

Springfield Infant School and Nursery



Newsletter

Head Teacher's Message

Friday 13 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and a very warm welcome too all our new parents and children. I trust you had a lovely summer holiday and are all ready for fun and lots of learning. It was lovely to see all the children return with new uniform, new haircuts and looking very smart.

Over the summer there has been minimal amounts of building maintenance to report, however our premises team have looked after the school and prepared it clean and fresh ready to start last week. We have also had the WSCC building team in last week to assess the upkeep and as usual we have had a very successful and positive report. We are hoping to improve outdoor canopies over the next year.

The teaching staff have worked hard during the summer preparing the classrooms and planning the learning through an exciting range of activities and events. You should have received your child's year group topic overview, so you can talk to them about what they are learning.

Following on from today's 'meet the teacher' session we will also be inviting you in throughout the year for more sessions and also book looks and parent evenings. However, your teacher is always available every morning/afternoon on the door and at selected times if you need to make a longer appointment.

Thank you on behalf of all staff for your kind words and gifts at the end of last term, all were very much appreciated.

Lastly I hope you all enjoy the Autumn term and if at any time you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please don't hesitate to speak to me on the playground or via the school office.

Have a super weekend.

Becky Wycherley,
Headteacher

Important Dates

20 Sept
Scooter Day

23 Sept
**Open the Book
Assembly**

23 Sept
Maths Morning

27 Sept
Individual Photos

3 Oct
**Junior Governors
Special Lunch**

3 Oct
Year 2 Bushcraft

5 Oct
Harvest Assembly

8 Oct
Book Look KS1

10 Oct
Book Look EYFS

**All dates are subject
to change**



Attendance %

Pandas	100%
Turtles	98.3%
Dolphins	93.4%
Tigers	95.6%
Frogs	96.0%
Hedgehogs	98.1%

Attendance Bear

Awarded to

Pandas



Out of school achievements

Meera Saimbi, Oliver Irimia, Winter Kilroy, Mary Burdick, Otis Mann, Hazel Chapman, and Frank Tinker Richards took part in the Summer Reading Challenge and received a certificate and medal.

Oliver Irimia received his Level 1 learn to swim certificate

Mila Hammond took part in a Walk with Purpose and received a huge gold medal

Junior Governors 2024

I am delighted that we now have a new set of Junior Governors that are keen and ready to represent their classes and peers. The Junior Governors form our school council. The other children in their class elect them and their main responsibility is to ensure children's views are listened to. There is a Junior Governors meeting every two/three weeks with Head Teacher.

The Junior Governors are encouraged to raise matters for discussion and I will ask them for their views on developments in school. Junior Governors are able to collect the views of the other children in their class during RHE (relationships and health education) or class council sessions.

Junior Governors also have responsibilities to help maintain an orderly learning environment for others, e.g. they assist school staff at morning and lunchtime breaks with the playground equipment.

Our Junior Governors have chosen to host a special lunch menu for all the children on Thursday, 3rd October. Lunch on this day will be sausage and chips with a choice of beans or broccoli, followed by waffles and ice-cream.

Homefield Park

Worthing Borough Council is currently carrying out a consultation on Homefield Park playground which they are planning to reshape and improve with new equipment.

As the playground is within a reasonable proximity to our school they would like to hear your views

Information on the plans for the playground can be found at the link below along with the online survey which will be available until 30 September 2024.

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/homefield-park-consultation/>



New Staff

We would like to welcome Sarah Chapman, Amy May, Sabrina Back and Khiara Darbyshire to our staff team. They have all settled in well and are getting to know your children.

After School Clubs

Clubs will start back the week of 16th September. Please see our club timetable on our website or contact the school office to register your child on one of our school run clubs.

PPG

If any of our families have changed circumstances recently can we please encourage you to check your eligibility for Pupil Premium Grant which will give your child and the school extra funding and opportunities. Please check via this link:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Scooter Day

On Friday, 20th September we will be holding a Scooter Day! Scooting is a safe, active way to get to school. We will be having a healthy lifestyle day with ideas on how to stay fit and safe. We welcome 'Team Rubicon' who will be bringing scooters, helmets and protective clothing for the whole school to enjoy a fun learning session. Please ensure your child is wearing their trainers on this day.

Tapestry Meeting

Thank you to all our early years parents who attended our Tapestry meeting yesterday morning. We hope you found it helpful and look forward to seeing how your child gets on with regular updates during their busy day at school.

Book Look

We will be holding Book Looks for EYFS and KS1 the week commencing 7th October. Book Looks gives parents the chance to come in after school to look at all the wonderful work the children have been creating and their learning environment. **Years 1 & 2** will be on **Tuesday, 8th October** and **EYFS** will be held on **Thursday 10th October, both at 3pm**. We hope you can come along!

School Photos

Yellow photography will be visiting Springfield on Friday, 27th September to take individual photos of the children.

If your child attends Ducklings and is not normally in on this day, please speak to the Nursery staff who can accommodate your child whilst they have their photos taken first at 9am. Parents are asked to wait and take their child home after they have had their photo taken.

Children should come to school in full uniform including their Springfield jumper/cardigan, and no novelty headbands please.

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

Springfield PTA

I am delighted that we now have a team of parents, led by Kirsty McGorty that are inspiring the PTA.

On **Monday 16th September** we are holding a PTA recruitment drive to gain your ideas and suggestions for fund raising, activities and socialising.

If you would like to know more about how you can support your school and maybe able to contribute to ideas and events, please come and talk to us in the playground. **9am and 2.30pm Monday 16th September**

Lunchtimes at Springfield

At Springfield we are very fortunate to be able to offer delicious, fresh, locally sourced hot lunches cooked by St Andrews and served by our amazing mid-day meal supervisors. Our MDMS are experienced to support and encourage your child to eat healthily, respectfully and sensibly whilst ensuring that lunchtimes are a social and pleasant experience.

We allow an hour for lunch to ensure that every child gets a chance to eat their meal and have time to play. You are probably aware that we stagger the sitting times to allow our new reception children time to feel confident and learn the routines before the older classes come into the hall. This is planned very carefully making sure that we have adequate supervision in all areas and that all children are nurtured and supported.

We are aware that some children eat at different rates to others and whilst we encourage children to sit and enjoy their meal with their peers, every child is different and we respect that. Therefore, children that take longer have every opportunity to continue until they have had adequate time to finish. We have a calming 'Reading for pleasure' time at the end of lunch, that children join when they have finished eating.

Lunchtimes should be fun and we do everything we can to make this happen.

New Parent Tours

We are now booking prospective parents in for tours of Springfield ready for our 2025 intake. All tour dates can be found on our website. If you would like to book a tour or would like any more information, contact the school office on 01903 219243 or office@springfieldschool.co.uk

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