

# Springfield Newsletter

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## A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Book Week has seen an array of events, competitions and workshops each day celebrating our shared love for reading. As part of this, author Paul Stewart visited Springfield to inspire the children in their reading and creative writing. Thank-you to parents for supporting all home reading activities this week and in helping the children with their impressive costumes on Thursday.



Mole Class have been working very hard in their preparations for their class assembly this week. Pupils spoke with clarity and confidence, in telling us all about the Great Fire of London; well-done children!



Our dodgeball teams are also to be congratulated on their performance this week, securing a place in the County Final Games in July.

After much anticipation, Mr Baker and his wife have had a beautiful baby girl on Monday. He passes on thanks for all the good wishes from parents and will bring little one in for a cuddle very soon.

Recently a process to appoint a School Strategy Board (SSB) parent member has taken place and in this I am pleased to let all know that Lorraine Childs will now sit of the Broad, supporting strategic school improvement with her fellow Board members.

The next Parent Puzzle session takes place on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm with a focus on helping children to develop resilience in problem solving. Mrs Sheehan will be running the session; all are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins  
Headteacher

## Dates for Your Diary

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 Woodpecker class assembly – 9.10am

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

PTA fundraiser for Sports Relief – a reminder to bring in sponsor forms and to wear sports-type clothing

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Forum meeting – 9.00-10.00am

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Year 5 Buzzard class assembly – 9.10am

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

PTA Children's Disco:  
- Years R-3: end of school day to 4.30pm  
- Years 4-6: 5.00pm-6.00pm

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

End of term – school finishes at 1.30pm

### School Dinners:

The menu for w/c 9<sup>nd</sup> March 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

Children at Springfield Primary School were fortunate to meet author Paul Stewart on Tuesday and participate in a range of activities, throughout the day. As a successful author, he has written many books that are highly regarded and read by children across all ages. On Tuesday, Year groups were involved in a number of engaging tasks that encouraged creative thinking and collaborative work. Paul Stewart's inspirational and often humorous discussions, provided children an insight into an author's life and the steps needed to become a professional writer. It was a pleasure to have Paul Stewart take part in 'Book Week' at Springfield Primary School and share his successful career as an author with all of us.

### Question of the week

**What is your favourite food?**

## General Information

**Sports Relief** – The PTA are hosting the Sponsored Bounce for this event on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please can all children ensure they bring in their sponsor forms on the day for their bounces to be recorded. For this, the children can also wear sensible sports-type clothing to school.

**School Dinners** – A reminder that all school dinners must be booked by no later than Friday of the preceding week, and where applicable, must be paid for in advance. Where meals are not booked, and no packed lunch is brought in from home, a basic sandwich will be provided. Please ensure that meals are booked on time and not during the course of the week as this may result in your child not been given a lunch as meal figures are submitted to the Caterer on a Friday afternoon.

**Donations** – The school would be grateful for any donation of spare socks, pants and tights for both boys and girls. All age group sizes are acceptable, but especially EYFS and KS1 ages.

## Lead Learner and Super Citizen

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

Sparrow	- Cade	Otter	- Harry
Nightingale	- Archie	Stoat	- Vinny
Woodpecker	- Jacob	Buzzard	- Sithuki
Mole	- Logan	Osprey	- Tilly
Bat	- Freya	Eagle	- Ania
		Falcon	- Lucy

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'demonstrating a healthy balanced diet':

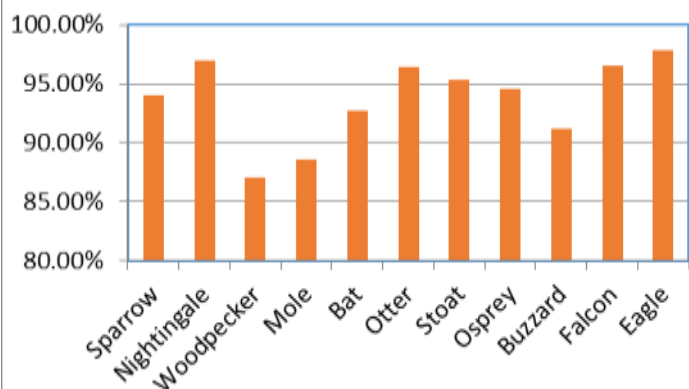
Sparrow	- Freddie	Otter	- Finley
Nightingale	- Theodore	Stoat	- Waseem
Woodpecker	- Giorgio	Buzzard	- Edward
Mole	- Amber	Osprey	- Dylan
Bat	- Kamron-Dontae	Eagle	- Henry
		Falcon	- Yansik

