

# Springfield Newsletter

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## Dates for Your Diary

### HALF TERM

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
NSPCC Week

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
Open Morning for  
prospective parents –  
9.30am-10.30am

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
Anti-bullying Week

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
Parents' Evening – 3.45pm-  
6.05pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
Parents' Evening – 4.00pm-  
7.00pm

### School Dinners:

Next week's menu is Week 3  
of the spring/summer menu.

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

**The school lunch menu will  
be changing after half term.  
Please see the new  
autumn/winter menu  
attached.**

**Class assemblies** – Please  
find attached a list of all  
the class assemblies and  
performances for this  
academic year.

## A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

This year one of our chosen charities is a local charity, Baraka for whom help support children in Zambia to receive an education. Baraka work with local communities building schools, improving resources and sponsoring children, to help improve the quality of life in some of the most disadvantaged parts of the country. In this, Springfield has formed a partnership with Kato School in Zambia. As part of this link, Mike a former sponsored pupil who has become a teacher, joined us on Wednesday to learn more about education in the UK and share with us his experiences of life in Zambia. The children were enthralled by the experiences he shared with them, learning an incredible amount about both the differences and similarities between cultures.



Whilst welcoming Mike, on Thursday we were also fortunate to be presented by the Rotary Club with dictionaries for each pupil in Year 5. This year, as you know, one of our key school priorities is in developing excellence in early reading, and so the children were delighted by this very generous donation. From previous years, we know that pupils keep these for years to come.

As part of the school's investment in good mental health, we had our first Thrive workshop this week where children looked at managing 'big feelings' with their class teachers. Information about Thrive and the workshops can be found on the school's website. It was an incredibly successful afternoon where children enjoyed thinking about their feelings and those of others.

Whilst we understand the challenges of local parking, please could cars not be parked across driveways, on grass verges blocking paths and in restricted areas, since this is causing some frustrations with our local residents. Your support in this, is very much appreciated.

After what has been a very damp week, I hope we can have some sunshine over a good weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins,  
Headteacher



## Reading at Springfield

In our school we use the DERIC reading model when teaching whole class reading. This model, gives children a clear focus of the different types of questions that they will be asked during their reading lessons. This whole class shared reading experience focuses on children enjoying and learning about a text or stimulus together. We believe children need to be taught reading skills for life and to be able to comprehend a text by learning retrieval skills, interpreting information and give reasons and justifications to the choice of language and ideas authors use.



## General Information

**School lunch menu** – The school lunch menu will be changing after half term. Please see attached the new school menu.

**Data collection** – Please can you check your contact details are correct through the Parent Lite app. Invitations have been emailed to new users this week. If you are having any problems accessing the app, please speak to a member of the school office. All details must be updated no later than Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**Springfield School Association (PTA)** – On Tuesday evening, the PTA met for their Annual General Meeting (AGM). During this meeting, the new team of members were voted into post. The members who were voted into post are as follows:

Chair – Bipan Sharma	Vice Chair – Rachel Maynard	Treasurer – Julie Borthwick	Secretary – Ruth Mwangi
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*Please see the school office if you have any questions regarding the above positions.*

The school would like to wish Tracy Fraser and Claire Pepperell a huge thank you for all their hard work since taking on their roles as chair and treasurer of the PTA. Both ladies have shown tremendous tenacity and commitment in raising money for the school.

## Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'using fantastic vocabulary':

Sparrow	- Alfie	Otter	- Finley
Nightingale	- Adya	Stoat	- Aiden
Woodpecker	- Joshua	Buzzard	- Grace
Mole	- Elisha	Osprey	- Dylan
Bat	- Blake	Eagle	- Niam
		Falcon	- Reece

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'being polite to adults':

Sparrow	- Haashir	Otter	- Emily
Nightingale	- Emily	Stoat	- Eric
Woodpecker	- Amelia	Buzzard	- Ella
Mole	- Marlie	Osprey	- Andrew
Bat	- Rosie	Eagle	- Sarah
		Falcon	- Isabelle

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

Fox class

King - Jacob B

Queen - Alice



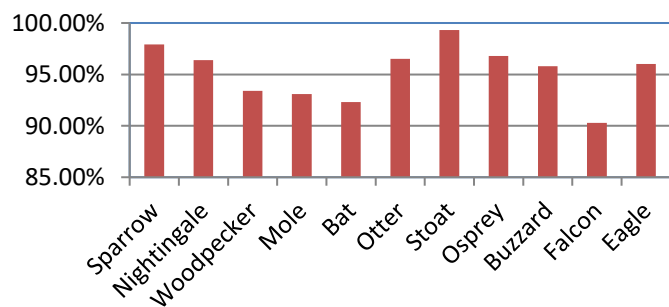
Badger class

King - Callum

Queen - Zoe



## Awards



**Attendance** -

The winners for week ending 11<sup>th</sup> October are:-

KS1 – Sparrow with 97.9%

KS2 – Stoat with 99.3%



House Point Winners – St David

## Home Learning Stars

Year 6 have been learning about World War II, Nadine created a model in relation to this of an explosion of a building. The Year 2 topic is muck, messes and mixtures and Logan from Year 2 created an amazing lava lamp.

Well done!

