



# Springfield Newsletter

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## Dates for Your Diary

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

EExAT workshop for EYFS parents, 3.30pm-4.00pm

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

- Mufti Day for the Bottle Tombola
- KS2 Carol Service for the children
- PTA Christmas Fair 5.00pm-7.00pm

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery and Reception Christmas Production – 9.30am

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- Children's Christmas lunch
- Nursery and Reception Christmas Production – 2.15pm

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day – more information to follow

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 Christmas Performances – 9.30am and 2.15pm

### School Dinners:

The menu w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> December is Week 2 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,

On Thursday, Bat Class delighted all of us in an impressive class assembly about life in Roman times. In Year 5, pupils have been exploring exploding rockets, with all children involved in our second well-being afternoon of the term, about how we look after ourselves and each other.

Thank-you to all parents for whom have supported the Scholastic Book Fair. Mr Baker leads our developing excellence in reading and he was delighted to see so many children excited about what they are going to read.

As the close of the term is in sight, our last tours will finish for prospective parents into Reception classes. In this we have been overwhelmed by attendance to these events, now just less than 175 visitors, since we began open mornings last term. In-year admissions have also significantly risen, with waiting lists for nearly all year groups. In this, I would like to thank parents, staff and children for all working together in making Springfield the exceptional school of local choice; well done everyone!

In most of the weekly newsletters we try and include information regarding keeping children safe, especially online, which I know is a shared concern. Please find attached to this newsletter some useful websites as recommended by Family Links.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins  
Headteacher

## General Information

**Reading at Springfield** - Following on from the newsletter item last week, a big thank you to parents that have donated books for their child's birthday treats.

**Christmas Lunch** – Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If your child would like to have this meal, please make your selection using the online system. Orders need to be made no later than Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### PTA Christmas Fair –

- Please remember to hand in your decorated cups for the Cup Tombola stall by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, children may come to school in MUFTI in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tombola. You can donate anything from a bottle of ketchup to a bottle of wine, the options are limitless (just please remember to check expiry date on the item).

## Reading at Springfield

Higher order thinking is the ability to think beyond memorising facts or knowledge. Higher order thinking skills involve applying the knowledge, finding connections between facts and understanding the material. Benjamin Bloom, an educational psychologist, developed a classification system that defined lower and higher order thinking. This system is known as **Bloom's Taxonomy**. The six levels within the cognitive domain are listed from lower to higher: **knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, evaluation and creating.**

By using higher levels of questioning, students will develop a higher order of thinking. Asking questions before reading can provide an insight of how your child will process the information. Pre-reading questions can assist learners with making connections and generating interest in the story or text. Here are examples of questions for each level:

### Knowledge

Who are the main characters?

What does the main character look like/

### Comprehension

What is the book about?

Which part do you like best? Why?

### Application

Can you think of another story with a similar theme?

Have you had any similar experiences?



### Analysis

How has the author used description to show how the character is feeling?

What evidence can you use to support your view?

### Evaluation

Which story is better? Why?

Which parts of the text could be improved?

### Creating

Using evidence in the text, what do you think about?

If you were the main character, how would you have reacted to this?

## Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'leading a fit and healthy lifestyle':

Sparrow - Aleksander

Nightingale - Emily

Woodpecker - Alexx

Mole - Lucas

Bat - Grace

Otter - Toby

Stoat - Danas

Buzzard - Alice

Osprey - Daniel

Eagle - Henry

Falcon - Muhammed

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'trying to solve problems':

Sparrow - Jamie

Nightingale - Elsie

Woodpecker - Julia

Mole - Dylan

Bat - Maizy-Ann

Otter - George

Stoat - Aiden

Buzzard - Sophie

Osprey - Annie

Eagle - Ania

Falcon - Molly

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

Fox class

King - George M

Queen - Molly



Badger class

King - Lenny

Queen - Janvika

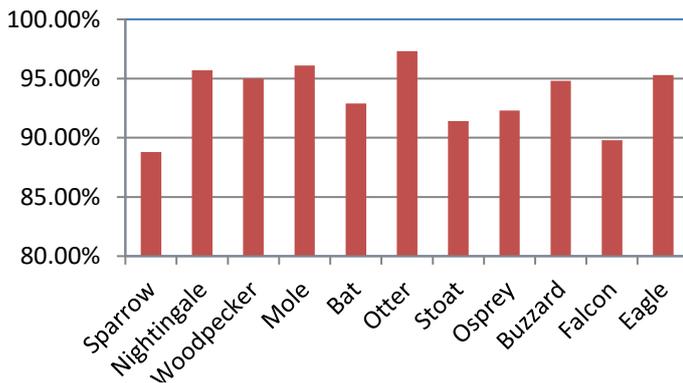


## Home Learning Stars

Year 5 children have brought in some amazing home learning, Edward and Leyton made a solar system model and Joshua researched facts about NASA. In Year 4, we also had some great home learning, Liam made a fantastic Viking ship model and Adhrith made a Viking factsheet. Well done everyone!



## Awards



### Attendance -

The winners for week ending 22nd November are:-

KS1 – Mole Class with 96.1%

KS2 – Otter Class with 97.3%

**House Point Winners:** St David's (yellow)



## Sports News

### Football:

On Thursday 7th November, we welcomed St. Ignatius's Year 5/6 football team for a friendly. This gave a number of keen footballers the opportunity to showcase their skills for this year's football squad. Despite the defeat, there were a lot of positives taken from the game, which the boys will continue to work tirelessly in training in the coming weeks to help improve themselves individually as well as collectively. Well done - Ted, Daniel, Rex, Harry, Joshua, George, Henry, Alfie, Dylan, Zak and Mo.

On Friday 15th November, we welcomed Echleford to Springfield in our first cup game. Despite the last minute defeat in extra time, credit has to go to the boys. This was their first game together and they nailed the formation perfectly. Yes we may lose games but if the same effort is applied to every game I can see more positive results in the future. Well done - Ted, George, Harry, Joshua, Zak, Henry, Dylan and Mo.

### Dodgeball:

On Friday 8th November, we welcomed St. Ignatius again to Springfield, but this time competing in dodgeball. Our school continues to be really competitive in dodgeball and this has continued with the team winning emphatically, winning all games par one to win 8-1 in total. Great credit to all involved - Grace, Abigail, Henry, Mo, etc etc.

### Hockey:

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, our Hockey team entered the Spelthorne Hockey Festival. We arrived at Ashford Hockey club with a group of children who have worked tirelessly in training in the build up to this event and ultimately it paved the way for a successful day. The team lost once all afternoon to finish an overall 3rd! We lost our semi-final on a shootout, then beat Staines Prep in the 3rd place play off to take home the bronze medal. Credit has to go to Mo, Arthur, Jai, Jamie, Megan T, Megan M, Cherry and Alice.