

Springfield Infant School and Nursery

Newsletter

24 November 2023



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last couple of weeks have been very busy with parents' evenings, sports competitions, tv filming and of course lots of exciting learning.

I have been focusing on Year 1 and Year 2 and spending time finding out what it is like for a child in these year groups. It has been a pleasure watching all children work and learn and go about their daily routines. It is very impressive how independent they are and how much they do in a day! All children seem happy and confident and were desperate to show me their work, read to me or just generally talk to me about their topics. The children love receiving the value stickers and can always remember why they got them. There was a lot of positive vibes in the classrooms and behaviour was and is outstanding.

You are probably aware that Springfield became the first asthma friendly school in Sussex and a reward was to have a piece not only in the local press and on the NHS website but also ITV! More information is on our website but I just wanted to say a big thank you to the acting team, Immy Mann, Julian Polonski, Eva Watts Williams, Chloe Richards and of course Mrs Gemma Mann and Miss Amy Carpenter, all of whom were superstars. I am sure all children with asthma that attend our school feel safe in the knowledge that they will be fully supported and can participate in everything we do.

Thank you to Mrs South, Headteacher of the new school for visiting us on Thursday and meeting children in Year 2. I hope it is the beginning of a strong relationship between Springfield and the new school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Becky Wycherley
Headteacher

Important Dates

- 4 Dec**
Non-Uniform day—bring a donation
- 6 Dec**
EYFS Christmas Performance 2pm
- 7 Dec**
EYFS Christmas Performance 9.30am
- 8 Dec**
Springfield Christmas Fayre 3pm—4.30pm
- 11 Dec**
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**
- 2 Jan**
INSET DAY
- 3 Jan**
Return to school

All dates are subject to change



Attendance %

Pandas	95.7 %
Turtles	91.6%
Dolphins	98.7 %
Tigers	97.9%
Frogs	96.2%
Hedgehogs	97.2%

Attendance Bear

Awarded to

Dolphins



Christmas Activities

The run up to Christmas is always a very busy time in an infant school! Here's a reminder of what's coming up:

Monday 4th Non Uniform Day

Please come to school in your own clothes in exchange for items for the Christmas Fayre. See back page for ideas. The PTA will be looking for helpers over this week. Please see the sign up sheets in the playground and help where you can.

Wednesday 6th EYFS Performance 2.00pm

Ducklings, Pandas and Turtles parents are invited to see their children in their Christmas Performance. Please reserve your place by filling out the eform. You are able to order a maximum of 2 tickets per family over the 2 days.

Thursday 7th EYFS Performance 9.30am

Ducklings, Pandas and Turtles parents are invited to see their children in their Christmas Performance. Please reserve your place by filling out the eform. You are able to order a maximum of 2 tickets per family over the 2 days.

Friday 8th Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place from 3.00 – 4.30pm with lots of stalls, a raffle and a special visitor.

Monday 11th Pantomime

We will be visited by the Umbrella Theatre Company who will perform Cinderella in school to the children..

Tuesday 12th Christingle Activities

Reception and Ducklings will visit St. Stephens Church for Christingle at 9.30am and Years 1 & 2 will visit at 1.30pm. Parents are invited to join us for the walk and the Christingle Activity.

Kurling Competition

Well done to Henry, Daisy, Noah, Olivia, Maisie, Reuben, Essie, Resul, Freddie and Quinn who won medals for coming second place overall.

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?)

Wednesday 13th Christmas Jumper Day

Wear your Christmas Jumper to school! Swap your Springfield jumper for a Christmas one, over the top of your usual school uniform bottoms. We would love any unwanted Christmas Jumpers to reuse. Please drop any donations to the office.

Wednesday 13th Father Christmas Workshop

We will be having a sponsored event in aid of Chestnut Tree House. You can see the details in the letter sent home this week.

Wednesday 13th Whole School Christmas Lunch

All children are invited to join us for Christmas Dinner today. If you don't normally have dinner and would like to join in please let the office know so we can order extra and cater for any dietary requirements.

Wednesday 13th Singing to Parents

Parents are invited to join us to hear the Children perform Christmas Songs at 2.15pm on the school playground.

Friday 15th Last Day of Term

We will celebrate this term's achievements in assembly today. Return to school will be Wednesday 3rd January (Inset Day Tuesday 2nd January).

Children in Need

Thank you to all the children and their families who made Children in Need Day so spectacular. We raised £157.28 for this great charity.

Inclusivity

Springfield is an inclusive school and children attending have a range of needs. In school we learn about children's individual needs and ensure that everyone is treated with respect. Some children have additional needs that may not be visible, for example, autism, speech and language needs and children that are situationally mute. Please can I ask parents/carers to reinforce this at home and talk to your children about this out of school and remind them that all children should be made to feel welcome and included.



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.

Nuts

Please can we remind everyone that due to allergies we are a nut free school and no nuts or nut products should be brought in lunchboxes.

How can you help us?

Non-uniform day – Monday 4th December:

Your child can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for donations for our tombola and raffle hampers. This could include bottles, chocolate, toiletries etc.

Raffle tickets and Santa's Grotto tickets:

Tickets to visit Santa, and raffle tickets will shortly be available to **purchase through the school money app**. Make sure to buy plenty to improve your chances of winning exciting prizes!

Christmas Bags:

Your child will receive a paper bag from school which they can decorate and fill with sweets, small toys and decorations. We will then sell these on the day. Please return the filled bags to school by:

Thursday 7th December.

Other donations:

If you run a business or have contacts who would be willing to donate a larger item or an experience to our brilliant raffle, then we would love to hear from you!

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!



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