

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following from my letters this week, **cases of Covid-19 are fluctuating**. We have implemented two sets of contingency measures and review these daily. At present we are intending to go forward with the following Christmas events, but due to the unpredictable nature of patterns in cases, if infection rates increase, we may have to cancel events at short notice. We are trying to carefully balance the learning and welfare needs of children, in the context of keeping all as safe in the community as we reasonably can and within this, I am sincerely grateful for your understanding and support.

Christmas events:

2nd December - PTA Christmas Fair with Father Christmas (children only)

3rd December - PTA Christmas Fair with Father Christmas (children only)

8th December - 9.30am Reception and 2.30pm Year 1 Christmas performances (2 adults per child only)

9th December - 9.30am Year 1 and 2.30pm Reception Christmas performances (2 adults per child only)

10th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch

14th December - 9.30am and 2.30pm Year 2 Christmas performances (2 adults per child only)

15th December - PTA Christmas Pantomime (virtual)

Nursery Christmas craft and song event: Hedgehogs and Squirrels - 10:30am, Squirrels and Owls - 1:30pm

16th December - KS2 Christmas Carol Service (children only)

17th December - Christmas House Quiz and class Christmas parties

***Parents with children below school age can come to the Christmas events and do not require a ticket.**

The last 20 months have been incredibly challenging for families and we want to get the balance right in school so that children continue to learn, develop good emotional wellbeing and have a childhood that bears as much resemblance to pre-Covid times, as we reasonably can. In order to achieve this, thank-you for your support in adhering to **school guidance on health and safety practice**, including **seeking Covid tests, lining up at the end of the day if collecting from the main entrance and keeping a safe distance from others, where this is possible to do so**. As we proceed through the coming weeks, I will provide regular updates, so that you feel fully informed of any adjustments within school.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 29th November

Year 6 Hands on Science Workshop

Monday 29th November – Friday 3rd December

Book Fair

Wednesday 1st December

9.30am – Open Morning

Thursday 2nd December

3.00pm, Badger Class Family Learning

Thursday 2nd December

Children's Christmas Fair KS1

Friday 3rd December

Children's Christmas Fair KS2

Friday 3rd December

9.00am Pastoral Coffee Morning

3.00pm Fox Class Family Learning

Monday 6th December

2.00pm - Year 3 Family Learning

Thursday 9th December

9.30am – Open Morning

Poppy Appeal

Thank-you very much for your donations, we collected **£222.68** for the poppy appeal.



English at Springfield

Book Fair

On Monday, we will be selling books from the Scholastic Book Fair. During this time, the books will be available between 8:30-8:50am and 3:10-3:30pm outside the front of school. If you are interested in offering Mr Baker some support either before or after school, please do let him know. This year Scholastic have agreed if we make over £300, they will give us 25% of sales to spend on new books for classrooms. Attached to this newsletter provides further information regarding the Book Fair.

Maths

Why are fractions so important in your life anyway?

The question on the mind of many students, is why do I need fractions anyway? Is it really that important?

Fractions are a very important part of maths. Just think of how many times a day you have to assess a situation, divide up a workload, drive a car or even plan a meal. When you work you have to be able to give clear concise instructions. If you are planning to become an architect, medical doctor or any position in a technical field, you will need certain skills like fractions to be able to do a precise calculation. The lives of people are dependent upon exact calculations.

Think of a house without a foundation. It will be built on the sand or rubble and when the storms come, your house will be wet and damp. The floor will be muddy and you will most probably get very sick, and at some point your house will collapse.

Fractions are like that foundation. It's a much needed part to keep up the walls later on. Without the knowledge of fractions you will not be able to do algebra. Each part of maths is building on the previous part.

Tests consist of a huge part of fractions and even in real life you use them. When dividing a pizza or meal into squares or when you want to divide up a space. Whatever the need for division, without the knowledge of fractions you won't be able to do it.

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

1 st December	6 th January
9 th December	11 th January
14 th December	
19 th December	

Please email your attendance

Email: info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk

website: www.springfieldsch.org

Home Learning

This half-term, Osprey Class have been learning all about the Solar System through their fascinating topic, 'Stargazers'. Some of the children have been incredibly busy at home creating some amazing models of the Solar System. These are outstanding examples of home learning - well done to all of you! Well-done to Sidney, Aston, Louie and Archie.



