

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

This week has been one of reflection, as we have **celebrated Queen Elizabeth II's values and achievements** in assemblies and PSHE lessons. To **honour the life and legacy of the Queen the school will be closed for a national day of mourning on 19th September**. Within this newsletter, Mrs Standing our Inclusion Assistant has provided guidance on supporting children to manage feelings of loss and there are resources on the school website for families to use at home.

KS1 children took part in **Roald Dahl Day on Tuesday as part of a "wow" curriculum start**, inspiring their early love of reading. It was a pleasure to see pupils so enthusiastic about their favourite Dahl book and their costumes were very impressive! Thank-you to families for supporting this event and to Mr Holton for leading on what was an excellent, inspiring day of learning.



Year 6 have been learning more about WWII and this week took part in a **workshop led by Chertsey Museum** exploring this significant period in world history. Thank-you to Mrs Wilson, Eagle Class teacher for organising this for the children.



Each month the **pupils challenge staff to a sporting event**. These events are **highly competitive, with children showing no leniency in seeking to crush the sporting efforts of staff**. This time was no exception, with Year 4 taking the staff team on at a hotly contested game of basketball; well-done children playing with such determination and skill!

This afternoon, pupils in upper KS2 are taking part in the **Spelthorne 5 football tournament** and we wish them all the very best for the first match of the season.

Thank-you to all families able to attend our first coffee morning of the year and to the PTA for affording time to meet new families.

For families seeking a place at Springfield, we are hosting a series of open mornings. Our next **Open Morning is on 21st September 2022 at 9.30am**. If you know of families seeking a place at Springfield for this year or next, we would be grateful if you could share this information with them – all are very warmly welcome.

Next week our first **Parent Forum takes place on Thursday, 22nd September, at 9.00am as a virtual meeting**. This is an opportunity for families to work with the Senior Leadership Team sharing ideas about best practice within the setting and next steps. If you would like to be part of this group, please email Mrs Jermy, our office manager at info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk. A link will be sent out to families who have registered an interest in advance of the meeting.

I wish all a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 19th September

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, School Closed

Tuesday 20th September

- Year 5 starts swimming
- Year 6 Junior Citizenship Trip

Wednesday 21st September

9.30am Whole school Open Morning

Thursday 22nd September

9.00am Parent Forum

Thursday 22nd September

2.00pm Year 4 Family Learning afternoon

Friday 23rd September

The Fantastic Fred Experience

English at Springfield

Below are some useful questions you can ask your child when reading with them at home:

Reviewing:

Can you tell me what your book is about?

Where is your story set, how do you know?

What characters have you been introduced to so far?

What are the characters like?

Do the different characters all get on?

When they are reading:

What does that word mean? How do you know it means that?

How can you use the rest of the sentence/the next sentence to help you work out the meaning of that word?

What words on this page impress or confuse you?

Can you summarise what you have read so far?

If you were to meet the main character, what would you ask them?

Predicting:

What do you think will happen to the main character?

Why do you think this will happen?

Are there any clues to tell you what will happen next?

Do you think the story will stay in this setting?

Can you find any evidence in the story that shows...?

Maths at Springfield

Subtraction

Subtraction is a process which most children learn quite naturally as soon as they learn to start counting. During the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), it is really important for children to have the chance to work practically with their maths.

An example might be that a child has 10 sweets. They give 3 to their teddy. How many do they have left? What if they gave another to their teddy? What if their teddy had 8 sweets, how many would be left for them?

Later on, when children are confident subtracting practically, they can progress on to number lines or counting back in their heads. When children have understood this, they can begin to learn their subtraction facts and progress on to column subtraction. In Years 4 and 5, they start subtracting decimals.

Knowing your subtraction facts is still a key skill that children need to be able to use in real life maths - you may not always have a pencil and paper to hand to do your column subtraction, but you will always have your subtraction facts!

