

Springfield Infant School and Nursery



Newsletter

29 September 2023

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well into our new term and all the children have settled into their new classrooms. Already there are some amazing displays of children's writing and art work on the walls. Parents are invited in to look at books and displays on 17th (EYFS) and 19th October (Year 1 and 2) at 3.00pm; there will also be an opportunity to find out about how you can support your child with writing before this at 2.30pm. More information will follow.

This week we had our annual health and safety check of buildings and services and I am delighted to report that everything was reported safe and in exceptional order. A big thank you to our premises staff that look after and care for our school.

Our staff training programs have started and teachers and support staff are booked onto a variety of training sessions in house and externally. We value continued professional development to ensure our children are given up to date, new and exciting opportunities to learn. As well as this all staff are first aid trained including dealing with asthma and EpiPen's.

We welcome two teaching students from the University of Sussex this term , Miss Adaora Chime in Turtles and Miss Rianna Biswas in Frogs. I am sure you will join me in making them both feel welcome at Springfield.

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Becky Wycherley. Headteacher

Important Dates

5 Oct
Year 2 Bushcraft

6 Oct
Harvest Assembly in school

12 Oct
Year 2 Bushcraft

17 Oct
Science day

20 Oct
Last day of term

23-27 Oct
HALF TERM

30 Oct
INSET DAY

31 Oct
School restarts

All dates are subject to change



Attendance %

Pandas	100%
Turtles	97.0%
Tigers	92.9%
Dolphins	97.8%
Frogs	94.2%
Hedgehogs	94.2%

Attendance Bear

Awarded to

Pandas



Trips

Over recent years we have seen the price of school trips rise dramatically. We will try to give parents as much notice as possible ahead of a trip to budget for it. At Springfield we feel the educational value of enhancing our curriculum with external visits or visitors is huge and we are keen to continue to offer trips to each of our year groups. We greatly appreciate the contribution the PTA give us towards the trips and would love to hear from any parent who could make a financial contribution to support these wonderful opportunities. Please speak to Mrs Wycherley or the School Office if you are able to help us.

Year 2 Animal Visit



Frogs and Hedgehogs enjoyed a visit from some very interesting friends from Animal Experience as part of their African safari topic. We welcomed a python, giant millipede, bearded dragon, tortoise and Meerkats!

School Uniform

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

Flash Sale!

For one week only
2nd-6th October

all grey items
(trousers, skirts,
pinafores and
shorts) will be on
sale for a bargain
£1.

Call into the office to
stock up!

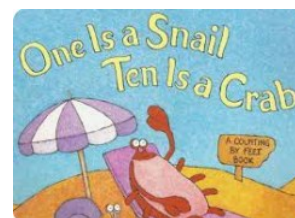
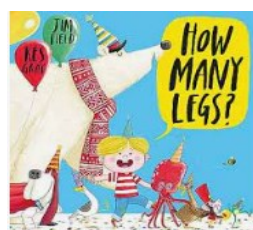
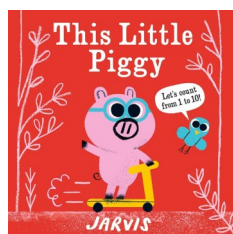
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that you label all of
your child's

People Who Help Us

Reception are learning about people who help us this term. A big thank you to Mr Burns, a paramedic, Dr Brown, a GP and the West Sussex Fire Brigade who all came in to talk about their jobs. If any of you think you could support our learning with a talk to a class please let the class teacher know, we love to use our community links to enrich our learning.

Maths Morning

Every half term we hold a dedicated maths morning. This took place on Monday and we used story books to explore maths. In reception we used 'This Little Piggy' to learn our numbers and begin to count. Year 1 looked at 'How many legs?' to support addition skills to 10. Year 2 used 'One is a snail, Ten is a crab' to select animal combinations of legs to 20.



Early Birds

We are delighted to be hosting the Aspire Learning Early Birds course for parents of children with Autism. The course has a really high take up and we are pleased to be enabling so many parents with their child's journey.

Applying for School Places

Applications for school places starting in September 2024 open on Monday 2nd October. At Springfield we have a number of tours of the school available to help you make your decision. Please see our website or call into the office for details of dates. Chesswood Junior School will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday 8th November for children going into year 3 in September 2024. Please see their website for further details. Applications for school places close Monday 15th January 2024.

Beach Clean

Our next Beach Clean takes place **Saturday 4th November, 9:30am, Worthing Beach** (right side of the Lido as you look at it from the prom). We are embarking on our first beach clean of the new school year, so please come and join us to help keep our beaches clean. Litter pickers, gloves and bags will all be provided, but if you have your own, feel free to bring them along. We will start promptly at 9:30am, with a finish time of 10:30am. This is a really exciting and fun opportunity for all children and families to take part in. Please let Miss Manvell or the office know if you are planning to join us.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in School on Friday 6th October. We are collecting donations of food and drink products, toiletries, cleaning products and clothing, sleeping bags or even tents for the Worthing Turning Tides Harvest4Homeless Appeal. See our letter for more details of what items are needed. We will celebrate in school with a special assembly which will include whole school singing, individual class contributions and a presentation on how we are helping those who are in need. Due to fire restrictions on numbers in the hall we are unable to invite parents to attend.



Out of School Achievements



Chloe Swain, Nina Wimbledon and Isabella Wade successfully took part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

School Photos

Yellow photography were in school this morning taking your child's individual school photo. We will send home the photo proof card with details of how to order as soon as we have them.

Dogs

Can we politely request that dogs are not brought onto any area of the school grounds. Please tie your dog to the fence outside of school between the carpark gate and the playground gate so that children who are frightened can avoid your dog.

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.

PTA Halloween Hats

The PTA are running a Halloween hat competition! We are looking for the most creative and spooky designs for you to showcase.

There will be a prize for a winner in each year group.

Entries will cost £1.50 to help raise funds for the school and limited to 1 entry per child. There will be more information to follow.



PTA Halloween Cake Sale

The PTA are holding a Halloween bake sale on Tuesday 31st October. Donations are very much welcome, the spookier the better! Please bring your cake donations in on Tuesday 31st in the morning, ready for the sale on the playground after school. Don't forget your change!



PTA Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA coffee morning, it was lovely to see so many of you. If you were unable to make it and would like more information please feel free to contact Anna Burdick, PTA Chairperson on 07947146766.

Clubs

All after school clubs have now started for Years 1 & 2. Reception will be able to attend after school clubs in January once they have had a chance to settle into school life. Please check availability of spaces directly with the club provider before attending.

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