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Primary School

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week all **extra-curricular clubs and boosters classes** have resumed. They form a key part of the school's **broad and balanced curriculum**, enabling children to have opportunities to learn in different ways. In visiting clubs this week, it was a pleasure to see pupils **constructing bridges, making bird feeders, performing stories** and much more.

Developing the school's commitment to improving how we become more **environmentally friendly**, has been a significant priority for us. In this, the work of the **pupil group, the Eco Representatives**, has been excellent and this showcased in this week's **class assembly led by Stoa Class**. They reminded us of the importance of looking after our world through some thought provoking research, drama and song; well-done children for an impressive performance!

The school continues to develop **partnerships with local community businesses**, as part of widening the curriculum offer for children. In this, the school would like to extend sincere thanks to **Kingston Technology** for their support in eco projects, helping to **plant our new orchard in the Burrow and subsidising sport kit and reading books**. All have served to make a very positive difference in school.

This year we are undertaking a **review of the Uniform Policy** to ensure it provides value for money for families. The draft policy will be shared with you, for your feedback this term. The new policy will come into effect from 1st September 2022. We are mindful of the cost of uniform, seeking to keep this as low as reasonably possible and so this work is in-conjunction with the **monthly free uniform stand and financial support in subsidising uniform**.

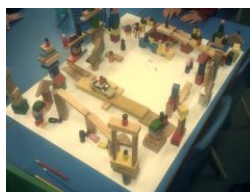
With thoughts of September 2022 very much in our sights, we are **introducing Nursery Open Mornings** this year for families seeking a place for the next academic year. The first **Open Morning, takes place on Tuesday, 18th January at 9.30am**. Please make contact with the office if you would like to attend. All dates for further Open Mornings can be found on the school website.

Tomorrow, **15th January is the deadline for Reception admissions for September 2022**. Please do apply via the Surrey Admissions portal if you are seeking a place:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins,
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Monday 17th January
R.E. Day

Thursday 20th January
9:30am – Parent Forum

Monday 24th January
Coffee morning with the
Pastoral Team

**Monday 31st January – 2nd
February**
Year 5 residential to Burwell
House

Monday 31st January
Year R Fox Class Phonics
Family Learning – 3.00pm

Tuesday 1st February
Year R Badger Class Phonics
Family Learning – 3.00pm

Thursday 3rd February
Year 3 Bat Class assembly –
9.10am

Thursday 3rd February
Thrive Wellbeing Workshop

Tuesday 8th February
Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 8th February
Year 4 Family Learning –
2.00pm

Half-term:
Monday 14th to Friday 19th
February

English at Springfield

If every child donated a book of their choice when it was their birthday, most classes would end up with 30 new books for their class. This would give your child a further 29 different books that they could enjoy reading either in class or at home. In line with trying to promote a healthy lifestyle for our children, we would like to encourage each child to bring in one book for their class rather than sweets if it is their birthday. One book can potentially be at a cheaper cost than a tub of 30 sweets.



Maths at Springfield

What is mental maths?

Mental maths is the ability to work out calculations of all sorts in your head (not just addition sums). It means being able to give an answer to a question without having to write down every step of the calculation, although making the odd note is acceptable.

Good mental maths skills in primary school generally show that a child has grasped what numbers represent, can spot patterns, and has developed excellent fluency and recall.

What are mental strategies in maths?

Mental strategies in maths are accepted ways of working maths out in your head that help us to take shortcuts and get to the correct answer in an efficient way.

Why are mental maths strategies important?

Mental strategies are the foundations for most of the areas of mathematics that use numbers. Without efficient mental strategies, children can often struggle to quickly and fluently calculate. It is also worth noting that mental strategies are also the foundation of any written or formal method in mathematics. Added to this, it is one of the factors that the national assessments are trying to assess. So please ask your children about their number bonds to 10, 20, 50 and 100, depending on the school year and for Key Stage 2 children, please ask your child some times table questions.



