

# Springfield Infant School and Nursery



Springfield  
Infant School

## Newsletter

10 November 2023

### Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What an amazing Springfield week we have had with so many exciting adventures through history. Each class has been looking at specific past events ranging from the Egyptians, Tudors and Romans to the history of flight and Kings and Queens. The children have been so excited to explore and investigate the past through stories, independent learning and a range of magnificent resources including Tudor dresses. Well done for all the effort and preparation made by the staff.

I wanted to thank you all for your understanding and patience last week during the inclement weather days. It is always a difficult decision whether to close the school or not and one we have to take seriously bearing in mind the safety of the children and staff as well as the implications it may have on parents. I always think it is best to be prepared but please be reassured that we will do whatever is best for the safety of all the community.

This week the class teachers and leadership team have met to discuss the children in their classes and to determine progress and identify any additional support. We are very fortunate to have an experienced full time Inclusion Manager, Miss Natalie Collins, and a team of knowledgeable learning support assistants that are able to provide interventions and support across the school for groups and individual children. I am delighted to report that all children are making progress from their starting points against the EYFS or National Curriculum. Well done!

Our 1:1 parent consultations take place Tuesday and Thursday next week. Please ensure you have signed up for a time to come and find out about your child's progress.

Have a lovely weekend.

Becky Wycherley  
Headteacher

### Important Dates

- 14 Nov**  
**Parents consultations**
- 15 Nov**  
**Influenza Vaccinations**
- 16 Nov**  
**Parents consultations**
- 17 Nov**  
**Children in Need**
- 20 Nov**  
**Open the Book**
- 6 Dec**  
**EYFS Christmas Performance 2pm**
- 7 Dec**  
**EYFS Christmas Performance 9.30am**
- 8 Dec**  
**Springfield Christmas Fayre 3pm—4.30pm**
- 11Dec**  
**Whole school pantomime**
- 12 Dec**  
**Christingle**  
**EYFS 9.30am**  
**Year 1 & 2 1.30pm**  
**Parents invited**
- 13 Dec**
  - **Father Christmas training School Event for charity**
  - **Christmas lunch**
  - **Festive singing for parents 2.15pm**
  - **Christmas Jumper day**
- 15 Dec END OF TERM**



## Attendance %

Pandas	98.2%
Turtles	92.8%
Tigers	96.3%
Dolphins	98.7%
<b>Frogs</b>	<b>100%</b>
Hedgehogs	92.0%

### Attendance Bear

Awarded to  
Frogs



## Out of School Achievements



**Immy Mann** received a Well Done certificate for being so brave in the hospital theatre last week.

**Olivia Foster** was awarded an I Can swimming certificate.

**Nate Marks** completed his Perform Drama Bronze Challenge with a distinction.

## Amazon Wishlist

If you would like to help Springfield with any resources for the children, we do have an amazon wish list.

[https://  
www.amazon.co.uk/hz/  
wishlist/  
ls/39YS5P0F8X7L9?](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/39YS5P0F8X7L9?)

## Springfield Week

For our first Springfield week of the year we 'stepped back in time with Springfield.'

**Ducklings** looked at the **history of themselves**. They looked at themselves as babies and thought about what they would be when they grow up. They made self portrait spoons and used 2D shapes to make Picasso style portraits. They made handprints in the pop art style.

**Pandas** focused on **Space Exploration** and the moon landing. They did science experiments making their own craters, made rockets, did space role play and designed their own flags for when they landed on the moon.

**Turtles** learnt about **Kings and Queens**. They looked at **King James I**, the king on the throne when the tradition of Fireworks Night came about and made firework art. They also looked at **Queen Elizabeth II**, the monarch when they were born and **King Charles III**, the monarch when they started school. Turtles made their own crowns, palaces and carriages and created their own account of what they would do if they were King or Queen for the day.

**Dolphins** studied **Amelia Earhart, the Wright Brothers and flight**. They made fact clip recordings about Amelia Earhart and produced artwork looking down from an aeroplane.

**Tigers** were transported to **Roman** times looking at **Julius Caesar**. They made shields and mosaics, learnt Latin phrases and studied Roman numerals. They practiced marching with their shields.

**Hedgehogs** looked at the **Tudors and Henry VIII**. They created adverts for a new wife for Henry VIII and produced fact files about him. They drew symmetrical Tudor style portraits, made miniature Tudor portraits of themselves and created a Tudor banquet menu.

**Frogs** travelled back to **Egyptian** times looking at **Tutankhamun and Cleopatra**. The classroom was transformed into a tomb and the class made cat mummies. They produced Pharaoh fact files, designed their own pharaoh headpieces and made a desert sand scene.

We were lucky enough to be visited by **Perform Drama** who delivered classes on the theme of 'Around the World'. King Charles III tasked them with travelling to countries around the world to find him a boomerang.

## **New Governor**

Sarah Chapman has been appointed as Parent Governor, she will also be the nominated Inclusion Governor

## **Children in Need– 17th November 2023**

For this years Children in Need we would like you to join in our 'Spotacular' day and wear your spottiest, brightest clothing! Children in Need are a fantastic cause who do so much to help and support children and young people in the UK. Children in Need takes place on **Friday, 17th November** and we will be asking of a minimum £1 donation.

## **Hedgehog Class Assembly**

We hope that Hedgehog parents enjoyed the assembly that Hedgehogs led today. Our own Queen Elizabeth I (aka Immy) tasked Sir Walter Raleigh (aka George) to bring her back wonders of the world. She was displeased with his offering of potatoes but delighted with the knowledge and learning of Hedgehogs class. She heard all about Hedgehogs African adventure and saw their fantastic African animal art. She marvelled at their counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and was thrilled with their speaking of Mandarin.

## **New Headteacher**

We are delighted to share that the head of the new East Worthing Primary School will be Mrs Diane South who is currently the headteacher of Lyndhurst Infant School. Mrs South will be working closely with Springfield over the coming months and will be available on the playground with Mrs Wycherley on a number of occasions.

## **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.**

## **Parking**

We are receiving a number of complaints from our neighbours about parents parking over driveways and on double yellow lines. Please avoid parking this way for the safety of all children and out of respect for our neighbours.

## **P.E.**

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

## PE Challenge

Mrs Gasson will be setting a weekly PE challenge for you to take part in at home!

Follow the link below or scan the QR code to take part!

<https://primarypeplanning.com/home-pe-ks1-challenge-activities/>



Let us know how you get on!

## Open the Book

We look forward to welcoming the Open the Book team to our assembly on Monday 20th November.

## Halloween Hat Competition

Well done to everyone that entered our Halloween hat competition. The time, effort and creativity that went into all the entries was amazing, the standards were very high! Congratulations to all our winners– Violet Smith in Ducklings, Jax Upson in Reception, Rupert Bush in Year 1 and Nina Wimbledon in Year 2 who all received a Halloween goodie bag. The competition raised £79.



## PTA Halloween Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who baked, decorated and donated some very spooky cakes for our Halloween cake sale. I can happily confirm that it raised just under £132.

## PTA

Our school PTA committee organise events and raise money for our school; the whole community appreciate all their hard work. However we are always in need of more support and would like to ask if anyone has anytime or a love of organising to come forward. We are currently looking for a chairperson to lead and delegate. If this sounds like a job for you please contact Mrs Wycherley or the school office as we definitely want to hear from you. Anna Burdick our current chair is stepping down to focus on her career. She has been an amazing chairperson, leading us through so many exciting events and raising lots of money for the school and the children. On behalf of all the whole Springfield community I would like to thank Anna for hard work and commitment to the school and a plea for her to stay on the committee!

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