Awards

This week's **Lead Learners** were celebrated today, the focus being 'Leading a fit and healthy lifestyle':

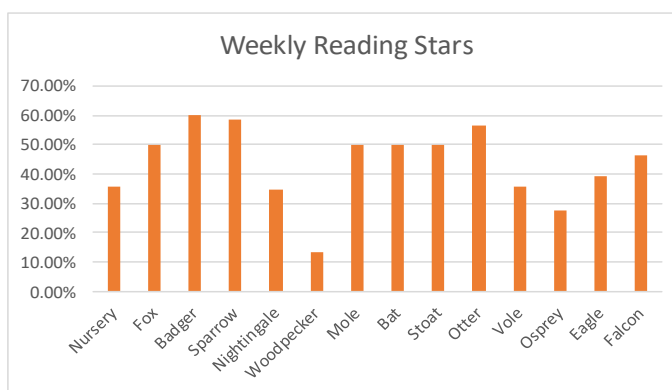
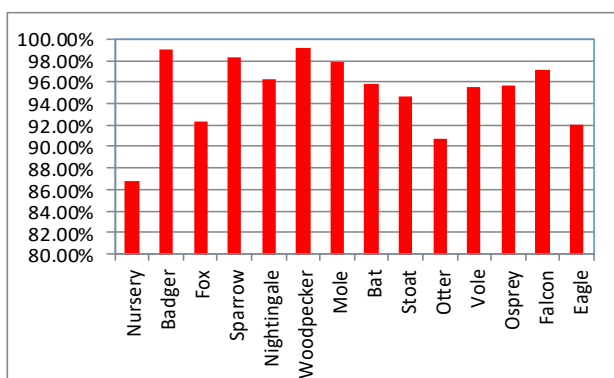
Sparrow	- Rusty	Stoat	- Archie
Nightingale	- Yasmin	Otter	- Noah
Woodpecker	- Freddie	Vole	- Ethan
Mole	- George	Osprey	- JohnPaul
Bat	- Alfie	Eagle	- Liam
		Falcon	- Arthur

This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus being 'Trying to solve problems':

Sparrow	- Katrin	Stoat	- Matthew
Nightingale	- Xaphiae	Otter	- Lexi
Woodpecker	- Carson	Vole	- Amelia
Mole	- Neel	Osprey	- Preston
Bat	- Jovi	Eagle	- Oliver
		Falcon	- William

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

Badger Class:	Fox Class:
King - Blake	King - David
Queen - Sherlyse	Queen - Broguen-Lilly



Attendance – Winners of the attendance cup for week commencing 15th November are:

KS1:	Woodpecker – 99.2%
KS2:	Falcon – 97.2

Reading Stars – Winners for week commencing 15th November are Badger with 60%

TT Rockstars – Bat class are winners this week. Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Albie (Y6), Jessica (Y4) and Max (Y6).

Numbots – Nightingale class are winners this week. Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most correct answers are Quinn (Y1), Siyan (Y1) and India (Y1).

- Janvika (Y2) achieved the Bronze level
- Cole (Y1), Ethan (Y1) achieved the Tin level
- Krish (Y2) achieved the Aluminium level
- Maelys (Y1) achieved the Brass level
- Adam (Y1) achieved the Rust level
- Adam (Y1) achieved the Iron level

Well done everyone!

Gugafit – Osprey class are winners for week commencing 15th November.

House points – Beech (227), Willow (228), Chestnut (227), Pine (168).

Pastoral

It is almost hard to believe that it is December next week and that we are so close to Christmas. Excitement is building amongst the children in school, Christmas songs and adverts are playing on the radio, television and in stores, and everyone is hoping that this Christmas will bring some much needed joy and cheer to everyone after a very challenging year.

However, alongside the anticipation and excitement, we know that the approach of the festive period can bring some increased pressures and anxieties for our families which have been increased through the impact of the pandemic. The inevitable Christmas lists, the must-have toys, people sharing photos on social media of their perfect trees and piles of presents and the hope to "make up" for the Christmas "lost" due to the 2020 lockdown can create high expectations, which many of us will struggle to fulfil. In addition, many of our families are facing the first Christmas following a sad change in circumstances - the first Christmas without a loved family member, the first Christmas since the loss of employment, the loss of a home, the break-up of a family, and we know that this is causing some families within our school community to feel quite anxious and apprehensive about how this will affect their children's enjoyment of the season, and how they will manage to capture a sense of enjoyment, anticipation and hope when they themselves are feeling very differently.

If you are finding yourself in financial difficulty in the run up to Christmas, please do reach out to the Pastoral Team. We can offer support in the form of referrals to foodbanks and agencies that can offer financial support and advice. In addition, Surplus to Supper, the agency which delivers surplus food to the school each Tuesday has several other opportunities for families to access their services - including their surplus shop which is open each Saturday and Sunday from 11.30am – 1.00pm at Sunbury Cricket Club. They also have a seasonal shopping event at the cricket club on Thursday 2nd December from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Whilst the emotional and financial pressure can feel huge at Christmas, there are lots of simple things you can do to create special memories for you and your children which will last long after the wrapping paper has been thrown away and the last chocolate has been eaten. Here are some of our favourite ideas:

- Make homemade Christmas cards and decorations. There are lots of simple ideas on Pinterest.
- Have a walk around your local area to see the houses that have been decorated with lights. Maybe have a vote for your favourite.
- Make your own Christmas wrapping paper using plain paper decorated with your children's drawings or cut Christmas stamps from potatoes to dip in paint.
- Watch Christmas films with hot chocolate and marshmallows.
- Attend some of the free Christmas events that have been organised by local businesses, churches and communities - check out local Facebook pages and notice boards for more details.
- Start your own family traditions - for example, everyone has to wear something red on Christmas Eve; reading a seasonal story at bedtime each night in the week before Christmas, learning some festive songs and having your own carol service.
- Bake cookies and cakes and decorate them together.

If you need any support for your family, please do contact the Pastoral Team via the school office.

Know Your Governor

Know your Governors-Part 6

This week we look at the responsibilities of the School Standards Board (SSB) in relation to children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

All boards have legal duties in relation to pupils with SEND which are set out in the Children and Families Act 2014 and statutory guidance on the SEND code of practice, jointly published by the department and the Department of Health. The school's policy for SEND is available on the website in the policies section.

The SSB met last week and one of the items on the agenda was a presentation by Springfield's SENCo, Miss Croft, about the provision for those children with SEND. Information was shared and discussed regarding how the school works together with children and their families to identify and support those pupils with additional needs.

Lisa Griffiths, who is the Link Governor for SEND, recently visited school and spent an afternoon in The Hive, which offers children opportunities to learn in a smaller, nurturing setting. Lisa had a wonderful afternoon joining in with the learning activities and finding out about the provision. The children were engaged in their learning and spoke with great positivity about their experience of The Hive.

We complete our series of individual profiles with Ruth Harrison, Clerk to the SSB.

My role with the SSB

In my role as Clerk, I am responsible for advising the governing body on constitutional and procedural matters duties and powers within the current legislative framework. The clerk also provides administrative support in the setting of meeting agenda and minutes.

My Skills and Experience

My career prior to children was in education as an Operations Manager for a large awarding body. Since my children started school I have moved into clerking for a number of local primary schools.

My Hobbies

I enjoy walking and running. I have an allotment and am passionate about cooking food from scratch. I have a dog, cat and two kittens.



Favourite Book

I love maps. I have a large collection of OS maps and a full set of Wainwright walking books. The most recent booked I have enjoyed is 'A Man Called Ove.'

Favourite TV programme

The Great British Bake Off

Interesting Fact About Me

I've been on TV 3 times! Twice as a child with my school, and once on Sky News on A-level results day in my previous workplace.

About me

I was brought up in the Lake District and spend many holidays there. After studying for a degree in Geography from Sheffield University I moved south where I now live with my husband and two children.

PTA

Upcoming PTA Events

Information has been sent out about events that the PTA has arranged for the children to support their fundraising for the school. Below are the links to book a place for your child on these events.

In-school PTA Christmas Fair and Santa's Grotto

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springfield-school-pta>

Christmas Baubles - £4.00

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springfield-school-pta/t-joyvz/>

Virtual Christmas Panto - £3.00

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springfield-school-pta/t-myprxx>

Children who have not been booked onto these events will not be able to attend these.

The PTA are also holding a virtual raffle with some fantastic prizes to be won. Tickets cost £1.00 each. To book your tickets please use the following link:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springfield-school-pta/t-vraqlr>

Young Writers

A huge congratulations to Dominic in Year 3 who was picked as a winner for the Young Writers competition. He was a winner of the Poetry Safari 2021 (summer term). This is an amazing achievement and he was picked from out of 5,000 entries!

