

# Springfield Newsletter

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## A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a good break over the Easter period.

Children have returned **refreshed and ready to learn** and this has been in evidence this week, with pupils in **Year 2 planting the beans from their science experiments** in the allotment, **Year 6 drafting some impressive creative writing diaries** and **children in the Nursery demonstrating excellent learning in phonics**.

Pupils in **Year 5 and 6 competed in the dodgeball county finals** on Thursday and in this we are incredibly proud of their achievements, **securing the overall winning position**. This now takes the team to the **Nationals in June**; well-done to all for this exceptional sporting achievement!



On Tuesday, it was **primary school offer day**. In this I am pleased to let families know that we **exceeded applications numbers for the fourth year running, including the highest level of first preferences**. Now, as the summer term begins, induction events commence, we welcome our new families to the school community.

Just before the Easter break, the government released the White Paper, *Opportunity for All: Strong Schools with Great Teachers for your Child*. Within this there was a strong emphasis on the **critical role 100% attendance in school plays in pupils' well-being and learning**. Please could I ask for your support in **refraining from taking children out of school for events and/holidays**. In going forward the DfE have removed the school's coding for Covid-19 as a separate absence category and so all Covid-related illness will be recorded as general sickness. Against the back-drop of the pandemic, we are still working hard to ensure **lost learning is addressed and this becomes significantly more difficult when pupils are not in school**.

Thank-you to all who have come forward to **volunteer to listen to readers in school**. If you are able to afford time to contribute in this way, we would be incredibly grateful as it does have a significant, positive impact on the development of children's early reading - please do speak with Mr Baker if you would like to become involved.

I wish everyone a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 4 Family Learning, 2pm

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Bank Holiday (school closed)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Hedgehogs and Squirrels  
Phonics Learning Afternoon,  
1.30pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Year R (Fox) Phonics Family  
Learning, 3.00pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Owls and Squirrels Phonics  
Learning Afternoon, 1.30pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Year R (Badger) Phonics  
Family Learning, 3.00pm



### PTA Dates

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

School Disco

## 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, we are delighted that we have got parents who are trained and currently reading with pupils in our school. If you would also like to become a parent reader could you please complete the form on the letter you have received in your child's book bag and return it to the school office.



## Maths at Springfield

### Supporting children with their understanding of shape and space.

You can support your child's learning by helping them to describe shapes in terms of properties, such as:

- the number of sides/edges
- the number of faces
- the number of vertices/corners
- types of angles within shapes
- lines of symmetry (if any)

Encourage them to use specific mathematical language such as diagonal, vertical, horizontal, and parallel too.

Ask your child to draw different types of 2D shapes such as triangles (for example, isosceles, equilateral, and scalene) and quadrilaterals (for example, parallelogram, rhombus, and trapezium). To up the challenge, why not specify dimensions such as length of the sides or size of the angles? Choose a number between 3 and 10 and ask your child to draw as many polygons as they can with a particular number of sides.

Ask your child to describe the polygons they have drawn. What is the same about the shapes? What is different? What are the names of the shapes you have drawn? Is this shape regular or irregular? What do you know about the angles in your shapes?

Children often love learning about shape and space, especially if they get the chance to draw the shapes themselves.



## Awards

This week's **Lead Learners** were celebrated today, the focus being **'effective communication'**:

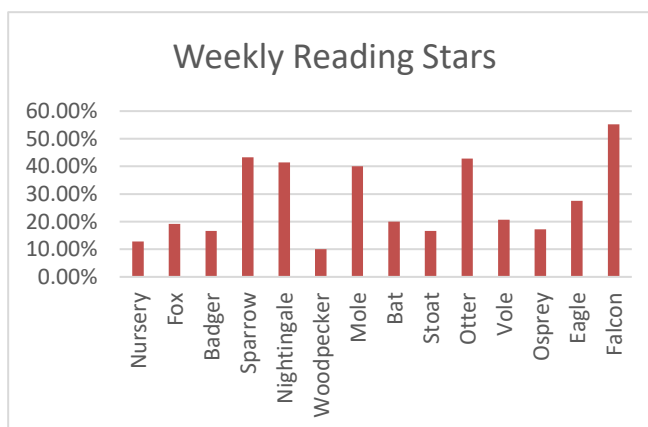
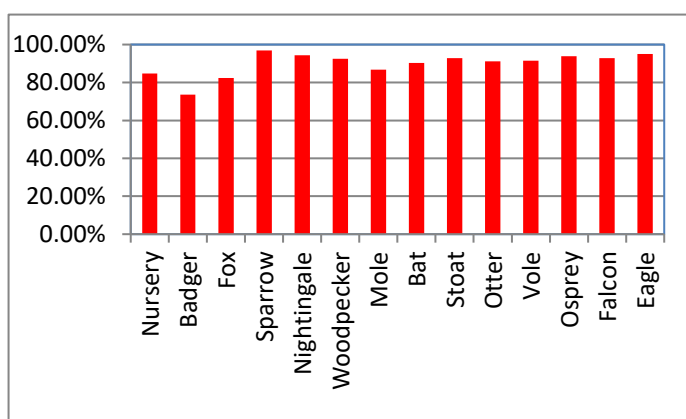
Sparrow	- Olivia	Stoat	- Leo
Nightingale	- Theia	Otter	- Miley
Woodpecker	- Bahadir	Vole	- Victoria
Mole	- Jacob	Osprey	- Lily
Bat	- Jovi	Eagle	- Reina
		Falcon	- Finley

This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus was **'knowing how to make friends'**:

Sparrow	- Eileen	Stoat	- Oliver
Nightingale	- Cameron	Otter	- Paige
Woodpecker	- Elizabeth	Vole	- Ethan
Mole	- Penelope	Osprey	- Archie
Bat	- Poppy	Eagle	- Harry
		Falcon	- Jason

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

Badger Class:	Fox Class:	Nursery
King - Frankie	King - Iyanu	King - Harvey W-S
Queen - Ella	Queen - Yuugesh	Queen - Millie.S



**Attendance** – Winners of the attendance cup for the week commencing 28th March are:

**EYFS/KS1:** Sparrow – 96.9%

**KS2:** Eagle – 95%

**Reading Raffle:**

The winners of the reading raffle week commencing 28th March are Falcon Class with 55.17%

**TT Rockstars** – Vole Class are our TT Rockstars winners this week. Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Lucas (Y4), Dominic (Y3) and Luke (Y3).

**Numbots** – Mole Class are our Numbots winners this week. Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most correct answers are Charlotte (Y2), James (Y2), Isabella (Y1)

- Charlotte achieved Steel level
- Tilly achieved Iron level
- India achieved Brass level
- Zainab achieved Tungsten level

Well-done everyone!

**Gugafit winners** – Osprey Class are winners for week commencing 28th March.

**Housepoint winners** – 1st place Willow - 123, 2nd place Pine – 92, 3rd place Chestnut – 88 and 4<sup>th</sup> place Beech - 72

The focus for Lead Learner after half term is, for showing confidence in their learning.

The focus for Super Citizen after half term is, trying to solve friendship issues.

## Sport

Wow, what can I say about these individuals. What an inspiration! Not only did they qualify for the county finals the performances they put in were outstanding. We went to Woking College on the back of a winning streak which goes back to 2017, which is a credit to all the students at Springfield past and present. This is the second time we have managed to win the Surrey Schools Competition and therefore reach the National Finals.

On Wednesday, we were drawn into group A and we played various schools throughout the day knowing the top 2 from each group would advance into the semi-finals. We won our first four games emphatically with the team blowing away the other sides with relative ease. Then a defining moment, we lost, our first game in 5 years. This could have been that moment where we lost our composure and crumbled. Instead, we discussed as a team the importance of resilience and how the best teams in the world react positively to a set back. The response from our pupils was amazing! We were winning the next game 4-0, then it went to 4-4, but our sheer determination ensured we won the next 4 points to finish the game 8-4 winners. The team were delighted to ensure they went onto win from drawing 4-4. It was evident throughout, and the team went from strength to strength, breezing past their next opponents and winning both the semi-final and final with a score line of 10-2 in both. It is fantastic to say we are the Champions of Surrey and we look forward to the National Finals which will take place in Stoke. A huge congratulations to Molly, Ava, Santino, Sidney, Oli and Danas.

To be part of the legacy our children are creating, please sign your child up to our dodgeball clubs which run every Tuesday (Year 1-3) and Wednesday (Year 4-6) morning 8:00am-8:40am.

Mr Cain  
PE Lead

