Can I also remind you that if you are allowing your child to bike to school then you will need to conform to the safety policy:

1. Must wear a safety helmet
2. You are responsible for encouraging safe and respectful cycling
3. You are fully aware of the risks of allowing an infant child to ride on or near a busy road.
4. You ride or walk with your child to accompany them.
5. You check that your child's bike is roadworthy, if necessary check it out with Halfords.
6. The bike must be an appropriate size for your child and fit in our scooter rack
7. You live more than a few roads away from the school.
8. You are cycling as an alternative to driving.

Please refrain from letting your child use the play structures as we have strict rules for their use in order to keep children safe.

Lastly once you have delivered or collected your child please can you leave the playground promptly so we can lock the school gates to keep everyone safe and secure.

## Uniform Identification

Please can I remind you to label all your child's belongings including uniform, book/PE bags and water bottles.

### Clubs

Clubs start on Monday the 12th September. Please check availability of spaces directly with the club provider before attending.

## Out of School Achievements



**Immy Mann, Angelo Linto, Penelope Warriner and Pamir Akin** successfully took part in the **Summer Reading Challenge**

**Phoebe Crespo** received her **Puffin award** for her great swimming.

## Tapestry/Phonics Meeting

**Thank you to all parents that attended**

If you want to find out more, please visit our website or speak to your child's teacher.

Tapestry is an amazing home-school link that gives parents the opportunity to check regularly/daily and make comments on their children's learning.

## **Summer Library Reading Challenge**

Lots of children will have visited the library over the summer and challenged themselves to read and been rewarded with a very well-deserved Gadgeteers medal and certificate. Please bring your certificate into school so we can celebrate in assembly .

## **Book Bags**

Due to lack of space, please can you only send your child to school daily with their blue book bag. There is no need to bring large rucksacks or bags unless it's a Bushcraft or special day. PE kits can stay in school.

## **MCAS (My Child At School)**

Please ensure you have downloaded the MCAS app. It is our main form of communication with parents regarding your child's wellbeing and upcoming events at school. If you have any problems doing so, please contact the school office.

## **Ipads sponsor**

School budgets are as always very tight and at Springfield, we always spend well and provide excellent resources for all children. However we are now wanting to increase our technology and buy more ipads and update our interactive whiteboards. This, of course, comes at a cost and we are looking for a sponsor or large company to support us in either donating or match funding. If you work in a company or know of any one that could help us with this campaign we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Wycherley or the school office.

## **School Governors**

Springfield has an experienced and hard working team of Governors that support the school strategically as well as offering guidance and direction. We have three parent governors currently that are always willing to speak to you should you wish:

Mr Alan Folwell (Tilly in Pandas)

Ms Sara Montgomery (Theo in Frogs)

Ms Kt Banwell (Otto in Dolphins)

Unfortunately we had to say farewell to Mr Stuart Gregory during the summer break as his work commitments made that he couldn't continue in his role.

Stuart brought professionalism and rigour to the board and on behalf of the Springfield community I would like to thank him for his hard work and commitment especially to his work in Inclusion. We are now in a position to welcome a new Governor to our team If you are interested or would like to find out more please see Mrs Wycherley or enquire at the School office.

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