

Springfield Infant School and Nursery



Newsletter

9 February 2024

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We finish today for a short break after what seemed like a long half term. However the children and staff, as always, have worked hard and achieved their goals.

Thank you to parents that have supported the school in volunteering on trips and with 'in school' activities, we are always very appreciative. If you would like to volunteer in school please speak to the school office as we always need your help!

I have finished my latest lesson observations across the school and again can only stress how wonderful and hard working all our staff are at Springfield. The children are given such a huge variety of opportunities to learn through a cross curricular approach, as well as striving in the core subjects. I am delighted that our school focus this year on writing has already had an impact with so many children making great progress but above all loving to write!

As you are aware I love a challenge and this spring I would like to try and create an outdoor sensory garden for all children to be able to access but especially those that have a specific need or require extra well being support. The aim is to build this garden to the side of the school on spare land that we do not already use. The reason I am telling you this is because we would like to fund this ourselves in the hope that parents in various trades may be able to contribute in some way. We will definitely need to concrete and slab some of the area and put fencing and a gate up. If you can offer any support with this please contact me or the school office.

Have a super half term break and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19th February.

Becky Wycherley, Headteacher

Important Dates

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 as a favourite book character!

8 March
Turtle Assembly for parents

13 March & 14 March
Parents Evenings

18 March
NSPCC Assembly

20 & 21 March
Year 1 performance

27 March
Easter Cake Sale and Raffle

28 March
Wear A Hat Day
END OF TERM

15 April
RETURN TO SCHOOL

All dates are subject to change

Attendance %

Pandas	97%
Turtles	99%
Dolphins	97%
Tigers	93%
Frogs	98%
Hedgehogs	98%

Attendance Bear

Awarded to

Turtles



Pancake Day at St Mary's Church

Join us for a pancake party on Tuesday, 13th February from 10am-1pm in St Mary's. All families welcome
Games, crafts, refreshments, bouncy castle and of course **PANCAKES!**

Messy Church takes place on February 21st at 3.30pm at St Stephens Church

PTA

Valentines
Cake sale
TODAY!



Science Day- Thursday 1st February

The children in KS1 focused on birds and worked together to come up with relevant questions about birds to help them to make bird feeders. The children then used their knowledge to make their own feeders.

Reporting to Parents

Yesterday, hopefully, you received a copy of your child's written report, sharing their progress and up to date achievements so far. These reports are very detailed and the teachers spend a lot of time ensuring that they have informed you of how your child is progressing at school as well as their interests and overall performance.

I am sure you are aware that as well as two written reports a year we also offer regular opportunities for you to look at your child's books and classroom displays, invite you to listen to curriculum briefings as well as two formal parent meeting sessions.

If you feel that you need to know more about your child please speak to your class teacher who will be happy to make an appointment to discuss them with you.

ECO Afternoon

We will be having our termly 'switch off' energy afternoon on Friday 23rd February. This will mean that we will not be using lights, computers or any electrical equipment and will be using other resources to continue learning and playing. The school phone and email system will however continue to be active.

Library Open to Families

The library will be open from 3:00-3.30 on Thursday 29th February. Please come in and choose some books to borrow with your child. We have a selection of dual language books as well as our fiction and non fiction sections.

Assemblies

Just a reminder that we sometimes inform parents of what is happening in our school assemblies. However, the class assemblies that parents are invited to will also be made clear.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone that participated in our online surveys, we are delighted with the positive feedback and honest suggestions. We have taken on board comments and will address any issues.

We always appreciate parent voice as this can only improve our fantastic school. However if you do have any issues or concerns please don't hesitate to speak to the class teachers or Mrs Wycherley.

School Uniform

Please can we remind you that fancy dress headbands are not part of our school uniform. They can be a distraction to your child's own learning and play but also to others and can cause upset when misplaced. Children should only be wearing simple bands, scrunchies or hair clips.

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!

Safer Internet Day

During safer internet day, each class took part in a circle time to share with each other ideas about how they thought they could stay safe when using the internet. They watched the 'Mo and Jas story' as a class to broaden their understanding of how to stay safe online and what to do and who to talk to if they see something that makes them feel uncomfortable. You can find more information on the e-safety page on our website.

Frogs Assembly

Thank you to all the parents who came to watch Frogs class assembly last week. The children enjoyed showing off their African drumming and body percussion skills as well as their talk for writing based on the book 'Look Up.'

Frogs were also proud to show off their African portrait and Starry Night art, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh.

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.

New Premises Officer

We would like to welcome Mr David Meacher to Springfield as our new premises officer. David will be joining us after half term.

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)

School Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a range of after school clubs and provide our children with opportunities to extend their curiosity and learning.

Every term we try and offer something to appeal to all our children but we do have limited space and the challenge of finding suitable facilitators. However, currently we run: karate, dance, football, art, science and computer clubs.

We also have our own breakfast club open from 8am (see below).

We don't have our own wrap around care but we work closely with Chesswood and Downsbrook after school clubs, who pick up from Springfield daily and provide an activity club until 6pm.

PE Challenge

Mrs Gasson has set 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!



SPRINGFIELD BREAKFAST CLUB!

- Open to school and nursery children
- Run by highly qualified school staff
- Safe and secure environment
- Nutritious breakfast served
- Only £4 a session, payable on the day (Nursery children £6.50) Childcare vouchers accepted.
- Also save 25% by making payment via the Government Tax Free account. See www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare for more details and how to apply.

**From 8am
£4 a session**

SPACES AVAILABLE
No need to book!

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