

# Springfield Newsletter

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## A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting first week back after the October break, with pupils in **Year 1** beginning their **Forest School programme**, finding out more about the habitats of mini-beasts. In **Year 2** children have been **making fruit kebabs** and **going on a treasure hunt**. Our **Squirrels and Owls in the Nursery** took part in a wonderful outdoor learning afternoon and finally in the **Hive**, pupils have been bravely completing the **egg-crack challenge**; well-done to all for some excellent learning!

On Monday, **8th November** the school is hosting an information event for **Year 5 parents at 4.00pm** where more information will be provided about the **curriculum, safeguarding and the Burwell House trip**.

Following adjustments to some aspects of school practice, **parents' evenings** for this half-term we hope only, will be exclusively virtual. If you have any difficulties in signing-up, please do make contact with the school office.



One of the focus points this week for the **Coffee Morning** was the sharing of information about how families can get more involved in aspects of school life, including: volunteering to hear **children read, leading workshops, speaking in assemblies, support with grounds works and/or making connections with local businesses and charities**. If any family member has the time and would like to become more involved in school life, please do let one of the Pastoral or Senior Leadership team members know. All support from families is very much appreciated.

Our next **Open Morning** is on **10th November at 9.30am**. If your child is currently in the **Nursery** and due to start Reception in September, please do come along. The **Surrey portal for admissions** opened this week, with a deadline of **15th January 2022**. If your child does attend the Nursery, parents do still need to apply via Surrey for a place in Reception. If you have any questions about admissions, please do come and see either Mrs Geeson (Office Manager) or myself and we will be happy to help in any way.

Thank-you to all families for supporting our **annual fireworks event** and particularly to the **PTA** for all their hard work in the advance preparations and management of the evening.

I wish everyone a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins  
Headteacher



## Dates for your diary

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November

- Parents' Evening reports will go home
- Year 5 Burwell House virtual meeting, 4pm

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Parents' Evening 4-7.00pm (virtual)

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Parents' Evening 3.45-6.05pm (in school)

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-bullying week

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

2pm, Year 5 Family Learning

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

INSET DAY

### School Dinners

Please ensure school lunches are booked and, where applicable, paid for in advance on-line via SCOpay by no later than Thursday 1pm of the preceding week.

The new menu is attached for Autumn 2021/2022.

If your child has specific dietary requirements, please ensure that you select a meal that is appropriate for your child to eat. If you are unsure, please contact the school office.

## English at Springfield

Please find below a fantastic video that supports reading with your child at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OG2Q6pPQYw>

Thank-you to all parents who have expressed an interest in becoming a parent-reader. Could you please complete the form on the letter you have received today in your child's book bag and return it to the school office.



## Maths at Springfield

**So, what would a day be like without any numbers?**

We would wake up late because the alarm clock wouldn't know the time. We can't check our phone; we can't watch any television or listen to the radio. We could already be late for school by now, but wait, what day is it? Is it even a school day? Without numbers, we have no idea of the time, day, month or even year.

You wake up hungry and want to heat your porridge in the microwave, but the numbers are gone? So your breakfast is burnt. You decide to give your friend a call and catch up on the presentation you're giving at school today, but the numbers on the phone aren't there, so you can't call them. You are utterly confused, you can't even ride a bike because the gears are gone. A world without numbers is an extremely confusing place and all structure to our lives would go out the window.

## General Information

**Attendance** - Absences need to be reported by 8.30am on each day of absence, please leave a message on our dedicated absence line with your child's name, class and reason for absence.

**Punctuality** - a reminder that children need to be in school for registration by 8.55am, if your child is going to be late a message can be left on the absence line.

**Clubs** – If your child is not attending a club for any reason, please can you email [info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk) on the morning of the club.

## Nursery

If you have a pre-Nursery or a Nursery child who will require a place in September or know of anyone that does, please come along or let them know about our open Mornings below:

**Open Mornings 9.30-10.30am**

10<sup>th</sup> November

1<sup>st</sup> December

6<sup>th</sup> January

18<sup>th</sup> November

14<sup>th</sup> December

11<sup>th</sup> January

23<sup>rd</sup> November

19<sup>th</sup> December

Please email your attendance

Email: [info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk)

website: [www.springfieldsch.org](http://www.springfieldsch.org)

## Awards

This week's **Lead Learners** were celebrated today, the focus being 'Responding to marking in green pen':

Sparrow - Jayden-John  
 Nightingale - Isabella  
 Woodpecker - Alfie  
 Mole - Macsen  
 Bat - Evelyn

Stoat - Aleksander  
 Otter - Keira  
 Vole - Millie-Rose  
 Osprey - Bethany  
 Eagle - Dani  
 Falcon - George

This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus being 'Respecting other children's differences':

Sparrow - Rusty  
 Nightingale - Laila  
 Woodpecker - Summer  
 Mole - Maddison  
 Bat - Emily

Stoat - Leila  
 Otter - Ruby  
 Vole - Lucas  
 Osprey - Lily  
 Eagle - Imogen  
 Falcon - Finley

Our **Reception Kings and Queens** for this week are:

Badger Class:

