

Springfield Newsletter

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Term 1, Issue 2

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 16th September

- Harvest Festival
- All clubs start for the term
- Reception children start full time
- Nursery: Squirrels and Hedgehogs – 9.00am-12.30pm (children stay for lunch)

Tuesday 17th September

- Nursery: Squirrels and Hedgehogs – 9.00am-12.30pm (children stay for lunch)
- Year 3 swimming starts

Wednesday 18th September

Nursery:
Squirrels and Hedgehogs – 9.00am- 12.30pm (children stay for lunch)
Owls – 12.30pm-3.00pm

Thursday 19th September

- Nursery: Owls – 9.00am-12.30pm (children stay for lunch)
- Year 1 and 2 Phonics Workshop for Parents – 3.30-4.00pm (Woodpecker Class)

Friday 20th September

- Nursery: Owls – 9.00am-12.30pm (children stay for lunch)
- Open Morning for prospective parents – 9.30-10.30am

School Dinners:

Next week's menu is Week 1 of the Spring/Summer menu.

Meals are to be booked online in advance by no later than Friday lunchtime of preceding week.

A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The positive start of last week has continued into this, with Year 2s relishing the opportunity to be part of the Roald Dahl day, whilst Year 6s visited Walton Fire Station as part of the Junior Citizen Programme. Pupils across every year group have enthusiastically been working very hard completing home-learning, with some very impressive pick and mix projects; well done children!

Next week our Harvest Assembly takes place, with St Saviours in attendance. As part of this, please could all food donations be brought into the main office by Wednesday. All donations will be very gratefully received, supporting our local food bank.

This year we want to develop further community links and as part of this we have developed a partnership with the local charity Baraka. This is a small charity for whom work with schools in Zambia and Laos, helping to build schools, provide resources and sponsor children whilst studying. Through this partnership we have developed a link with Kato School in Zambia. Over the summer we have donated reading books and are looking forward to welcoming a pupil from Kato to meet our children in October. Whilst continuing to support a range of charities, some of our fundraising will support Baraka.



Last year, as admissions closed, we had a record 85% of parents selecting Springfield as their first preference of primary school. This year we want to continue this success, with our next open morning next Friday, 20th September at 9.30-10.30am. If you do know of any families thinking of Springfield for their children, please do let them know of this.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Reading at Springfield

At Springfield Primary School, we would like to achieve a culture of early excellence in reading both in school and at home. Within this section of the newsletter we will put ideas on how you can support your child further at home with reading.

The below link, suggests some excellent questions to use with your children when they are reading different books. Questions are so valuable in improving comprehension and checking that your child understands what they have read. The open questions suggested can bring about excellent conversations between family members and children.

<https://bilingualkidspot.com/2019/02/02/open-ended-questions-preschoolers-kids-improve-comprehension/>



General Information

Dates for your Diary – Please find attached the revised dates for the term. Please note changes to the dates for the Parent Forum meetings. These have had to be changed due to calendar changes.

Clubs – Club letters have been sent home with the children this week. You will have received a letter confirming if you child has secured a place and requesting payment. Payment can be made through the SCOpay portal by Monday 16th September 2019. If you have not received a letter confirming places, your child will have been placed on a waiting list. Payments for clubs run by outside agencies should be paid directly to the provider, not through the school.

Year 5 and 6 Football Clubs – We would like to clarify that the boys have an after school football club this term, with the girls taking part in football during Fun Friday. This will swap after the Christmas holidays with the girls being offered places on the after school club and the boys taking part in Fun Friday.

Lead Learner and Super Citizen

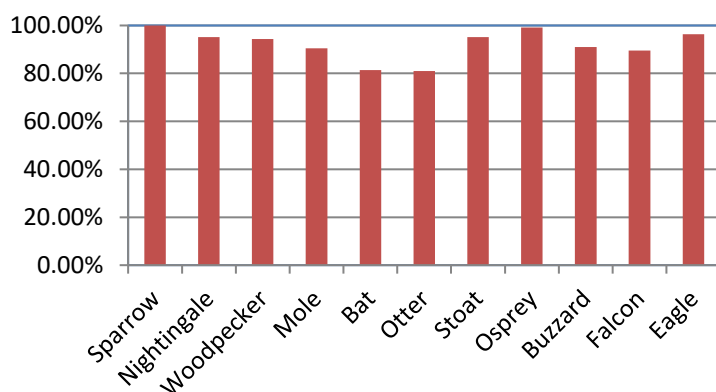
This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'ready to start work':

Sparrow	- Yaasmin	Otter	- George
Nightingale	- Luke	Stoat	- Mylo
Woodpecker	- Charlie	Buzzard	- Harry
Mole	- Emily	Osprey	- Louis
Bat	- Louie	Eagle	- Olivia
		Falcon	- Steven

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'making our school a better place':

Sparrow	- Victor	Otter	- Max
Nightingale	- IreOluwa	Stoat	- Skye
Woodpecker	- Ruby	Buzzard	- Alice
Mole	- Eva	Osprey	- Teddy
Bat	- Maya	Eagle	- Jasleen
		Falcon	- Lydia

Awards



Attendance -

The winners for week ending 6th September are:-

KS1 – Sparrow 100%

KS2 – Osprey 99.1%

Gugafit – Buzzard Class



Roald Dahl

Year 2 had an amazing day on Monday celebrating Roald Dahl's birthday. Our classrooms were turned into Willy Wonka's laboratory. We made some chocolately treats and some fascinating lava lamps...some of these even turned into lava explosions (something the teachers were not quite expecting!). They then created Revolting Recipes for George's Marvellous Medicine, where they enjoyed exploring different textures whilst getting rather mucky!

All the children looked fantastic in their costumes, which really helped them get into character during our workshop. The children were transformed into one of Roald Dahl's characters and got to explore 'Dream Country'. They wowed us with their creativity and acting skills.



Year 6 Junior Citizen Trip

On Tuesday this week, children in Year 6 visited Walton Fire Station to participate in the Junior Citizenship programme.

This involved them interacting in activities such as:

Stranger Danger; fire safety; first aid; healthy eating; waste and the environment; train safety.

Many key life lessons were learnt and the children's behaviour was exemplary.



Home Learning Stars

Year 5 have embraced the topic of pharaohs. Alice created a pyramid made from lego, Alfie made a picture of a pharaoh, Arthur made some Egyptian jewellery and a pyramid.

Year 6 have been learning about World War II and have created some lovely home learning. Megan made some war-time cookies and Tilly and Sarah designed some amazing artwork of the Blitz over London.

Also, Louie made a fantastic mobile robot, Lucas put together some marvellous medicines, Molly and Alexander made some recipes and potions

Well done!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

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Staff and children from our afternoon provision The Hive, will be hosting a whole school "Coffee Morning", on Friday 27th September to raise money Macmilian Cancer Support. Cakes and biscuits will be available for children to purchase in the playground during morning break time, with each item costing 50p. Children are invited to bring in up to £1.00 to purchase items, and gluten-free treats will be available for those children who require them.

If you are able to make or purchase cakes to be used in the sale, we would be grateful to receive these on Thursday 26th September. Please bring any donations to the school office for the attention of "The Hive."

Many thanks,

The Hive Team