

# Springfield Infant School and Nursery



Springfield  
Infant School

## Newsletter

26 January 2024

### Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another eventful fortnight has passed, including extreme weather conditions! Thankfully our school and community stayed safe and well.

We started the week with a fantastic display from our Gymnastics squad that showed off their skills and talents to the whole school and parents. We were all very proud of their concentration, determination and superb routines.

Thank you to everyone that was able to come in and join us for our book looks last week. We hope you enjoyed seeing all the amazing work that the children have been doing this term

I have also been in classrooms over the last week, observing teaching and learning and looking at children's progress in books. As usual the quality and standard of teaching is high and the children have opportunities to learn such amazing things as well as the core reading, writing and maths.

We have science and maths days coming up where we focus on specific areas of the curriculum as well as Springfield week starting 26th February.

Last week I had a conference call with Gillian Keegan, Secretary of State for Education who firstly praised all teachers for their hard work and commitment. She also shared the latest initiatives and plans for the future that we as a school will discuss further.

Have a super weekend.

Becky Wycherley,  
Headteacher

### Important Dates

- 29 Jan**  
**Open the Book Assembly**
- 1 Feb**  
**Science Day**
- 2 Feb**  
**Frogs Assembly**
- 8 Feb**  
**Children's Reports to Parents**
- 9 Feb**  
**PTA Valentines Cakes Sale**  
**Last Day of Half Term**
- 19 Feb**  
**Return to School**
- 26 Feb**  
**Springfield Week**
- 6 March**  
**School CLOSED**  
**Inset Day**
- 7 March**  
**World Book Day**  
**Dress up in favourite book characters!**
- 8 March**  
**Turtle Assembly**
- 12 March & 14 March**  
**Parents Evenings**
- 18 March**  
**NSPCC Assembly**
- 20 & 21 March**  
**Year 1 performance**

All dates are subject to change

## Attendance %

Pandas	94%
Turtles	93%
Dolphins	93 %
Tigers	94%
Frogs	96%
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>97%</b>

### Attendance Bear

Awarded to  
Hedgehogs



## Football Goal

Early years are looking for a small to medium sized football goal for the children to use in the garden. Please let us know if you have one to donate!

## No Nuts!

We are a nut free school and do have children with severe nut allergies. Please do not send your child to school with nuts or products containing nuts.

## Dolphins Assembly

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to attend Dolphins class assembly last Friday. We hope you enjoyed seeing the children demonstrating their counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as hearing their number bond song. We were wowed by their learning about Robert Scott, the explorer.

## Children's Concert

Year 2 visited Chichester last Tuesday to take part in the Children's Concert. Frogs and Hedgehogs classes were lucky enough to experience a full orchestra performance as well as a magic show.

## MCAS Payments

We have now fully switched over to MCAS 'My Child At School,' and no longer use school money. Please make sure you have the MCAS app downloaded as we send all our school correspondence and messages through here. You will also be able to pay for things like school trips, raffle tickets, clubs etc in the 'school shop' on the app.

## Operation Crackdown

We are receiving an increased number of complaints from parents and our neighbours about cars being parked dangerously during drop off and pick up times, putting our children's safety at risk. Operation Crackdown is a system where you can report a vehicle along with an accompanying photo and registration number through their website. [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org)

## Oral Health Team

Ducklings were visited by a member of the oral health team on Thursday, demonstrating the importance of why and how we brush our teeth with the help of a friendly crocodile.

## Fire Drill

We conducted a fire drill yesterday afternoon. I'm pleased to say that all the children evacuated the building quickly and sensibly. We conduct regular drills throughout the year.

## MMR Vaccinations

Make sure your child has received the MMR vaccination. Routine vaccinations play a huge part in protecting us all against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases, including measles, mumps and rubella. Check your child is up to date with their MMR and other childhood vaccinations here: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/childhood-immunisations/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/childhood-immunisations/)

Older children and adults who haven't had both doses of the MMR vaccine could be at risk of measles. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for lifelong protection and it's never too late to catch up on missed vaccinations. Vaccinations are offered free of charge in the UK, simply call your GP practice to book an appointment.

For more information please visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/)

## School Calendar

Did you know you can subscribe to the school calendar to keep up to date with everything that is going on at Springfield?

Just visit the school website, click on News and Events, then click on calendar. You can easily subscribe by clicking the button at the bottom of the page.

## Springfield Week- 26th February-1st March

As part of our Springfield week theme we are looking to see if we have any parent musicians that may be available to join us for the Monday 26th February Assembly at 9am?

If you play an instrument and could spare 20mins we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office or Mrs Byford to let us know. Many thanks.

## Ice Skating

On Monday years 1 & 2 spent the morning at Worthing Ice Rink. The children showed so much perseverance and determination, bravely stepping out onto the ice and always getting back up again if they fell! There was lots of laughter and smiles and everyone looked like they were having fun. A big thank you to all our parent helpers who came along, helping the children with their skates and on the ice.

## Dual Language Books

We have many books in our library in other languages. If you would like to borrow a book for your child to share with you or other family members please ask your class teacher to see if we have the language you require.

## Contact Details

Could we request that all families review their contact details on their My Child at School app and make any updates if necessary.

## 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?  
ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/39YS5P0F8X7L9?ref=wl_share)

## Science Day- Thursday 1st February

The whole school will be making bird feeders, so please could you start collecting small plastic bottles and plastic milk containers.

## Wear A Hat Day- 28th March 2024

Wear A Hat Day is Brain Tumour Research's annual event raising money to bring hope to brain tumour patients and their families. Put on your favourite hat and wear it to school for the day for a small donation!

## 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!



## PTA

Just a reminder that we have the **Valentines Cake sale on Friday 9th February** and the **Easter Egg raffle and cake sale on Wed 27th March 2024.**



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**SPACES AVAILABLE**  
No need to book!

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