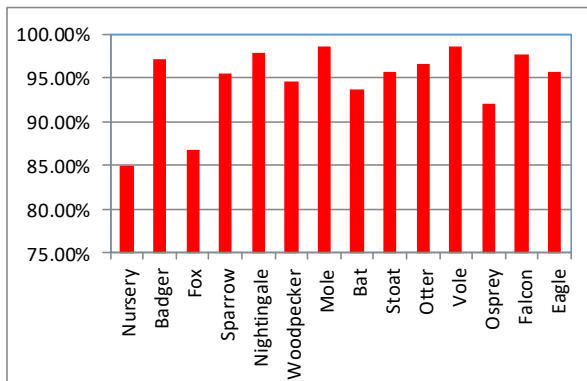
King - Aker

Queen - Amelia

Fox Class:

King - Ashal

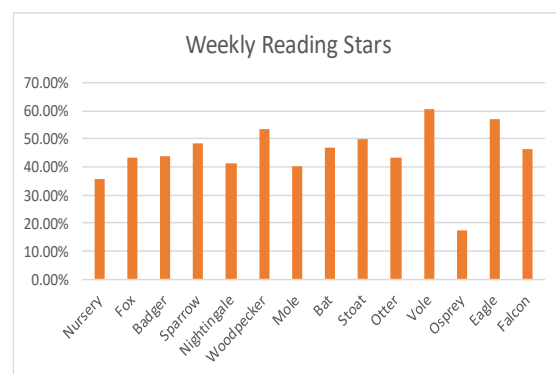
Queen - Fajr



**Attendance** – Winners of the attendance cup for week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October are:

KS1: Mole – 98.6%

KS2: Vole – 98.6%



**Reading Stars** – Winners for week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October are Vole with 60.71%

**TT Rockstars** – Falcon class are winners this week. Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Santino (Y6), Jack (Y4) and Harry (Y6).

**Numbots** – Nightingale class are winners this week. Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most correct answers are James (Y2) Siyan (Y1) and Laila (Y1).

- Rebecca (Y1), Darcy (Y2) achieved the Iron level
- Shreeya (Y2), Zainab (Y2), Laila (Y1) achieved the Chrome level
- Keith (Y1), Freddie (Y1) achieved the Rust level
- Jack (Y2) achieved the Tungsten level

Well done everyone!

**Gugafit** – Eagle class are winners for week commencing 18th October.

**House points** – 1<sup>st</sup> Willow (630), 2<sup>nd</sup> Beech (417), 3<sup>rd</sup> Chestnut (305), 4<sup>th</sup> Pine (193).

## Springfield Eco Representatives

The eco representatives have been busy completing an environmental review as part of their first project this term. Completing the review is a process of examining Springfield school's environmental impacts in order to identify targets for actions across the school year.

The children looked at many things around the school, some of these included, checking lights were off in unused areas, seeing whether computers were in energy saving mode when not in use and whether there was an up-to-date eco board that could communicate the current projects the eco team were undertaking around the school. The team were pleased with the results of the audit, however had many ideas as to how the school could lessen its environmental impact through projects that could be run throughout the year.

The next step is to create their action plan based upon this and launch their first project for the Autumn term 'Switch off Fortnight'. The representatives look forward to making some great changes to make our school a more eco-friendly place.



## Pastoral

ThinkUknow.co.uk have launched a new campaign #AskTheAwkward with a range of resources available to support parents in having those awkward conversations with their children regarding online usage and online safety.

The campaign aims to help parents have regular conversations with their child about online relationships and the do's and don'ts regarding safe behaviour online. Attached to the newsletter are some helpful resources available for parents these are also available along with videos to support at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ask-the-awkward/>



## Diwali

Diwali is a festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists, notably Newar Buddhists. The festival usually lasts five days and is celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar month Kartika.

Some of our children in Reception celebrated by dressing in sari's.



# Know Your Governors

## **Know your Governors-Part 4**

This week we look at the responsibilities of the School Standards Board (SSB) in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

The SSB has a strategic leadership responsibility for the school's safeguarding arrangements and must ensure that the school complies with its duties under legislation.

The SSB ensures that policies, procedures and training in school are effective and comply with the law at all times. This includes the safeguarding and child protection policy, which describes procedures in accordance with government guidance and can be found on the school website in the policies section. **The SSB has appointed its Vice-Chair Philippa Studd, as Safeguarding lead to monitor the effectiveness of this policy in conjunction with the full SSB.**

All members of the SSB have undertaken safeguarding training so that we all possess the knowledge and information needed to perform our roles effectively, understand our responsibilities and assure ourselves that the school's safeguarding arrangements are robust.

Now continuing with our profiles of individual SSB members, this week features Rachel Clement.

### **My role on the SSB**

My role is that of a community governor and my specific responsibility is Early Years.

### **Why I wanted to become a governor**

I have worked with Springfield previously when involved in school reviews. I particularly liked the community feel of the school and want to continue to help it grow from strength to strength.

### **My Skills and Experience**

I have been teaching since 1996 and am now an Assistant Head Teacher in a 4-form primary in Surrey. I am a Specialist Leader of Education (SLE) in Early Years.

### **My Hobbies**

I just love reading, particularly thrillers. I enjoy walking my dogs.

### **Favourite TV programme**

Netflix thrillers- I love a good Scandinavian one.



### **Favourite Book**

My favourite book must be a children's book 'The Farthest Away Mountain', by Lynn Reid Banks. I think it is out of print now!

### **About me**

I have 3 children. A son at Oxford University, a daughter at Kingston College and a foster son who has lived with us for a year.

### **Interesting Fact About Me**

I was on 'Anthea Turner's Perfect Housewife' tv show. (For not being a perfect housewife!)