

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It has been an incredibly busy week for the children as they have been making clay hearts in Year 6, producing some impressive home learning in Year 5, watching Beauty and the Beast in EYFS/KS1 and competing at a competitive level in athletics. Each month a sporting staff versus children event takes place and this week pupils in Years 4 and 5 put the teachers to the test with what became a highly competitive match; well-done children!

Mrs Jean Pinkertone OBE, Education Ambassador for Spelthorne Borough Council, has kindly brokered some additional funds for the school to purchase more equipment for the wildlife areas in the school, including: bird boxes, bug hotels and gardening tools. We are incredibly grateful for this donation, which will benefit the children enormously.

It is with great pleasure in letting all know that Mrs Callcutt has had a little baby boy, Thomas; both mother and baby are doing very well. Mrs Newble is expecting in the New Year and her replacement is Miss Howe. Mrs Reynolds will be leaving us at the end of this term, as Mrs Alaei joins us as our new Nursery teacher. There will be opportunities for parents to meet with Mrs Alaei before January, as she is starting a little earlier to get to know all of the children. Mr Buckman after almost 4 years' of service has decided to leave Springfield to pursue other career opportunities. I am sure you will join with me in wishing all our leavers well for the future.

A letter this week came out regarding a new programme starting in January for parents, the Parenting Puzzle, if you would like to find out more information, please do see either Mrs Sheehan or myself.

Thank-you to the PTA for the incredible efforts in clearing the Pavilion at the weekend and for the monumental efforts in preparing for tonight's Christmas Fair, something we are all very much looking forward to.

After such a busy week for all, I wish you a restful weekend.
Mrs Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 10th December
Nursery and Reception
Christmas production –
9.30am

Wednesday 11th December
• Children's Christmas lunch
• Nursery and Reception
Christmas production –
2.15pm

Thursday 12th December
Polling Day – school closed
for children

Friday 13th December
Christmas Jumper Day – more
information to follow

Wednesday 18th December
KS1 Christmas performances
– 9.30am and 2.15pm

Thursday 19th December
Class Christmas parties (see
General Information for more
information)

Friday 20th December
Last day of term – school
finishes at 1.30pm

Monday 6th January
Start of spring term

School Dinners:
The menu w/c 9th December
is Week 3 of the menu.

Please note changes to next week's menu due to the Christmas lunch and Polling Day. The Christmas lunch must be pre-booked and cannot be ordered on the day.

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



Reading at Springfield

Local libraries are a great way to get your child engaged with reading, we have a number of local libraries, which have a wide range of books for children of all ages. Why not visit one of the below libraries and give your child an opportunity to experience an environment that promotes a love of reading.

Sunbury Library: Staines Rd W, Sunbury-on-Thames TW16 7AB



Ashford Library: Church Rd, Shepperton, Ashford TW15 2XB

Shepperton Library: High St, Shepperton TW17 9AU



The Reading Agency are running a 'Winter Mini Challenge' in all libraries.
<https://readingagency.org.uk/children/join-the-winter-mini-challenge.html>

General Information

Christmas Jumper Day – A letter has been sent home with your child today about Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December 2019. Your donations to support this worthwhile charity will be very much appreciated.

Children's Christmas Parties - On Thursday, 19th December at 1.30pm, the children will have their class parties. We are allowing children to come in mufti for the whole day so that they do not have to change in the afternoon. We are happy for your child to come dressed in clothes of their choice, but please make sure they are warm and have sensible footwear. Thank-you. Please can we ask for children to bring in the following food according to their house.

St Andrew's (Blue) - Biscuits (must be nut free, e.g chocolate fingers, party rings)

St George's (Red) - Crisps (e.g. Pringles, Wotsits, salt and vinegar twists)

St Patrick's (Green) – Fruit, cut up (e.g grapes, satsumas, raspberries, strawberries)

St David's (Yellow) - Cakes (must be nut free, e.g fairy cakes, chocolate logs)

If you would prefer to bring soft drinks, you are welcome to. Please ask the class teacher if you are unsure of your child's house.