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

Fox class		Badger class	
King	- James	King	- Ege
Queen	- Anvika	Queen	- Janvika



## Awards



### Attendance -

The winners for week ending 28<sup>th</sup> February are:-  
 KS1 – Nightingale class with 97%  
 KS2 – Eagle class with 97.8%

House Point Winners – St David (yellow)  
 Reading Raffle winner – Bat and Buzzard classes with 21 readers  
 Times Table Rockstars winner – Bat class  
 Gugafit winner – Nightingale class

## Home Learning Stars

We have had some wonderful home learning this week from so many children. Year 1 children are enjoying their new topic about dinosaurs. 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: "If you had one wish, what would it be and why?"

Some of our favourite answers were:

- "To have more time ... there is never enough!"
- "To live in a world full of chocolate!"
- "To be able to teleport to any country, any time I want!"
- "To be a red power ranger!"
- "For magic to be real so I could be like Harry Potter!"
- "To have a happy, positive life."



## Sports News

Due to a very waterlogged pitch, regrettably our scheduled matches for Years 4 and year 5 last Thursday were postponed. However, we were able to play our scheduled game vs St. Nicholas on the Friday for the Year 5/6 boys' league fixture. This ended up being a 9 v 9 game due to the 7 v 7 pitch being waterlogged. The boys put in a great effort against top of the table St. Nicholas. Unfortunately, we did fall to a last gasp 1-0 defeat, but the improvement and the work rate from the boys on the larger pitch was phenomenal. I would like to hand a special mention to Grace and Oliver who debuted during this fixture and worked so hard, and finally player of the match Henry, who put a commanding defensive display in and really did not deserve to be on the losing side. Well done to Teddy, Joshua, Zak, George, Harry, Henry, Ollie, Grace and Dylan.

This week we have had a Dodgeball tournament on Thursday morning and two tag rugby matches on Thursday and Friday after school against Pippins and Buckland respectively. See next week's newsletter for a full report on these.

Any children who have a Springfield kit (top/shorts/socks), please can these be returned as soon as possible. We need them for future matches to fly the Springfield colours. To replace these will be a considerable cost to the school.



## Book Week

Book Week is always a highlight in the school calendar for both staff and children. This year was no exception and there were a large number of activities across the school.



### Author visit:

We were very lucky to have a visit from author, Paul Stewart. He shared with the children what encouraged him to become an author, what the inspiration behind his stories are, and how his books were published.

### Battle of the Books:

Springfield once again took part in the annual competition run by Spelthorne Council 'Battle of the Books'. Four children were selected in Year 2 to participate and sponsor the school. They had to read a set book and create hats to take with them to the competition. The children were really excited to be taking part in this, and worked collaboratively as a team and were engaged throughout. They came ninth out of twenty schools. Well done to Joshua, Lucas, Maya and Amber.



### World Book Day:

The children dressed up as their favourite book characters. There were some very thought out creative costumes, which made judging the parade later in the day very difficult. Springfield also celebrated World Book Day by running a 'Where's Wally?' hunt around the school for which 'Where's Wally?' books were awarded to Alex, Abigail and Jamie.

Children also had the opportunity to read with children from other year groups in the morning, and in the afternoon the children went to other classes to hear a chosen member of staff read their favourite books to them.

The highlight of World Book Day is the catwalk parade, where children show off their costumes to the rest of the school. The KS2 winners this year were Grace as the Snow Queen, Jai as Billionaire Boy, Lacey as the peach in James and the Giant Peach, finally Alex as the scarecrow from 'The Scarecrow and the Servant'.

Below are some pictures from our exciting day:

