

# Springfield Newsletter

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## A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

As part of the school's Thrive Well-Being Programme, children have been exploring 'happiness', in what makes them happy, how they can continue to be happy and support happiness in others. Thank-you to all parents for whom have been writing comments on the whiteboard to our *Question of the Week*. We do hope these have generated some interesting discussions with your children.

The SSB (governance body of the school) are seeking to appoint a parent governor on to the Board. More information will follow in a letter next week about the process for self-nomination and selection, but in essence the Board is seeking to appoint a candidate with the following attributes:

- ability to work effectively as part of a team, listening carefully to others and making a positive contribution
- ability to analyse and review a range of information, including data as part of the process for strategic school improvement
- ability to commit to 6 meetings per year (2 hours per meeting, 4-6pm) with wider professional responsibilities for areas including SEND, curriculum and safeguarding
- to have a commitment to wider education, beyond singularly representing parental voice
- to ensure all matters shared remain confidential

Whilst not essential, experience within the public sector, especially social care, would be desirable and serve to enhance further the expertise of the Board. Following receipt of the letter next week, if you are interested in the position, prior to self-nomination, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Mr Suckling, Chair of Governors or myself.

Thank-you to everyone for whom has provided donations of children's books to the Baraka charity. They will be sent off to Kato School in Zambia and in this very gratefully received.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins  
Headteacher

## Dates for Your Diary

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 5 residential to Burwell House

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Parent Forum meeting –  
9.00am-10.00am

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Choir trip to Young Voices

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 1 trip to Bedfont Lakes

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 4 parents workshop,  
3.30-4.00pm – times tables  
check information

### School Dinners:

The menu for w/c 27<sup>th</sup> January  
is Week 2 of the menu.

**\*Special Lunch\***  
**Chinese New Year**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
**(M) Crispy Chicken**  
**(V) Crispy Veggie Fingers**  
**Served with sweet & sour**  
**dipping sauce, black bean**  
**vegetables, steamed rice or**  
**egg noodles**

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

## General Information

**School Dinners** – There is a special Chinese New Year lunch that will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January (previous date in the newsletter was incorrect) there will only be a Main or Vegetarian option available on that day.

Please help keep the school safe by keeping us a mobile  
phone free school.

This includes use of mobile phones in the playground or  
anywhere on the school site.

Thank-you



### Question of the week

**What is  
something nice  
you have done  
for someone  
this week?**

## Reading at Springfield

When your children see you reading you are telling them that reading is fun, that it is something worth spending your time doing, and that it is a normal and expected part of your day. Children who see their parents read for pleasure are more likely to read for fun themselves. Consider how you can promote reading in your home and show your children that you are reading for fun.

Alison McDonald on the Scholastic website, has identified 5 simple ways in which she has been a reading role model for her children when life gets busy:

- 1. Talk about the books you are reading.** In the car, at the dinner table... a few positive mentions every now and then can make a big impact.
- 2. When you go to the library/bookstore to get books for children make sure you grab one for yourself.** There were a few years where most of her books would go unfinished at her house but her young children still got the message that reading was something she looked forward to doing.
- 3. Take reading material with you when you travel.** She specifies how she would always have reading materials with her on planes and even though she usually ended up reading very little her children could see how important reading was to her, and would even ask, "Mum did you remember your book?"
- 4. Get a magazine subscription for yourself. When the subscription arrives every month make a big deal about how excited you are and you will be letting your children know that reading is worth getting excited about.**
- 5. Ask for book gifts for yourself for holidays and birthdays.**



## Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'for explaining their reasoning clearly':

Sparrow	- Jack	Otter	- Jai
Nightingale	- Prem	Stoat	- Megan
Woodpecker	- Giorgio	Buzzard	- Sithuki
Mole	- Poppy	Osprey	- Sophie
Bat	- Kamron-Dontae	Eagle	- Alex
		Falcon	- Yansik

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'working well with a partner or group':

Sparrow	- Faith	Otter	- Liam
Nightingale	- Riley	Stoat	- Callum
Woodpecker	- Arnie	Buzzard	- Daisy
Mole	- Jacob	Osprey	- Maddie
Bat	- Grace	Eagle	- Grace
		Falcon	- Ruby-Lea

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

Fox class  
King - Oliver  
Queen - Ayana



Badger class  
King - Jayden  
Queen - Sophie



## Awards



### Attendance -

The winners for week ending 17<sup>th</sup> January are:-

KS1 – Sparrow with 98.3%

KS2 – Eagle with 99.3%

House Point Winners – St George (Red)

Gugafit winner – Nightingale class



## Home Learning Stars

We have had some amazing home learning this week from children. They have all been presented with a certificate in assembly today.

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



## Question Of The Week

Thank you to all parents who have taken the time to discuss the "Question of the week" with your children, and to those who contributed ideas to the boards outside school on Monday mornings. It has been lovely to read all of the different responses and we hope you have enjoyed taking part.

Here are a few of our favourite responses to the questions so far:

### If you could have any super power what would it be?

"To be able to throw things at people who are rude."

"Super speed so I can run away quickly when playing tag."

"To read people's minds like a book."

"To shape shift into animals or talk to animals."

"To pause, play, skip and rewind time."

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

"Ellen White because she is my inspiration."

"Roman Kemp – he was on 'I'm a celeb' and I would ask him about his experience."

"Idris Elba – because it would make my mum jealous!"

"Rick Riordan because I like his books."

"David Attenborough because of his documentaries."

## Sports News

Last Friday the Year 5/6 Boys football team welcomed Ashford Park to Springfield. It was not one of our best games - conceding three goals. A positive from the game was our set plays, in which we scored twice from. Our boys will tell you we have worked on them during training. We need to move on from our 3-2 defeat and learn from our mistakes. I always say to the boys 'you never lose, you learn' and that is what we will do. Teddy, Harry, Joshua, George, Zak, Dylan, Henry and Mo, well done on the effort you put into the game.