Polling Day – A reminder that Thursday 12th December is Polling Day for the General Election. There will be no children in school on this day.

Parent Forum/Communications - After discussions in Parent Forum, we will be looking to move our end of week emails to a half termly email identifying useful websites, key information that will be covered and spellings for every week. Before we make this change we would really appreciate some feedback from the wider community. Please share any feedback by sending an email to info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk. The minutes from the last meeting are available to view on the website.

Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'showing good problem solving skills':

Sparrow	- Matthew	Otter	- Logun
Nightingale	- Elsie	Stoat	- Alexander
Woodpecker	- Freddy	Buzzard	- Nya
Mole	- Rajanan	Osprey	- Andrew
Bat	- Sharlene	Eagle	- Aadit
		Falcon	- Bruce

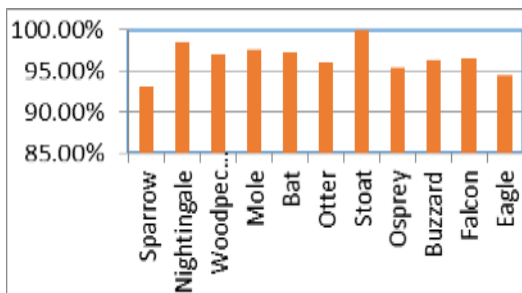
This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'using kind words towards others':

Sparrow	- Molly	Otter	- Lachlan
Nightingale	- Zayd	Stoat	- Megan
Woodpecker	- Ruby	Buzzard	- Lilly-May
Mole	- Ishika	Osprey	- Rex
Bat	- Tom	Eagle	- Olivia
		Falcon	- Louis

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

Fox class		Badger class	
King - Aket		King - Elliot	
Queen - Harper		Queen - Jaime	

Awards



Attendance -

The winners for week ending 29th November are:-

KS1 – Nightingale Class with 98.6%

KS2 – Stoat Class with 100%

House Point Winners: St David (yellow)



Home Learning Stars

Noah created an amazing Lego castle for home learning to tie in with the Year 3 topic, 'Towers, Tunnels & Turrets'.

He is a home learning star this week. Well done!



Sporting News

Girls' Football:

Last Thursday, we welcomed Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School to Springfield for the team's first league fixture. The girls have worked tirelessly during Fun Friday sessions in preparation for this season's fixtures. The girls put in a valiant effort and came away with a 2-1 win. Special thanks to Megan T who pulled off a heroic save to ensure the victory. Well done to Megan T, Lauren B, Abigail C, Grace W, Lakshmi, Cherry, Molly and Rose.



Dodgeball:

On Friday, Riverbridge and Pippins travelled to Springfield for our first dodgeball league match of the year, knowing an overall win would send us to the top of the league. We played Riverbridge first and beat them in a very competitive and entertaining game. Riverbridge then played Pippins and won against them. Finally we entertained Pippins in the last game of the evening in which we won very comfortably due to the children's fast and aggressive team play. The dodgeball team continues to go from strength to strength and we continue to lead the standings and remain unbeaten in two years to date. Our squad pool is increasing all the time with so many children interested in dodgeball; it is one of the most challenging teams to select. Well done Daniel Mc, Rex, Mo, Alfie, Elodie, Grace, Ania and Alice.



Indoor Athletics Tournament:

On Tuesday morning, we took part in the annual indoor athletics event, this is always a great watch and it proved to be once again. The team performed extremely well particularly in the field events, winning and placing in the top 3 in more than seven events. This is a credit to their hard work in the summer term during athletics club and core P.E. lessons. We are continuing to dominate in field events, which is very pleasing. In addition to this, another area to highlight on track was the long distance paarlauf, which continues to be our strong point. Well done to all that took part. Rex, Daniel Mc, Teddy, Logan, Henry, Dylan, George, Aadit, Olivier, Lakshmi, Grace, Sienna, Sofia, Ania, Elodie, Meggan, Lauren, Nya and Alice.

