

Springfield Infant School and Nursery

Newsletter

Head Teacher's Message

Thursday 19th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow is the last day of the Autumn term, which I feel has whizzed past! The new quiet, shy and modest reception children are now independent, confident and ambitious learners that have found their feet and enjoying everything EYFS has to offer. Year 1 and 2 have also had a great term of fun learning and I am delighted that all children have made progress especially in reading and math's. Writing remains a focus for all children whether it is mark making, phonics, sentence structure or writing independently and we will be continuing with our successful whizzy writing every day.

The festive season in school has been fun but tiring and the staff and children are looking forward to a quieter two week break! I would like to thank everyone that helped out and attended our Christmas Fayre as well joining us for the EYFS play, festive singing, Christingle, ice skating and any other activity, we couldn't do it all without parental support.

Father Christmas must have visited Springfield overnight on Wednesday as each class had some surprise presents waiting for them under our tree! How exciting!

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th January 2025.

Becky Wycherley,
Headteacher



Important Dates



6 Jan
Back to School

9 Jan
Yr1 Bushcraft

14 Jan
**Yr2 Chichester
Children's Concert**

16 Jan
Yr1 Bushcraft

17 Jan
**PC Chris Marsden
Visit**

20 Jan
KS1 Book Look

21 Jan
Yr1 Mosque Visit

23 Jan
EYFS Book Look

31 Jan
Frogs class assembly

**All dates are subject
to change**



Attendance %

Pandas	95.8%
Turtles	96.8%
Dolphins	95.8%
Tigers	94.6%
Frogs	96.4%
Hedgehogs	97.9%

Attendance Bear

Awarded to
Hedgehogs



Christmas Fayre

Well done to everyone that contributed to Christmas Jumper Day and brought in goodies for the tombola's. Our Christmas fayre was a huge success and we raised a massive £1793.11! The children enjoyed all the exciting games on offer and of course seeing Father Christmas and eating candy floss!

A big thank you to Kirsty McGorty, Julie Kosla and the PTA team who without them we wouldn't have had such an amazing fayre .



Panto

The whole school were treated to the Aladdin panto (oh yes we were!) last week, which was inclusive, immersive and tailored to each age group. All the children enjoyed the singing, dancing, activities and of course the story. Thank you to the PTA that subsidises this.



Out of school Achievements



Bodhi Casserly received a swimming distance certificate for a 15 metres.

Violet Garde-Martin received a record of achievement for her performing arts at Stage Coach.

Penelope Warriner and **Daisy Fenlon** received Level 8 Gymnastics award and medal.

Mila Hammond Achieved her 5 metre swimming certificate.

Ice-Skating

Children in Years 1 & 2 were able to enjoy a great morning at Worthing Ice rink on Tuesday 10th December. We travelled by coach and mini bus to the rink before meeting parents and donning our skates. For lots of the children it was their first time on the ice but they did amazingly well, there were smiles all round!

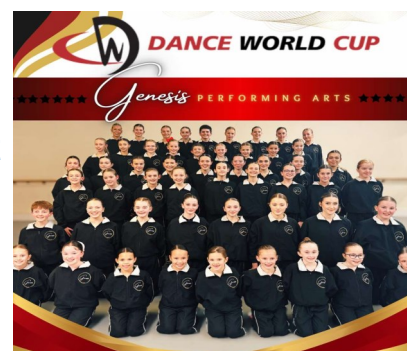
Early Years Performance

Well, what can I say, what a fabulous performance by our EYFS children! They confidently told the story of the Nativity through songs, actions and clear speaking villagers. Every child played a part and were smiling and enthusiastic. I was so proud of all of them! Thank you for your kind donations that will go to buy some new resources for the classrooms.

Huge achievement

I am delighted to announce that Ex Springfield children will be representing England next year in The Dance World Cup in Spain 2025.

Elsa, India, Leah and Mizuki. Congratulations!



Gymnastics Competition Results

A huge well done to all our fantastic Year 2 gymnasts that took part in the Worthing Intra-schools competition at Davison's High School on 3rd December. Our girls squad came joint 1st, with the boys coming a respectable 5th, meaning Springfield finished 3rd Overall. What a fantastic achievement! Well done to Lucy, Penelope, Winter, Phoebe, Lorin, Jacob, William, Angelo, James and Frank. We were privileged that our team also performed their routine to the whole school in Mondays assembly.



Staffing updates

We are very sad to be saying goodbye tomorrow to Ms Saskia Seller who has worked as a class teacher at Springfield for just over 14 years and has taught, in that time, many children across all age groups. Her knowledge, skills, understanding and passion for teaching has brought success to so many little children. Ms Seller has had many extra roles including leading year groups, managing and being the expert on IT across the school, organising lunch and play times as well as championing our science curriculum. However, over the last couple of years Ms Seller has successfully led on reviewing and developing our behaviour strategy and policy and has created a therapeutic culture across the school that encourages children to focus on creating positive experiences and help them develop positive feelings and behaviours.

We will all miss her greatly but thank her for all her hard work and dedication to Springfield and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her new adventure in Scotland!

Mrs Izzy Elliott and Mrs Nicky Angelo will be the class teachers in Dolphins for the rest of this academic year.

Mrs Natalie Howie will be temporarily leaving us at February half term to start her maternity leave and I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Harley Jacklin will be taking over Hedgehogs class for four days a week and Ms Natalie Collins will be teaching on the Friday. Ms Collins will still be our Inclusion Manager but her working days will be Monday to Thursday.

From Feb 24th 2025, Mrs Claire Byford will be acting deputy head teacher, however she will still be Turtles class teacher along with Mrs Nicky Angelo. Ms Collins will be leading the Year 1 and 2 team.

I am also delighted that we appointed Mrs Sophie Muttitt as mid day meal supervisor starting in January.

Alfresco Singing

Thank you to all our parents that were able to join us for our festive singing in the playground on Wednesday afternoon. I think you'll agree that the children sounded wonderful and definitely got everyone in the Christmas spirit! All the funds made from the bake sale have been added to our PTA funds to buy equipment for the children.



Springfield Extra Support.

We were delighted to support some individual families this year with hampers donated by the Elim Church, Salvation Army, Community House and our own food bank.



Choir

Well done to our wonderful school choir who entertained the residents of St Georges Lodge and Rosemary Mount care homes on Tuesday. They performed lots of carols and had the residents joining in too! Thank you to our choir master Ms McFarlane.

Parking

Please can we 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 complaints from residents of cars being parked across driveways and on double yellow lines with reports of parents becoming abusive. Inconsiderate and illegal parking will be reported to Operation Crackdown who may issue a parking fine.

Playground Equipment

Could we please give a gentle reminder not to let children climb over the playground equipment before and after school. During the school day, staff are able to closely supervise the children when they are playing. We also have strict rules that the children adhere to. At busy times before and after school, this is not possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Easy Fundraising

Did you know that every time you shop you could help raise funds for the school? When Christmas shopping online, 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/?>



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