

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure to see Year 2 children on Monday morning, dressed to meet the Queen. Thank-you to all parents for the efforts made in getting them ready in the morning for what was an excellent day of learning. Otter Class have worked incredibly hard in their preparations for a hugely impressive assembly on the water cycle. Pupils spoke with clarity and confidence, in sharing an array of key facts; well done to all children!

Following Mr Baker's letter, thank-you to all parents who have come forward to support young readers in school. This year one of our key priorities in developing an early culture of excellence in reading, and so parental involvement will make a significant, positive difference in achieving this goal. Thank-you also to Year 6 parents who were able to attend Monday's SATs Information Workshop. We do appreciate it is not always easy to attend evening events and so the presentation is on the website and children have the resource packs to work from at home.

As you know this year, we are working with the local charity, Baraka who support the development of schools in Zambia. At the beginning of this year, the school sent books to Kato School and we are hoping to be able to send more out next month. If you do have any reading books that children no longer read and are happy to donate, there will be boxes at the front of the school each day for any donations.

As part of ensuring all children achieve their very best, we offer opportunities for all pupils to learn in different ways. The Hive was introduced last year, but we are mindful that many parents are not aware of this provision, so please do read Mrs Standing's piece attached to the newsletter, which provides further information.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 20th January
Nursery Hedgehogs and Squirrels new children start full hours

Wednesday 22nd January
Nursery Owls new children start full hours

Thursday 23rd January
PTA Meeting – 7.00pm

Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th February
Year 5 residential to Burwell House

Thursday 6th February
Parent Forum meeting – 9.00am-10.00am

Friday 7th February
Choir trip to Young Voices

Monday 10th February
Year 1 trip to Bedfont Lakes

School Dinners:

The menu for w/c 20th January is Week 1 of the menu.

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

Reading at Springfield

We have been reviewing how we share books in Reception, and selected children in Year 1 and Year 2. These children will get a phonics book related to the sound they are learning in school to read at home, and a sharing book, which a family member should read with them to inspire their love of reading. It is essential that your child read the phonics book to you as this will help improve their phonological awareness and reading fluency. Through parents' evenings, we regularly inform you of your child's assessment level in reading. The colour book band that your child is reading in Year 2 and KS2 can also give you further information with regards to this. We follow the 'Collins Big Cat' series, which has carefully identified age ranges for different types of books. Below is a link to the website, which specifies the colour bands that your child brings home related to their current reading age:

<https://www.educationumbrella.com/reading-schemes/big-cat-homepage>.

Question of the week

If you could go to Costa with any celebrity, who would it be (and why)?

General Information

Dates for your Diary – There has been a change to the times for parents’ evenings. Please see details on the website.

School Dinners – There have been changes to the menu this term. The new menus have been updated on the SCOPay portal and the website. If you have already pre-booked your child’s meals, please do check these and change your selection, if necessary. Please also find attached a flyer with information about a special Chinese New Year lunch that will take place next Thursday 23rd February. You can order this online by selecting either ‘M’ for main or ‘V’ for vegetarian. There will be no third option on this day.

Litter – We have received complaints from local residents that parents/carers are throwing rubbish from their cars on to the road. We kindly ask that you be considerate of our local residents, and take any litter home with you. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Clubs – We still have spaces available on cricket, tag rugby, bench ball, girls’ football, cheerleading, 1st Touch Football, Reception colouring, Y3-4 colouring and basketball clubs. We are also opening up the following clubs to other year groups: 1st Touch Football to Year 2; bench ball to year 3; tag rugby to Years 2 and 5.

If you would like your child to sign up to these, please complete the slip on the club letter and return to the school office. All the sports clubs lead to school fixtures and it is important that children attend training if they would like to represent that school teams.

Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week’s Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being ‘transferring skills to other subjects’:

Sparrow	- Freddie	Otter	- Yohan
Nightingale	- Savannah	Stoat	- Dani
Woodpecker	- Isha	Buzzard	- Daniyal
Mole	- Rajanan	Osprey	- Annie
Bat	- Lily	Eagle	- Zak
		Falcon	- Lauren

This week’s Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being ‘staying motivated when faced with a challenge’:

Sparrow	- Poppy	Otter	- Deandre
Nightingale	- Riley	Stoat	- Maddie
Woodpecker	- Jack	Buzzard	- Sofia
Mole	- Isla	Osprey	- Scarlett
Bat	- Preston	Eagle	- Tessy
		Falcon	- Hope

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

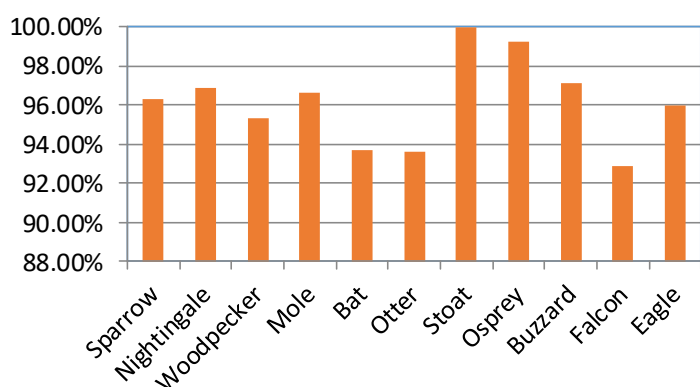
Fox class
King - Jacob B
Queen - Anvika



Badger class
King - Freddie
Queen - Elizabeth



Awards



Attendance -

The winners for week ending 10th January are:-
KS1 – Nightingale with 96.9%
KS2 – Stoat with 100%

House Point Winners – St Andrew (Blue)



Home Learning Stars

We have had some amazing home learning this week from our Year 1 and Year 2 children. The children have all been presented with a certificate in assembly today.

