

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

There has been much to celebrate this week, with the school being awarded the highest level of stars in the STAR Award accreditation in recognition for exceptional provision in sport for KS1 children. This is testament to the excellent leadership of Mr Cain, the endeavours of the children, the staff commitment to supporting PE at all levels and to parents in supporting events - well-done to everyone!



Last Friday closed with a superb Carol Concert from KS2 children which set the tone this week, with the EYFS nativity leaving us all feeling incredibly impressed by the children's singing, how well they spoke, with much confidence and the wonderful costumes. On Thursday Mrs Wicks and her team of staff elves, prepared a Christmas feast for the children; it was a pleasure to see such excited faces!

A huge thank-you goes to the PTA for what was an incredibly successful Christmas Fair on Friday evening; thank-you to all for whom were able to attend, it was a lovely event for children and families.

Next week donations from our Friday Mufti-Day will go to our local charity Baraka to help support the resources of Cato School in Zambia. A former pupil Michael visited Springfield this term and I am delighted to let all know that he has just qualified as a new teacher. Hopefully the money we raise will help to improve the opportunities for children like Michael.



After such a week of celebrations, we end on a high with Christmas Jumper Day!

I wish everyone a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

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 16th December is Week 1 of the menu. Meals are to be booked online in advance by no later than Friday lunchtime of preceding week.

There is a change to the menu on Wednesday 18th, the main option will be roast chicken.

School Dinners – From January all school dinners will need to be paid for in advance and any accounts showing money owing may result in your child not being able to continue having school dinners until this is cleared. A reminder that all school dinners must be booked by no later than Friday of the preceding week. If meals are not booked in time we will not be able to order on the day and your child will be given a basic sandwich and a piece of fruit.

Reading at Springfield

Below are a list of useful tips from the Parent Forum and our school reading team about how we can make reading even more engaging at home and ensure your child is entered into the reading raffle each week:

- Make reading more fun by using silly voices when different characters are speaking.
- Identify a time, for example once per week, where a mystery reader comes and reads to your child, this could be a member of the family or a family friend.
- As mentioned in the newsletter last week, visit a local library.
- Create a reading zone or area at home where your child can relax and read their book.
- Have a routine for when their reading diary gets signed, for example during breakfast time.
- In year groups such as Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, it is important to re-read books to build up fluency skills with your child.
- Create a reward chart for your child, if they are a reading star 4 times in a month they can choose an activity you could do as a family.

General Information

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.

Clubs – All clubs are now finished for the term. A letter will be coming out shortly for your child to sign up for clubs running next term.

Twelve15 – The school kitchen has been running a competition for children who have school dinners 'give a name to elf on a shelf' - the lucky winner of the 'name the elf competition', was Usman in Year 4, with the name Lenny. He received his prize of Christmas muffins and some chocolates at the Christmas lunch.



Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'having a positive attitude to learning':

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| Sparrow | - Lyla | Otter | - Albie |
| Nightingale | - Poppy | Stoat | - Usman |
| Woodpecker | - Matthew | Buzzard | - Ella |
| Mole | - Dylan | Osprey | - Albert |
| Bat | - Aston | Eagle | - Tessy |
| | | Falcon | - Ruby-Lea |

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'being able to praise others and their achievements':

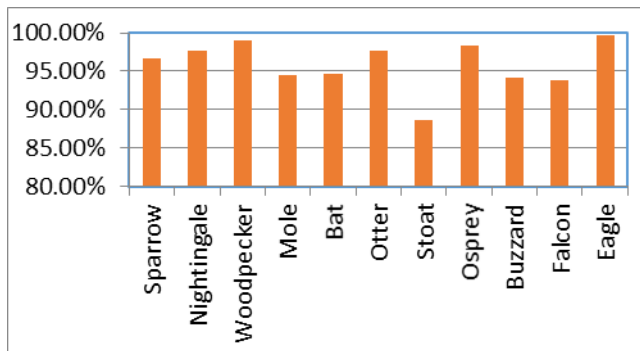
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| Sparrow | - Leighton | Otter | - Jai |
| Nightingale | - Riley | Stoat | - William |
| Woodpecker | - Ruby | Buzzard | - Leyton |
| Mole | - Logan | Osprey | - Dylan |
| Bat | - Phoebe | Eagle | - Lexi |
| | | Falcon | - Lewis |

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

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| Fox class | | Badger class | |
| King | - Macsen | King | - Tommy |
| Queen | - Martha | Queen | - Penelope |



Awards



Attendance -

The winners for week ending 6th December are:-

KS1 – Woodpecker 99%

KS2 – Eagle 99.6%

House Point Winners: St Patrick (Green)



Home Learning Stars

Grace created a fantastic chalk drawing of the solar system.

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



Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed Christmas lunch on Wednesday, this was hugely successful and fun was had by all. Thank you to all the staff involved.

