

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear all,

As the terms draws to a close, it leaves us feeling incredibly proud of what the children have achieved. This week the Choir performed at Barclays Bank in Sunbury; staff and teachers were very impressed by such a polished performance. Musical talent flooded the hall with the KS1 Christmas performance; including three 'grumpy camels' and Year 1 very much enjoyed the Explorer Workshop on Monday.

With a new term ahead of us, we welcome Mrs Alaei to the Nursery and wish Mrs Reynolds all the best for the future. We are very much looking forward to the birth of Mrs Newble's little one and in this Mrs Baldwin will replace her in Badger Class. Mrs Sheehan this week has been successfully appointed to the substantive position of Family Support Worker.

After such a positive term, I would like to thank all parents for your support, care and commitment to the school; this helps us to do the very best we can for the children and so makes the difference - thank-you!

I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 6th January

Start of spring term

A full list of dates for your diary will be sent out with the first newsletter in January.

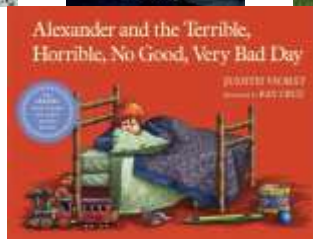


Reading at Springfield

At Springfield Primary School, we strongly encourage children to broaden their exposure to different reading texts, particularly classic literature. Here are the following benefits:

1. Classic literature teaches about life lessons through human history. They deliver the same message repeatedly. Thus, classic literature can provide readers with moral messages. Our children can learn life lessons and receive more intuition and inspiration to face real life.
2. Classic literature can help build vocabulary skills and expose children to new vocabulary.
3. Can also challenge critical thinking.

The following books are recommended:



School Dinners:

The menu w/c 6th January is Week 2 of the menu. On first day back the J op will be pasta

School Dinners – 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.

Nursery and KS2 Parents – 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.



General Information

Baraka Charity – Thank you to everyone who supported this today in our end of term mufti day. We have raised a total of £180.00. The school has also donated unused books, which will be sent to schools in Africa.

PTA Survey – The PTA would be grateful if you could spare five minutes to complete an online survey. Your feedback with the will assist them in organising events that you would like them to run and how you would best feel monies raised can be used to support the children in school. The link has also been sent out via the texting service. Please click on this link to begin the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/springfieldpta>

GLF Teacher Training Programme – If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming a teacher, GLF run a fantastic teacher training programme (SCITT). For more information contact them on info@glftt.org or visit the website www.glftt.org

Clubs/Boosters – Club letters will be sent home upon return to school in the New Year. Clubs will commence the week beginning 13th January 2020. Confirmation letters will be sent home shortly after if your child has secured a place on their selected clubs and advising of any payment that may be due. The Year 2 and 6 boosters will commence the week beginning 13th January 2020.

Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'demonstrating great communication skills':

Sparrow	- Phoebe	Otter	- Rachel
Nightingale	- Lucas	Stoat	- William
Woodpecker	- Rosie	Buzzard	- Sofia
Mole	- Amber	Osprey	- Maddie
Bat	- Lola	Eagle	- Grace
		Falcon	- Lara

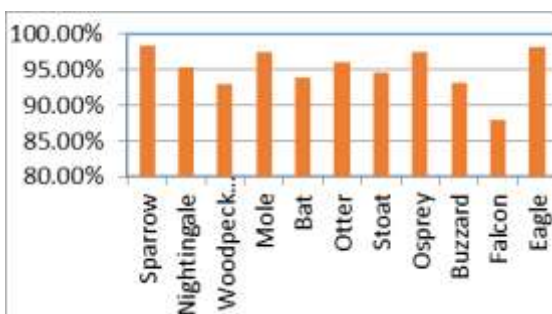
This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'being a good role model for behaviour':

Sparrow	- Samia	Otter	- Freddie
Nightingale	- Riley	Stoat	- Usman
Woodpecker	- Ethan	Buzzard	- Michael
Mole	- Tommy	Osprey	- Ruby
Bat	- Rhia	Eagle	- Alan
		Falcon	- Alayna

In Reception, all the children are Kings and Queens this week, for having an amazing first term at Springfield.



Awards



Attendance -

The winners for week ending 13th December are:-

KS1 – Sparrow class 98.3%

KS2 – Eagle class 98.2%

House Point Winners: St George (red)



Home Learning Stars

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about Roman's this half term. Grace made an amazing Roman village and Sharlene put together a very informative write up all about Romans. Noah and Albie in Year 2, wrote all about different historic castles in the United Kingdom. Well done everyone, you are our Home Learning Stars this week.



Christmas Jumper Day

Last Friday saw the children come to school in their very festive Christmas jumpers for the Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We raised an amazing £298.00 for this charity, and thank everyone for their support for this worthwhile cause.



Sports News

Last week, we opened our Tag Rugby league campaign with two consecutive fixtures. Training has been intense over the last few months and credit to those who have been committed throughout the Autumn Term clubs and Fun Friday sessions this term.

We welcomed St. Michaels on Thursday evening and Riverbridge on Friday evening. Our hard work in training paid off tremendously in our recent fixtures with Springfield winning both fixtures:

- Springfield 61-22 St. Michaels
- Springfield 52-19 Riverbridge

The children have played some fantastic rugby and we have as a team, discussed where our strengths and weaknesses are and what we can do to improve defensively. We sit top of the league for Christmas with two more fixtures to play. Well done - Nadine, Grace, Megan, Ania, Mo, Harry, Olivier, Danyal, Dylan and Jayden.



Year 1 Explorers Workshop

On Monday, Year 1 took part in a weather themed drama workshop. They climbed on to an 'aeroplane' and flew off to different parts of the world. Here they came across many diverse climates and landscapes and ensured that they packed suitable clothing for their travels. They crept across the desert, carefully avoiding desert lizards and bounced across the Australian bush! Great fun and excitement was had by all!



Year 4 Viking Workshop

Year 4 really enjoyed consolidating their learning about Vikings with a visitor from Chertsey Museum. The children were able to try on garments and look at various artefacts such as swords, shields and helmets. Children are welcome to visit the museum to see more artefacts. They also run a monthly archaeologist club, which children can book a place online.



Springfield Choir

On Tuesday, the Springfield Choir were invited to sing carols at the Sunbury branch of Barclays Bank.

The children were a credit to the school and sang beautifully. The school received a huge amount of positive feedback from the public and the staff at Barclays Bank, with people ringing the school to compliment the choir.

Special thank you to Miss Atkins for helping the children with their rehearsals for this event.

