

Springfield Newsletter

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 7th October

Keeping Children Safe Online parents' information workshop – 3.30pm (childcare provided)

Wednesday 9th October

Year 4 trip to Harry Potter World

Friday 11th October

Friendly Friday for Reception parents – 2.40pm-3.05pm

Thursday 17th October

Thrive@Springfield wellbeing workshops for children Years R-6

Friday 18th October

Friendly Friday for Reception parents – 2.40pm-3.05pm

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,

Our Eco-Pupil Parliament Representatives are on a mission to improve the school's environmental footprint this year. Working with Mr Davies, they have already undertaken a review of the school and are busy creating an action plan to help us think about how we can look after our community, even better. Tom Fiddler, our local councillor, is keen to explore how all schools work together to improve the environment, so watch this space for coming updates...

Well done to Osprey Class for an exceptional class assembly; children spoke with great animation, humour and clarity, providing an impressive performance on the Egyptians.

This week we have explored with the children how we keep ourselves safe and ensure a strong anti-bullying culture within the school. With cyber-bullying, sometimes children know more than the adults, and so the NSPCC parent guide on their website, provides some really useful information on how we can keep the children safe whilst using the internet and what to do if we are worried that they may not be so.

We know our children learn best when they feel: happy, safe and confident in school. To help make sure pupils feel so, we have introduced this year, wellbeing afternoons, as part of the Thrive curriculum, led by Mrs Standing. These afternoons will take place once a half-term, and run alongside the current PSHE programme, assemblies and wellbeing activities, including Wellbeing Week. From the Parent Forum, we discussed sharing resources that are used in school with parents, and so please find attached The Worry Tree, which we sometimes use with children to help them feel less anxious.

Mrs Callcutt (Year 1, Nightingale Class) at the end of this half-term is going on maternity leave to have her second baby. During this time, Miss Ward will be taking on the shared class teacher role with Mrs Griffiths. During the coming weeks, Miss Ward will work with the team, getting to know the children and parents, to ensure a smooth transition, with an opportunity to meet with parents on 24th October at 3.20pm.

After what has been a very damp week, hopefully the weather holds for a good weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Reading at Springfield

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read quickly and skillfully. In school phonics is taught specifically in KS1 but its importance and relevance is still carried across to KS2. Children are taught to:

- recognise the sound that each individual letter represents
- identify the sounds that different combinations of letters represent (e.g. 'ch' or 'ai')
- blend these sounds from left to right to make a word

When reading with your child, identify some key letter groups in the reading material and ask your child to look out for them. Also, help them 'work out' words which can not be blended by looking at the other words in the sentence or at the pictures in the book. Most importantly, make reading fun and enjoyable by choosing reading material that is the right level of difficulty for the reader.



General Information

Internet Safety Talk – On Monday 7th October at 3.30pm there will be a Keeping Children Safe Online parents' information workshop. Due to the sensitive nature of the presentation Springfield children will not be able to accompany you into the workshop, a member of the senior leadership team will look after your child if you are unable to arrange childcare.

Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'creative writing':

Sparrow	- Pesandu	Otter	- Liam
Nightingale	- Sam	Stoat	- Reina
Woodpecker	- Jack	Buzzard	- Sophie
Mole	- Maria	Osprey	- Jared
Bat	- Rhia	Eagle	- Tilly
		Falcon	- Sienna

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'working well with others':

Sparrow	- Phoebe	Otter	- Finley
Nightingale	- Lucas	Stoat	- Alexander
Woodpecker	- Millie-Rose	Buzzard	- Lakshmi
Mole	- William	Osprey	- Lacey
Bat	- Noah	Eagle	- Aadit
		Falcon	- Lara

Reception classes are celebrating King and Queen of the week for each Reception class:

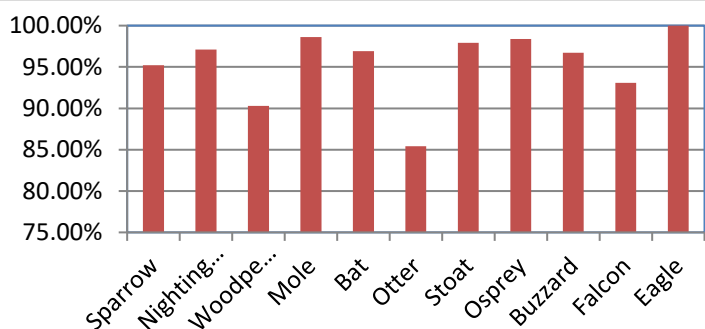
Fox class
King - Carson
Queen - Anvika



Badger class
King - Krish
Queen - Charlotte



Awards



Attendance -

The winners for week ending 27th September are:-

KS1 – Mole 98.6%

KS2 – Eagle 100%



Home Learning Stars

There was some amazing home learning this week. Ishika in Year 2 created a basket made out of bottle tops, in Year 1 Sam created a fantastic telescope and Alfie designed an amazing solar system with a shining sun. Molly from Year 4 put together a write up about her lolly making experiments.

Well done!

