

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

As this half term draws to a close, we end on a high, with congratulations aplenty. Well-done to our cross-country runners and the Choir for their sporting endurance and accomplished singing at the O2 Young Voices event. Year 1 children enjoyed a wonderful day at Bedfont House this week, with scavenger hunts and animal handling. The whole school has been involved in our third Well-Being afternoon on the theme of 'Happiness for Ourselves and Each Other'. If all that was not enough Miss Wall led our first Design and Donate Day. Children have been designing and creating an array of products including taking their own photographs, making mosaics, picture frames and collages. All products made will be donated to the White Lodge, Sam Beare and Crisis charities.

Every month we try to have a pupils V staff sporting event and this week, pupils took staff to task with some exceptional netball skills - it is fair to say, we need to put in some more practice!

Huge thanks to all parents for whom have come forward to help support readers in the school. Developing a culture of early excellence in reading is a key school development priority for us this year and so great that the home-school partnership can make such a difference in this. Thank-you also to Year 4 parents for attending the Multiplication Check Parents' Workshop on Thursday; we know it can be a challenge to juggle attending such events.

After such a busy half term, I wish you a restful spring break.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

HALF TERM

Monday 17th February to
Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February
Year 4 A-Life Workshop

**Monday 2nd March to Friday
6th March**
Book Week

Tuesday 3rd March
Parents' Evening 4.00pm-
7.00pm

Wednesday 4th March
Parents' Evening 3.45pm-
6.05pm

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day – children
can dress up

Thursday 5th March
Year 2 Mole class assembly –
9.10am

Thursday 12th March
Year 2 Woodpecker class
assembly – 9.10am

School Dinners:

The menu for w/c 24th
February is Week 2 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

This week, we have had our first two training session with parents who have agreed to come into school to work with children in supporting their reading skills. Thank you to Mrs Harle and Mrs Beardsley who attended these sessions, it was lovely to have such enthusiastic parents come and watch how we as teachers support children 1:1 with their reading skills. I will be running another workshop on Thursday 19th March, for any parents who were unable to attend. Please contact our school office or come and speak to me on the gate in the mornings if you would like any further information.

Mr Baker



Question of the week

**What are you
thankful for
today?**

General Information

Parents' Evening – Parents' Evening invitations have been sent out. We encourage all parents to book to see their child's teacher as important information about your child's progress is shared and how you can help support your child.

PTA News – Please find attached information from the PTA about up-coming events for this year.

Parent Forum – The minutes from the last parent forum meeting has been uploaded to website.

Public Health Notice – Please find attached an information leaflet from Public Health England relating to recent coronavirus outbreak.

Uniform – Please use the half term break to check your child's uniform. Please ensure that your child has the correct shoes, P.E. kit and uniform. Full details of the uniform expectations can be found on the school website.

Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'for showing enthusiasm in music':

Sparrow	- Cade	Otter	- Finley
Nightingale	- Khadija	Stoat	- Waseem
Woodpecker	- Casey	Buzzard	- Daisy
Mole	- Keira	Osprey	- Dylan
Bat	- Thomas	Eagle	- Chloe
		Falcon	- Lydia

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'working hard to achieve their own goals':

Sparrow	- Alfie	Otter	- Jaden
Nightingale	- Alfie	Stoat	- Peter
Woodpecker	- Angel	Buzzard	- Alice
Mole	- Rajanan	Osprey	- Sophie
Bat	- Wyndham	Eagle	- Sarah
		Falcon	- Sophie

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

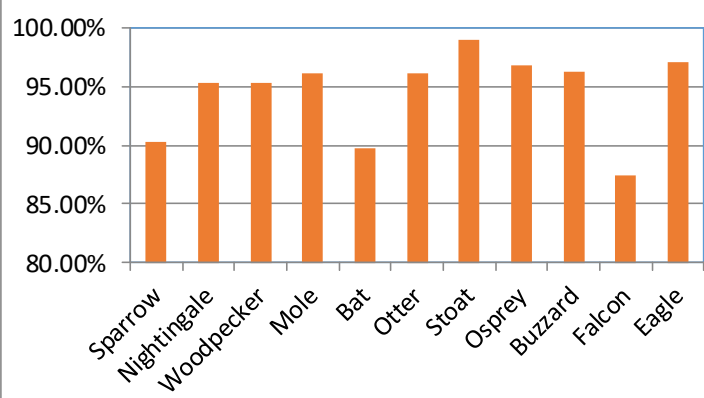
Fox class
King - Kyle
Queen - Ava



Badger class
King - Noah
Queen - Jolene



Awards



Attendance -

The winners for week ending 7th February are:-

KS1 – Mole class with 96.2%

KS2 – Stoat class with 99%

House Point Winners – St Patrick (green)

Reading Raffle winner – Eagle Class with 23

Gugafit winner – Sparrow class

Times Table Rockstars winner – Stoat class



Year 5 Trip to Burwell House

The Year 5 children had the fantastic opportunity to visit Burwell House in Cambridgeshire once again. They took part in a variety of craft and media events. They designed and recorded a news bulletin in the recording studio as well as making pin art pictures and batik bags.



Year 5 Activity Days

A group of Year 5 children took part in a number of activities in school last week. They designed bridges, looked at interesting items under microscopes, just to name a few of the activities they took part in.



Year 1 Trip to Bedfont Lakes

On Monday, despite the cold and windy weather, Year 1 visited Bedfont Lakes, in line with their Enchanted Woodland topic. The children took part in many activities including an arts and crafts scavenger hunt, den and campfire building, a nature detective walk and animal handling. They stroked or held many creatures including a bearded dragon, African giant snail and a fluffy rabbit. All of the children had a fabulous time and their behaviour was exceptional.

"That tree is deciduous because it loses it's leaves." – Elsie

"The snake is soft and not slimy." – Lincoln



Design and Donate Day

The children enjoy a very creative day making items to donate to White Lodge, Sam Beare and Crisis. These included mosaic coasters, t-shirts, blankets and framed pictures. Thank you to everyone for your donations.



Last Friday I had the pleasure of taking a group of children from the choir to perform at Wembley Arena in the Young Voices choir. The children had an amazing experience and their behaviour was exemplary at all times. The choir consisted of nearly 5000 children and guest stars included Tony Hadley, The Shires and Ruti joined us! Thank you to all of the parents and family members that came to watch the show, I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Details of upcoming events for the choir will be sent out soon.

Miss Atkins.



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

This week our Question was "What did / do you love most about primary school?"

Thank you to everyone who contributed an answer - here are some of our favourites:

- "Being in the playground with my friends."
- "I get taught interesting things."
- "The teachers!"
- "There isn't as much homework as secondary school!"
- "Fun Friday!"



Sports News

Cross-Country:

Last Friday, Springfield attended the local Spelthorne and surrounding areas cross-country competition. We were one of twelve schools to participate and were eagerly anticipating a great spectacle.

We finished fifth overall, which is a fantastic achievement and I want to highlight how proud I am of all those that took part and gave 100% effort! Last year we came eighth, so we have made massive strides (no pun intended!) so well done everyone. Ava, Molly, Monera, Liam, Sidney, Preston, Thom, William, Freddie, Lara, Rose, Henry, Olivier, Zak, Alex, Gian, Noah and Albie.