

Springfield Infant School and Nursery



Newsletter

1st March 2024

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have settled back into school life again after half term and as usual the children are full of life and eager to learn and have fun. Already we have had a very successful 'Springfield Week' with an abundance of musical activities including our own musicians showing off their talents. It has been wonderful to watch the children learn through different mediums and creative areas and I believe they all now want to be musical entertainers!

Last week I attended a safeguarding update course, where the main message was to support all children and provide a safe environment for them to feel that they can talk to staff, share emotions and feel safe and secure. As a staff I feel that we embrace this and act on and provide care for children that need it, and if necessary call in outside agencies to further support.

I expect you have noticed the rather large yellow dog high up in our playground? This is our new ball catcher that encourages children to aim, throw and catch and has so far provided hours of fun and excitement. It took a while to get established as unfortunately the heavy weight was stuck inside following transportation from Belgium, but thanks to the strong staff team we managed to release it! Our dog is now fully working and safe to use.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend
Becky Wycherley,
Headteacher

Important Dates

5 March
Tigers class- Relative in School Day

6 March
SCHOOL CLOSED
INSET DAY

7 March
World Book Day
Dress up as a favourite book character!
Dolphins class- Relative in School Day

8 March
Turtle Class Assembly for Parents

13 March & 14 March
Parents Evenings

15 March
Red Nose Day!

18 March
NSPCC Assembly

20 March
Dogs Trust Visit

20 & 21 March
Year 1 Performances

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	99%
Turtles	99%
Dolphins	100%
Tigers	95%
Frogs	91%
Hedgehogs	97%

Attendance Bear

Awarded to

Dolphins



Out of School

Achievements



George Atkinson successfully played a solo and duet piano piece at the Worthing Music Festival.

Leah Steele performed at the Chichester Music and Dance Festival and came 3rd overall in her solo performance.

Siena Uddin Moss achieved a gold medal for a club award at Wickers Gymnastics.

Springfield Week

This week we have been 'naming that tune!' for our Springfield week! The focus for the children has been music, looking at different genres, composers and making music of their own. Thank you to all our parents and former pupils that were able to come in to perform and demonstrate their instruments and for donating lots of recycling so our budding musicians could make instruments of their own. Perform Theatre Group got everybody up on their feet with a fantastic interactive production themed around Wild Western music. We finished the week off with a cricket taster session which years 1 & 2 took part in today. Learning new skills and having fun has been the aim of this week.

Inset Day 6th March

This is a polite reminder that next Wednesday, 6th March is an inset day and school will be closed.

World Book Day– 7th March

We are looking forward to seeing all the children dressed up as their favourite book characters next Thursday for World Book Day!

Staff

It is with sadness that Miss Julia Howell, our teaching assistant in Dolphins, will be leaving Springfield next week. Miss Howell has been at Springfield for nearly three years and in that time has worked across the school supporting children of all ages. She has always been approachable and caring as well hard working and committed. I am sure you will join the staff and myself in wishing her well in her new career.

Red Nose Day– 15th March

Come to school wearing red for a donation to the Comic Relief charity.

Easter Egg Donations

We will be running our annual Easter Egg Raffle at the end of the spring term. We would be very grateful if you are able to donate any Easter eggs as prizes to be won.

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 donation!

Easy Fundraising

Your online shopping can raise free donations for Springfield Infant and Nursery School, Worthing! Whether you're buying your weekly food shop, renewing insurance, treating yourself, or someone else, your shopping at over 8,000 brands can support us. Sign up to easyfundraising via the link for free, and we'll get a £5 bonus when you raise your first £5. Sign up now:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/spgfdschworing/Y51IQM/c2s/9wLYuQV6/Q4233/facebook/>

Relative in School

Each year we love to invite relatives into school to join our children in their classrooms to celebrate their work and participate in their daily school life. The children are always thrilled to be joined by their relatives.

Year 1 will be starting the proceedings next week with

Tigers-Tuesday 5th March and **Dolphins**- Thursday 7th March, both from 1:30-2:40pm.

Ducklings, Pandas and Turtles will be on Thursday 18th April.

Frogs and Hedgehogs will be on Wednesday 1st May. There will be more details for these classes closer to the dates.

Library Open to Families

We hope those of you who came to our library open afternoon yesterday enjoyed it. If you would like to come along, the library will next be open to families from 3:00-3.30pm on Thursday 21st March.

Cake Sale Proceeds

Thank you to everyone who made and donated cakes for our Valentines cake sale. We managed to raise just over £147 to go towards resources for the school.

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 name all of your child's uniform and belongings.

We are delighted to let you know that after our environmental health spot check last week, we have been awarded the highest award of 5 stars.

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

Breakfast Club

After the Easter Break we will be trialling a new earlier opening time for Breakfast Club of 7.45am each day. In the recent parent survey we were told that this would help working parents enormously, however we must stress that we do need new families to take up this offer to make it financially viable for the extra staffing hours that will be needed.

PE Challenge

Mrs Gasson has set a new 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!



Perform Drama

We hope your child enjoyed their interactive drama performance from Perform this Springfield week. If they are interested in more drama classes, Perform are offering for your child to try out a class for free. Just ask at the school office for more information.





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