Well done everyone, you are our Home Learning Stars this week.



Year 2 Visit from the Queen

For our memorable experience this week, we all dressed up in our best outfits to launch our new topic 'Bright Lights, Big City'. During the day, we found out about the life of Queen Elizabeth II. We learnt how to greet her, the boys bowed and the girls curtsied. Below are pictures of the tea party we had where we baked bread and decorated biscuits, whilst finding out more information about the Queen.



NHS Flu Immunisation

Further to the flu immunisation programme that was undertaken in school recently, we have been advised by the NE Surrey Immunisation Team that they have completed their statistics following the programme and have identified Springfield Primary School as having a 48% uptake rate, which falls below the target figure set by Public Health England (PHE).

The NE Surrey Immunisation Team, based at Ashford Clinic, are holding a Nasal Flu Clinic on **TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2020**, 3.30pm – 5.30pm, for pupils in years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. If you wish your child to receive the Nasal Flu Vaccination, please telephone the team on 01784 883705 to book an appointment.

Clinic venue: Ashford Clinic, Main Hall, 66 Stanwell Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 3DU. The clinic building sits in front of the Thomas Knyvett College, they are not based at Ashford Hospital.

Sports News

Boys' Football:

Last Friday, the Year 5/6 football team welcomed Laleham to Springfield for our highly anticipated football match. Unfortunately, we lost 1-0 in what was a very tight game. Despite our poor start with us conceding in the first three minutes, we dominated the game, but Laleham's goalkeeping pulled off a string of three or four high calibre saves to keep the opponents' clean sheet intact. Our performances keep improving, keep it up boys, well done - Teddy, Joshua, Harry, George, Zak, Henry, Dylan and Mo.



Girls' Football:

Yesterday, the Year 5/6 football team travelled to Chennestone for our local derby. This local derby had extra spice knowing a win would see us progress to the semi-finals. The girls started in impressive fashion going ahead in the first minute, however the girls allowed Chennestone into the game and they equalised soon after. The team pushed on and grabbed a fantastic second with Grace scoring direct from a corner. We then scored a third goal with a swift counter attack through Lakshmi's determination and stylish finish. Chennestone did pull a goal back in the last minute, but Springfield advance (final score 3-2) and play Laleham in the semi-finals. Well done Megan, Lauren, Abigail, Molly, Rose, Cherry, Grace and Player of the Match Lakshmi!

The Hive

What's happening in our Hive?

The Hive is the focal point of our Pastoral Provision at Springfield School. In the mornings social skills groups, friendship groups and Lego groups take place, along with one-to-one sessions to provide individual support. In the afternoons, it is the setting for our Hive Provision, which offers children opportunities to learn in a smaller, nurturing setting.

Why was The Hive established?

The Hive was started in April 2019 and is now into its third term. As a school, we understand that some children need opportunities to learn and grow in a smaller group than we can offer in the mainstream classroom, and The Hive allows us to support this.

What can The Hive help with?

The Hive has supported children who need help with:

- Developing confidence and self-esteem.
- Working collaboratively with peers and in groups.
- Forming new friendships and relationships.
- Responding to challenges and new activities.
- Developing a growth mind-set.
- Managing anxiety and worries.
- Preparation for transition to secondary school.
- Developing emotional vocabulary and managing strong feelings.



What do children do in The Hive?

Each child has a personalised, targeted action plan developed using Thrive Online, the planning tool staff can access as part of the Thrive programme, which supports all of our pastoral work at Springfield. These plans help us to develop a curriculum that best supports each child in meeting their individual targets in a fun and practical way.

(The Hive continued ...)



This term our topic is “All Around The World,” and each week we will be doing activities linked to a different country, which will include cooking, team activities, science activities, Lego challenges, and art. In addition we have a weekly “emotion potion” session which focuses on building emotional vocabulary, managing big feelings and introducing children to mindfulness through guided relaxation.

Children come to The Hive at 12pm and each lunch together before joining the rest of the school in the playground. They return to The Hive after lunch and remain there until 3pm.

Numbers in The Hive are limited and places are invitation-only. We currently have six children in KS1 (YR1 & 2) attending on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and eight children in KS2 (YR3 – 6) who attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Children in The Hive are included in all trips, visits and activities in their usual class so that they do not miss important experiences with their peers.

How can I find out more?

If you have any concerns about your child’s emotional wellbeing or would like to find out more about how we can help to support and build your child’s confidence please speak to your child’s class teacher in the first instance. You can also seek support and advice from our SENCO, Miss Croft, or members of the Pastoral Team who can be contacted via the school office.

