

Springfield Infant School and Nursery



Newsletter

Head Teacher's Message

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last two weeks I have been observing in classes and not only been monitoring the teaching but also the children's learning. What impresses me is that every child at Springfield is made to feel valued and is supported irrelevant of need and ability. The learning books show how children have made progress since they started in September and all children seem happy and confident.

The school values are embedded in the teaching and learning and children were proud to tell me about which stickers they have received and why. Every week one class is selected to look after one of our Springfield Value Animals based on their behaviour during the week.

Thank you to the Junior Governors that helped serve up a fantastic lunch last week in a bid to convince all children to have a hot school meal at school with their friends.

We had our first fire drill practice last week where children were prewarned of what happens and how to evacuate the school. I am delighted to report that all children were out of the building within 2 minutes and did so in a very sensible and calm manner.

We will continue to have practice drills each half term.

This week we started new parent tours for children hoping to start in September 2025 at Springfield. If you have a child that will be aged 4 from September 2025 you will need to register for a school place.

Have a super weekend!

Becky Wycherley,
Headteacher

Important Dates

- 16 Oct**
Supporting writing meeting
- 24 Oct**
Halloween Cake Sale
- 25 Oct**
Last day of half term
- 26/10-03/11** Half Term
- 4 Nov**
Inset Day
- 5 Nov**
Return to school
- 6 Nov**
Halloween Hat Competition Judging

Upcoming December Dates For Your Diary

- 10 Dec 2pm**
EYFS Performance
- 11 Dec 9:30am**
EYFS Performance
- 12 Dec 3-4:30pm**
Christmas Fayre
- 18 Dec 2:15pm**
Winter wonderland

All dates are subject to change



Attendance %

Pandas	95.7%
Turtles	97.5%
Dolphins	97.5%
Tigers	92.6%
Frogs	95.5%
Hedgehogs	99.1%

Attendance Bear

Awarded to

Hedgehogs



Out of School Achievements

Freddie Reynolds and William Doig received medals for their rugby skills at the Worthing Under 7's tournament. Freddie also received a trophy for great kicking and William for his tackling skills.

Mary Burdick and Poppy Darbyshire-Tarrant received a certificate of merit for Martial arts.

Messy Church

Oct 31st, 4.00-5.30pm
Light Party@St Mary's
Broadwater

Nov 27th 3.30-5.00pm
Messy Church @ St
Stephens

All welcome

Zoe the Vet and Dylan the Dog

A big thank you to Zoe the vet who came in with her dog Dylan to talk to Early Years as part of their 'people who help us' topic.



Harvest

We were delighted by Springfield families' response to our harvest festival collection. We are very pleased to have created our first Springfield Food Bank that will directly benefit families that need a little extra support. The children also enjoyed learning new carnival inspired songs and learning about where food comes from around the world.

Book Look

It was great to see so many families in school this week on Tuesday and Thursday for the Book Look events; we hope you enjoyed sharing your child's achievements this term with them. Our next parent information events are:

Wednesday 16th October 9.00am 'Supporting your child with writing'

Tuesday 19th November 4.00-7.00pm Parent/Teacher 1:1 meetings

Wednesday 20th November 3.00-6.00pm Parent/Teacher 1:1 meetings

More information about the meetings will be available in the run up to them but don't forget we operate an open door policy so you can always speak to your teacher at the beginning or end of the school day for short enquiries or make an ad hoc appointment if you need a little more time.



School Uniform

I am sure you all agree that your children look really smart in their uniform, our uniform guide is on our website. Broadwater Sports sell our uniform but we also have very good quality nearly new items available to buy from the school office. Can I also remind you that fancy head wear is not part of our uniform policy.

Rugby Skills

On 3rd October we took 8 Year 1 children to a Rugby Skills Festival at TAB Junior School. They all had great fun and learnt lots of new skills.

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/>

Easy Fundraising

As you kick off your Christmas shopping you can fundraise for the school by registering with easy fundraising and nominating Springfield as your chosen cause. Every time you spend with one of 7,500 brands they will donate money to the school.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=214552&invite=1dfukl&referral-)

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Scooters

A polite reminder that scooters should be parked in the bays and must not be used on the playground. We have had a few near misses where parents have been waiting to drop off and pick up their children.



Parking

Please can I ask parents to be mindful of our residents in Sackville Road when they are parking at drop off and pick up. We are still having reports of cars being parked across driveways and on double yellow lines. Inconsiderate and illegal parking will be reported to Operation Crackdown.

Photos

You would have received your child's proof card this week with instructions on how to order their school photos from Yellow Photography. The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, 22nd October.

Little Big Sing

We were excited to host children from Homefield and Downsbrook schools this Wednesday who joined our year 2 children for the Little Big Sing event run by the West Sussex Music Service. The children learnt and performed several songs together in what was a very joyous event.



Springfield PTA

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

If you would like to know more about how you can support your school and maybe are able to contribute to ideas and events, please let the office know and they can pass your details on to the PTA to get in touch.

Vinted Clothing Fund Raiser PTA

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes for the school Vinted account so far, we have made over £80 to date. Please do keep bringing in any clothes you have in great condition that you're happy for us to sell to raise money for the school. Winter clothing is selling really well right now.



Coming soon...

Halloween Bake Sale Thursday 24th October 3pm

Halloween Hat Competition Monday 28th October—Wednesday 6th November

Springfield Spooky Trail 28th October—4th November



PINS Coffee Morning



The PINS team will be holding a coffee morning in school on Thursday, 21st November at 9am.

What is PINS?

Your child's school is taking part in the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS). PINS is a project to support schools to be more inclusive for all students.

West Sussex Parent Carer Forum (WSPCF) is an independent charity for parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). All the members of our team have children with SEND.

How the Parent Carer Forum will be working with schools

This invite is for all parents to join us at the coffee mornings (or afternoons) which will be hosted by your school. Parent carers from our team will join the sessions to help to provide a safe, welcoming space for us all. We will also be able to share information, provide support and help create new networks.

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