

Springfield Infant School and Nursery



Newsletter 20 October 2023

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the end of our first half term which seems to have flown by with so many exciting events and super learning opportunities across the school.

Over the last few weeks I have been in observing classes; monitoring the teaching and learning, speaking to the children and looking at books as well as ensuring that the classroom environments are safe yet rich and inviting. I am proud to say that every classroom looks amazing with colourful, informative and diverse displays that also celebrate the children's hard work.

Teaching and learning is of a high standard and all children are making good progress. Writing was and is still is a school focus and so far I have been very impressed with the quality of work and the lengths that teachers have gone to encourage children to foster a love of writing and reading. I hope you found a writing workshops useful so you can support your child at home.

Last week every classroom was fitted out with new interactive teaching and learning boards and we also have added extra boards to our ICT suite and community room. These resources are instrumental to supporting the high class teaching. We are still looking for iPad sponsors if you know of any company that can help us with this.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 31st October with your Halloween hats!

Becky Wycherley, Headteacher

Important Dates

23-27 Oct
HALF TERM

30 Oct
INSET DAY

31 Oct
School Restarts
Halloween Cake Sale
Halloween Hat
Competition

6-10 Nov
Springfield Week

8 Nov
Chesswood Open Day

10 Nov
Hedgehog Class
Assembly

15 Nov
Influenza Vaccinations

6 Dec
EYFS Christmas
Performance 1

7 Dec
EYFS Christmas
Performance 2

8 Dec
Christmas Fayre

12 Dec
Christingle

13 Dec
Winter wonderland

15 Dec END OF TERM

All dates are subject
to change



Attendance %

Pandas	90.1%
Turtles	99.6%
Tigers	90.9%
Dolphins	96.4%
Frogs	94.7%
Hedgehogs	97.3%

Attendance Bear

Awarded to

Turtles



School Uniform

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

Please can we ask that you label all of your child's uniform and belongings.

P.E.

Please can earrings be removed on P.E days and that long hair is tied back for health and safety.

Asthma Friendly School

We are delighted to have been awarded certification as the first asthma friendly school in Sussex!



Last Monday, Springfield were presented with a certificate which represents how well we manage all of our children with asthma and the knowledge and care our staff have for our children. A big thank you to Immy and Mrs Mann for giving Springfield a glowing testimony. We are all extremely proud of our achievement.

Rugby Skills Festival

Eight children from year 1 took part in a Rugby Festival at Thomas A Becket Junior School last week. Mrs Kingston said the children were all so enthusiastic and got stuck in putting all their new skills into practice. Even though it was very windy, they all had a great time and showed amazing team work and perseverance.

Adviser Visit

This week we had our annual educational visit from WSCC. We welcomed Liz Walker, who is a County Advisor, into school to meet staff, children and Governors.

Liz requested to do a learning walk around the school and for the leadership to talk to her about everything that is going on at Springfield as well as ensuring that our expectations are high and that we are continuing to be a 'good' school. I am delighted to share that Springfield continues to be a 'better than good' school and Liz was impressed with everything she saw. A big well done to the Springfield staff and children!

Springfield Week

For our first Springfield week of the year we will be 'stepping back in time with Springfield.' Each class will be either focusing on a historical person or time period. If you have any historical contributions you could share, either artefacts or interesting family history, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Applying for School Places

Applications for school places starting in September 2024 opened 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

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful harvest donations. The children enjoyed learning about Harvest and how their gifts will go to support people that are not as fortunate as themselves. The Worthing Turning Tides Harvest4Homeless Appeal were delighted with all your donations.

Science Day

Ali Khan from STEM innovation visited Tigers and Dolphins on Tuesday for Year 1 science day.

He demonstrated how different materials act under different environments. The children had an ice tower competition which they built with salt to melt and glue. They then used different materials to insulate the ice. They also had to put their coding skills to the test using the K1 Robot. Both Tigers and Dolphins said how exciting and interesting they found the visit. Thank you Ali!

Out of School Achievements



Don't forget to let us know your child's out of school achievements. We love to celebrate them.

Muddy shoes

Please could we politely ask that children do not play on the mud in the playground before or after school. The play equipment then gets very slippery and messy when the children come to play on it at playtime and the classroom carpets are not pleasant for the children to sit on.

Water

Please ensure you send your child to school with a named water bottle.

Springfield is a healthy school and we encourage only water in the bottles.

Squash and juice have a high content of sugar which can damage young children's teeth.

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 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. Please bring your creations into school by Thursday 2nd November, ready to be judged on Friday, 3rd November.

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 into school on Tuesday, 31st October in the morning, ready for the sale on the playground after school. Don't forget your change!

Messy Church

Messy Church is running during the half term holidays on Wednesday, 25th October at St Stephen Church.



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