



Springfield Newsletter

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 23rd September

Nursery begin full time –
Squirrels and Hedgehogs

Wednesday 25th September

- School Photographer
- Nursery begin full time Owls
- Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents 3.30-4.00pm
- ASD for Parents meeting

Thursday 26th September

- Parent Forum, 9am
- Nursery Parents' Partnership meeting, 6-7pm

Friday 27th September

McMillan Coffee Morning for children (see 13th September Newsletter for details)

Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October

Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight

School Dinners:

Next week's menu is Week 2 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,

With the academic year now in full swing, Year 1 children have been learning about the wonders of space exploration, including picnicking with an alien. Year 6 have been studying WW2 and in this have created some very thought provoking poems from reading Rose Blanche. It has been a delight to see pupils in Reception and the Nursery settling in so well.

For those children wishing to take a role of responsibility in the school, congratulations to all pupils for whom have been appointed as: prefects, sports captains, house captains, Pupil Parliament representatives and Guga Fit leaders. This year, children from Year 5 will have the opportunity to help children in Reception and Year 1 with their reading, as reading buddies. We are incredibly proud of our children for coming forward to help support others and make a real difference; well done to all!

Next Thursday, 26th September, we have our first Parent Forum meeting at 9.00-10.00am. This group of parents meet with the senior leadership team, to discuss a range of ideas to further develop the school. Please see attached the agenda for this meeting. All new members are very warmly welcome.

Recent feedback from parents has expressed a concern regarding the giving of birthday sweets. In the Parent Forum meeting we will discuss alternatives, but if healthy snacks could be provided as a substitute, this would be very much appreciated.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Reading at Springfield

Children from our Year 5 cohort, (Harry, Tilly, Summer, Alice, Sithuki, Albert, Jared, Layla, Arthur, Nya, Caitlin and Zavannah) have received training on how to be an effective reading buddy. In their training they have been taught the importance of helping younger children to decode words and effective questions to use when working with them.

Attached to this newsletter are some useful questions that you can ask your child when you are reading with them at home. Our Year 5 children, are going to work with Reception and Year 1 children once a week and support them with their reading. Throughout the year, we will be looking for further Year 5 children who may be interested in providing this support for our younger children in the school.



General Information

Team GB Olympic Stickers - If you or your friends and family shop at ALDI we are collecting the TEAM GB (Olympics) stickers. We could be in with a chance to win £20,000 for our school.

Clubs – There are spaces still available for the following clubs:

- Cheerleading, Wednesday, Y3-Y6
- 1st Touch Football, Wednesday, Y1-Y3
- Balloon club, Wednesday, Y2-Y6
- Basketball club, Thursday (morning) 7.45am, Y2-Y6 (leaflets being sent home today)

If you are interested in your child signing up to one of these clubs, please contact the school office.

PTA – Please refer to the PTA email that was sent out today.

Lead Learner and Super Citizen

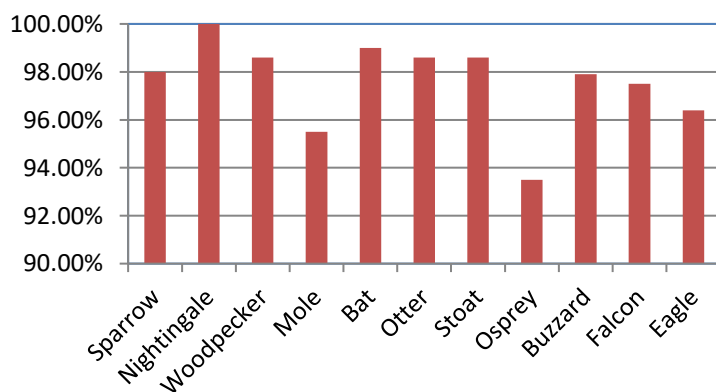
This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'working hard on handwriting skills':

Sparrow	- Faith	Otter	- Jack
Nightingale	- Leo	Stoat	- Liam
Woodpecker	- Angel	Buzzard	- Dolly
Mole	- Miley	Osprey	- Ruby
Bat	- Phoebe	Eagle	- Lexi
		Falcon	- Hope

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'considering other children's rights':

Sparrow	- Matthew	Otter	- Joe
Nightingale	- Leah	Stoat	- Adhriith
Woodpecker	- Bonnie-May Cullis	Buzzard	- Sithuki
Mole	- Sidney	Osprey	- Skye
Bat	- Navraj	Eagle	- Ania
		Falcon	- Evie

Awards



Attendance -

The winners for week ending 13th September are:-

KS1 – Nightingale 100%

KS2 – Bat 99%



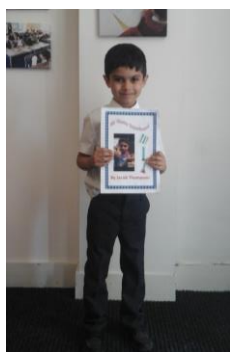
Rigolo

Rigolo is an exciting new course we have purchased to aid us in our teaching of French to children in Years 3-6. It motivates pupils with fun stories, songs and games as well as meeting all of the requirements of the National Curriculum. It is the three-star winner of the Teach Primary Resource Awards 2018. With Rigolo, the children follow the amazing adventures of Jake, Polly and Bof as they discover France through lively interactions and colourful stories.



Home Learning Stars

We have had some amazing home learning this week, in Year 1 Maci created a painting of the solar system and Luke and Alfie made telescopes. Eric from Year 4 conjured up a fantastic potion. Jacob from Year 2 did an incredible slushy experiment. Grace designed an Egyptian model and Sophie designed an Egyptian mask. Well done!



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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 for Macmillan 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