

Springfield Newsletter

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Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 19th November

PTA meeting: 7.00pm

Wednesday 20th November

- Year 5 trip to the Science Museum
- KS1 Art Exhibition in the Infant Hall: 3.00-4.30pm

Thursday 21st November

- Parent Forum: 9am
- KS2 Art Exhibition in the Infant Hall: 3.00-4.30pm

Friday 22nd November

INSET DAY – school closed

Thursday 28th November

Bat class assembly (note new date)

Monday 25th to Friday 29th November

Scholastic Book Fair – more information to follow nearer the time

Friday 29th November

Flu Vaccinations
Years R to 6 (complete consents online)

School Dinners:

The menu w/c 18th November is Week 3 of the new Autumn/ Winter 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,

Thank-you to the PTA and all helpers for what was a fantastic, family fireworks evening last Friday evening. It was a pleasure to see so many parents, children and teachers together at this community event. The PTA never rest on their laurels and now are fervently planning the Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December, 5.00-7.00pm. If you are interested in supporting the PTA, please come along to the meeting they are holding at school on Tuesday 19th November, 7:00-8:00pm.

Children this week have been exercising their artistic talents in preparation for the art exhibition. We have such creative talent in the school; well-done children!

Anti-Bullying Week has been led very successfully led by Miss Potter, involving assemblies, workshops and lessons for the children. A culture of kindness, tolerance and respect constitute the Springfield Way and this has been supported by Mrs Fennell's work with the Pupil Parliament on acts of kindness - please see attached the poster and presentation that they created for the school to share and discuss. Pupil Parliament have been exceptional role models this year and are to be congratulated in this impressive work!

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Reading at Springfield

At Springfield Primary School, children begin to develop their inference skills in reading from the end of KS1. These types of questions are typically more challenging and require children to think more carefully about the answer. Inference questions are the types of questions that involve reading between the lines. Students are required to make an educated guess, as the answer will not be stated explicitly. Students must use clues from the text, coupled with their own experiences, to draw a logical conclusion. The teaching of inference skills is extremely important to our students. It is a higher order skill that is essential for students to develop to afford them access to the deepest levels of comprehension. Having a finely tuned ability to infer also has important applications in other subject areas too, particularly math and science.

The following questions can be used to support inference as a comprehension skill with your child at home:

- How did the character feel when...?
- What lessons did the character learn? Use evidence to justify.
- Find evidence in the text that shows...



General Information

Flu Vaccinations – The flu vaccinations will take place on Friday 29th November for Years R to 6. A letter has been emailed to parents this week with the link to complete the consent form online, which includes if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated. Please can these be completed by no later than Thursday 21st November. If these are not completed, your child will not be able to have the flu vaccine in school and you will have to arrange a separate appointment with the immunisation team. The flu vaccination is done annually and consents need to be renewed for each year.

Art Exhibitions – Next week we will be holding an art exhibition, at which you will have the opportunity to purchase your child's mounted and framed art work. The children will be bringing home invitations, which has full information about the exhibition.

- Nursery to Year 2: Wednesday 20th November, 3.00-4.30pm
- Year 3 to Year 6: Thursday 21st November, 3.00-4.30pm

Parent Forum – There will be a Parent Forum meeting at 9.00am on Thursday 21st November. Please find attached the agenda for the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting can be found in the Parent Forum tab under the communications section on the website. If you would like part of the forum, please do come along to share your views in the open forum discussion.

Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'Excellent Spelling':

Sparrow - Leila	Otter - Deandre
Nightingale - Leah	Stoat - Frankie
Woodpecker - Lincoln	Buzzard - Michael
Mole - Ishika	Osprey - Caitlin
Bat - Johnpaul	Eagle - Zak
	Falcon - Ishwar

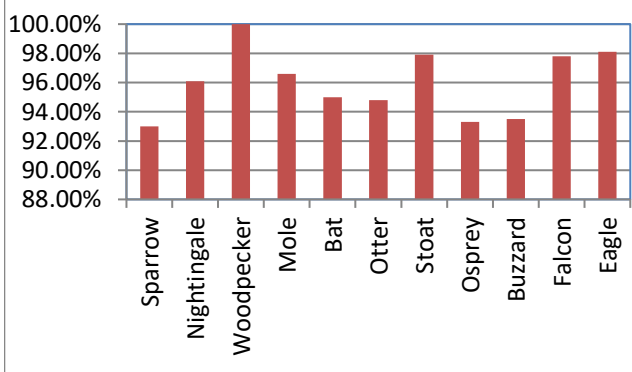
This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'including others in work and play':

Sparrow - Evelyn	Otter - Yohan
Nightingale - Lena	Stoat - Mylo
Woodpecker - Rosie	Buzzard - Meggan
Mole - Elannah	Osprey - Rex
Bat - Rita	Eagle - Gian
	Falcon - Ivan

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

Fox class	Badger class
King - Logan	King - Freddie
Queen - Maddison	Queen - Jolene

Awards



Attendance -

The winners for week ending 8th November are:-
 KS1 – Woodpecker Class with 100%
 KS2 – Eagle Class with 98.1%



House Point Winners – St Patrick (Green)

Home Learning Stars

There has been some amazing home learning this week. Year 1 children are enjoying their topic, 'Splendid Skies' and have produced home learning about different types of weather and the four seasons. Well done Phoebe and Jack. Maya, Marlie and Logan in Year 2 have produced some amazing castles to tie in with their topic, 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. Mylo in Year 4 has created a Viking treasure map. Well done everyone!



PTA News

The PTA would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone for all the support with the firework night last Friday. This is extended to everyone who came along to watch and to those who volunteered their time to help on the night. The feedback we have received has been nothing but positive.

Bipan Sharma and Rachael Maynard (Chair and Vice Chair of Springfield PTA) wish to invite all parents and volunteers to the next PTA meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 19th of November 2019 at 7.00pm at the school.

Amongst the agenda, we would love to hear your ideas that can be used for the Christmas fare this year as well as encouraging more parents to join, grow and follow the PTA. If you are not on the PTA distribution email list, and would like to see a copy of the agenda for this meeting, please email the PTA at the address below and a copy will be sent to you.

All views and voices are welcome and we recognise that not everyone can always make a physical PTA meeting. Please do not let this stop you. Contact Bipan and Rachael today at pta@springfield.surrey.sch.uk and share how you feel we can help grow our school, children and community together.