Awards

This week's **Lead Learners** were celebrated today, the focus being 'Transferring skills to other subjects':

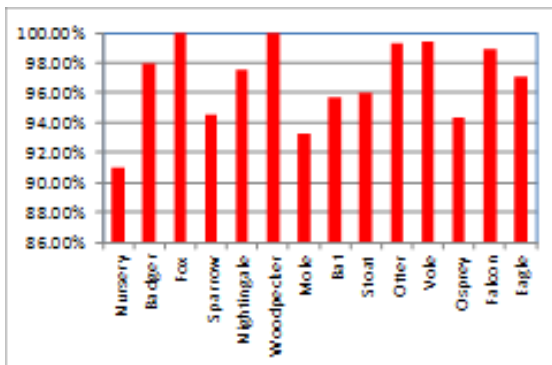
Sparrow	- Nellie	Stoat	- Zayd
Nightingale	- Neil	Otter	- Amber
Woodpecker	- Krish	Vole	- Angel
Mole	- Star	Osprey	- Louie
Bat	- Phoebe	Eagle	- Peter
		Falcon	- Toby

This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus was 'Staying motivated when faced with a challenge':

Sparrow	- Adam	Stoat	- Matthew
Nightingale	- Rebecca	Otter	- Keira
Woodpecker	- Logan	Vole	- Chloe
Mole	- Macsen	Osprey	- Leah
Bat	- Lettie	Eagle	- Vinny
		Falcon	- Jack

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

Badger Class:	Fox Class:	Nursery Hedgehogs:	Nursery Squirrels:	Nursery Owls:
King - Kyle	King - Gabi	Queen - Lotti	King - Matei	King - Jesse
Queen - Katie	Queen - Adelina	Queen - Seren	Queen - Elena	Queen - Kelly



Attendance – Winners of the attendance cup for the week commencing Wednesday 5th January are:

EYFS/KS1: Fox and Woodpecker – 100% each

KS2: Vole – 99.4%

TT Rockstars – Stoat Class and Mole Class are our TT Rockstars winners this week. Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Jack (Y4), Jessica (Y4) and Dominic (Y3).

Numbots – Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most correct answers are India (Y1), Maelys (Y1) and Ethan (Y1).

- Keith (Y1) achieved the Iron level
- Pete-Junior (Y2) achieved Iron level
- Elliot (Y2) achieved Tin and Brass levels
- Zainab (Y2) achieved Glass level

Well-done everyone!

Gugafit winners – Eagle Class are this week's winners.

Housepoint winners – Willow – 65, Beech – 57, Pine – 45 and Chestnut - 40

The focus for Lead Learner next week is, **for explaining their reasoning clearly.**

The focus for Super Citizen next week is, **working well with a partner or group.**

Forest School

Year 4 children have been having fun and learning about how to create art from natural resources during their first Forest School session. They initially looked at the types of natural resources, which could be found in this type of environment. Then the children thought about the different types of artworks that could be created using them. Later in the session, they learned how to safely use palm drills to drill holes into pieces of wood and use sticks to help thread different coloured wool to make symmetrical patterns. Many children commented on how much fun they had using these tools and loved the fact that they were creating some great looking artwork with materials found naturally. Throughout the session, the children developed their team working skills and should feel immensely proud of the work they produced.



Eco-Gardening Club

The Eco-Gardening club has been busy making bird feeders for the winter period in their after school club. Each class will be gifted one, to place in an area outside the school two weeks before the school takes part in the Big Garden Birdwatch 2022. Children from across the school will be using binoculars and the indoor conservatory to survey the birds visiting the courtyard area of the school week beginning 7th February. They will then upload the results as part of the campaign. Teachers and children are excited about this great opportunity to support wildlife throughout the school grounds and see just what types of birds visit our outside areas.



Open Mornings

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

Nursery Open Mornings
9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 18th January
Thursday 27th January
Friday 11th February
Thursday 24th February
Tuesday 8th March
Thursday 24th March

Please email your attendance

Email: info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk

website: www.springfieldsch.org