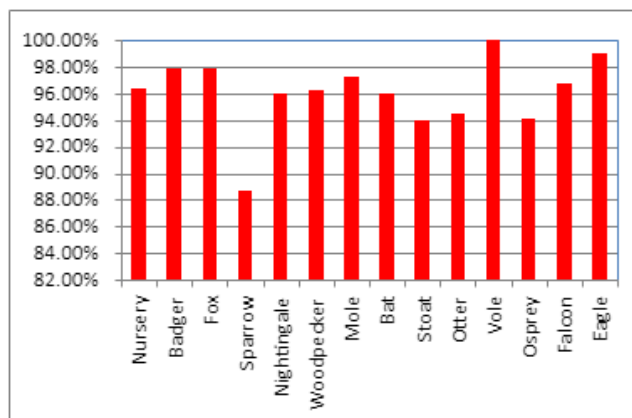
Awards

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

Sparrow - Savannah	Stoat - Pete-Junior
Nightingale - Fia	Otter - Annalise
Woodpecker - Sidney	Vole - Phoebe
Mole - Taya	Osprey - Ishika
Bat - Memhet	Eagle - Phoebe
	Falcon - Albie

This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus was **'Making our school a better place'**:

Sparrow - Kevin	Stoat - Shreeyaa
Nightingale - Katie	Otter - Matthew
Woodpecker - Noah	Vole - Theo
Mole - George	Osprey - Maya
Bat - Star	Eagle - Lily
	Falcon - Emily



Attendance – Winners of the attendance cup for the week commencing 5th September:

EYFS/KS1: Fox and Badger – 97.9%

KS2: Vole – 100%

Housepoint winners – 1st place Beech – 185, 2nd place Chestnut – 150, 3rd place Pine – 148 and 4th place Willow - 70

The focus for Lead Learner after half-term is, Working hard on handwriting skills.

The focus for Super Citizen after half-term is, Considering other children's rights.



Pastoral

Celebrating and remembering Queen Elizabeth.

We have been so sorry to hear about the death of our Queen. For the majority of our school community, she is the only Monarch we have known, and her passing may feel like a significant change. Whether you support the Royal Family or have conflicting feelings around them, a significant passing such as this is likely to be in the news for some time and we are aware that it may cause children to feel worried, ask questions or revisit memories of their bereavements they themselves have experienced.

If your children are asking questions or feeling worried, encourage them to look at the legacy she has left. Focus on how hard she worked, the difference she made, the people she helped, the happy memories she has given people. Watch the Paddington video from the recent Jubilee celebrations, or the James Bond clip from the 2012 Olympics. Talk about how, even though she was a Queen, she clearly had a fun side and enjoyed life. Allow your children to share any memories they may have of her or watch footage of celebrations – such as the Royal Weddings, Jubilee Celebrations – and use them as discussion points.

Allow your children to talk openly and honestly about any feelings they may have and answer any questions factually and truthfully. Validate their feelings, reassure that they are normal and will pass. Do use clear language e.g. die, dead and not phrases such as “gone to sleep” as this can cause confusion, be even more scary and possibly lead to worries and fears at bedtime

If you have any concerns about your children’s emotional wellbeing or require support with bereavement please do contact our Pastoral Team via the school office or at the front of school at the start or end of the day. You can also find more information on supporting your child with bereavement including links to useful websites and resources, on our school website: [Well-being Support for Parents - Springfield Primary School \(springfieldsch.org\)](http://springfieldsch.org)

Link to Paddington clip -  [Ma’amalade sandwich Your Majesty? - YouTube](#)

Link to James Bond clip - [James Bond escorts The Queen to the opening ceremony | London 2012 Olympic Games - BBC - YouTube](#)

Donations

Pre-Christmas clear-out?

We know that many people use the month in the run-up to Christmas to have a sort out of cupboards, identify unwanted toys books and games or other unused items. We would be very grateful to receive donations of any of the following which can be used both within school and on our donation tables:

- Dolls prams.
- Play kitchen items.
- Old pots and pans for use in the mud kitchen.
- Good condition books.
- Packs of loom bands.
- Good condition school uniform and dressing up clothes.

There will be a table for donations placed at the front of school next week for any items you wish to donate.