

# Springfield Newsletter

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## A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Pupils this afternoon have been challenging themselves through an array of sporting activities as part of Sport Relief. Thank-you to the PTA and Mr Cain for leading the organisation of events, which have been enjoyed by all year groups and staff. Woodpecker Class have been working hard in their preparations for their assembly on Thursday. The theme of the assembly was Book Week, in which they spoke and sang with great confidence; well-done children!

Thank-you to parents for your calm and sensible approach as information is updated in regards to the Coronavirus. We will continue to share updates via Parent Mail and on the school website. With regards to school trips, guidance is that they should still go ahead, with an appropriate risk assessment, but if you are concerned, then please do speak with the school in advance of these taking place.

As part of the work Pupil Parliament have recently undertaken on improving levels of attendance even further, please see additional rewards that have been developed by the team, as part of this newsletter. Well-done children for all your hard work and to Mrs Fennell for supporting their endeavours.

**Springfield Attendance Rewards!**  
Do you come to school everyday?



- 1 100% attendance each week, per class will receive a marble in the jar to go to a treat of your choice
- 2 100% every half term – per pupil will receive a £5 Amazon Voucher
- 3 100% every term per pupil will receive a treat with the head teacher and a certificate

*Rewards beyond belief*

The focus for next week's Parent Puzzle workshop is: *Helping Children to Manage Anxiety*, 17th March at 5.00pm. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins  
Headteacher

## Dates for Your Diary

**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

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

INSET DAY

**School Dinners:**

The menu for w/c 16th March  
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

Poetry reading can be very insightful and inspiring for literacy development in your child's education. Reciting and reading poems with your child allows your child to focus on a specific task, train their senses, exercise memory, and tune their ears. The benefits of reading poetry at an early age can support:

**Language development** – the rhythmic nature of poetry creates a context for learning unfamiliar words and practice their pitch, voice inflection, and volume.

**Cognitive development** – understand patterns, which lead to sequences, and sentence structure.

**Physical development** – the musical structure of the rhymes allow your child to better co-ordinate their breathing, tongue and mouth movements.

**Social/emotional development** - the practice of reading poetry provides them with an opportunity for their personality to develop in a fun and expressive way.

## Question of the week

**The answer is  
chocolate, what  
is the question?**

## General Information

**Staff Training** – Thursday 19th March, there will be no after school clubs or afternoon boosters due to staff training. This applies to Reception colouring club, Year 3 & Year 4 colouring club, Year 1 & 2 phonics and Year 6 Boosters.

**Special Lunch** – On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March to celebrate Spring there will be a special lunch, if your child would like to have this lunch please book via our online system. The choices on the day will be:

(M) Primavera Chicken Breast (topped with tomato sauce & fresh cherry tomatoes, sprinkled with cheese & basil)

(V) Quorn Fillet (topped with tomato sauce & fresh cherry tomatoes, sprinkled with cheese & basil)

(J) Tomato Pasta

Pudding is Rice Crispy Cake.

*All served with country style potatoes and fresh green salad.*



## Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'good listening':

Sparrow	- Layan	Otter	- Freja
Nightingale	- Alfred	Stoat	- Arjun
Woodpecker	- Ruby	Buzzard	- Summer
Mole	- Maria	Osprey	- Scarlett
Bat	- Phoebe	Eagle	- Gian
		Falcon	- Sophie

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'being physically active in and out of school':

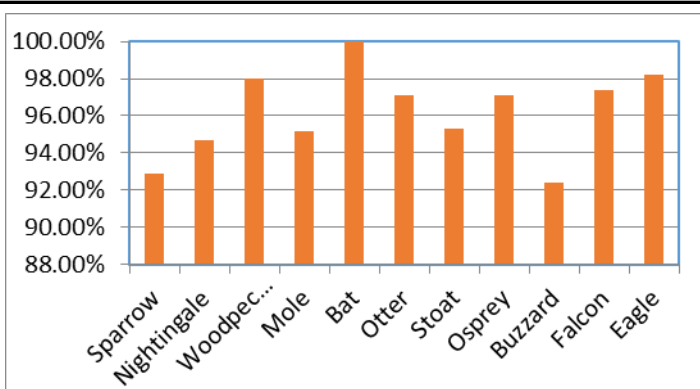
Sparrow	- Aleksander	Otter	- Albie
Nightingale	- IreOluwa	Stoat	- Oliver
Woodpecker	- Marlie	Buzzard	- Harry
Mole	- Noah	Osprey	- Lois
Bat	- Sidney	Eagle	- Oliver
		Falcon	- Mohammed

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

Fox class		Badger class	
King	- Logan	King	- Lenny
Queen	- Molly	Queen	- Jaime



## Awards



### Attendance -

The winners for week ending 6<sup>th</sup> March are:-

KS1 – Woodpecker with 98%

KS2 – Bat class with 100%

House Point Winners – St David's (blue)

Reading Raffle winner – Eagle class

Times Table Rockstars winner – Bat class

## Home Learning Stars

We have had some wonderful home learning this week which included fantastic models and posters. The children have all been presented with a certificate in assembly today.

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



## Reception Brooklands Museum

On Friday 6th March, Reception children went to Brooklands Transport Museum. This is closely linked to our topic 'Are we there yet?' In class we were great at listing the many different transport that we knew before we went on our trip. We were super excited to see a range of old and new vehicles throughout our time at the museum. We got a coach that picked us up from school and took us straight there. We were in awe when walking around the museum looking carefully at the many things we could see such as taxis, cars, bicycles, penny-farthings, planes and buses, including double deckers. We even got to go on a bus and sit upstairs with our paper tickets! We also made a paper cup car and could talk about the materials used to build a real life one such as metal for the bodywork, rubber for the wheels and why racing cars are flat and streamlined to make them go faster. We had the best day and didn't want it to end - hence why we were a little late arriving back to school!

Here are some comments made:

'Wow this is the best trip I have ever done.'

'My favourite part was everything.'

'Paddington Bear liked the day and he sat on an ambulance and a fire truck.'



## Question of the Week

This week our question was "What is your favourite food?" Some of the best answers were:

"Colombian Chicken and rice - it reminds me of home."

"Garlic snails from France."

"Prawns and salad"

"Bubble gum ice cream"

Our most popular answer was PIZZA!



## Sports News

Last Thursday morning we travelled to Royal Holloway University for a Dodgeball festival, knowing that if we won we would be going to the county finals. Springfield took two teams to the festival and both put on a showcase for all to be proud of. Both teams won every game, only to lose to each other. Both Springfield teams finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meaning we booked our place in the county finals in July - a significant sign of our dedication to Dodgeball in the school. All the children will now need to work hard to secure their spot in the team come July with only 10 places up for grabs in the squad. Well done Ania, Skye, Megan, Grace, Elodie, Alice, Mo, Daniel, Rex, Joshua, Ted, Dylan and Alfie.

After school on Thursday last week, we welcomed Pippins to Springfield for our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby league fixture. The weather was certainly not on our side, but we did manage to get the game on and play. Not the teams most vintage performance, but we got the job done, winning 51-29. Moving forward we must work better with our link play and our defensive organisation. Well done Megan, Nadine, Grace, Lauren, Rex, Danyal, Harry, Daniel and Mo.

The next day we welcomed Buckland to Springfield, which I can say was a much more pleasant afternoon. Both schools had two teams so we were able to have two matches playing at once. One match was a league fixture, the other was a friendly. The league fixture was full of great rugby from both sides, but the telling factor was Springfield's resolute defence, winning the possession back 4 times from 7 tags (something we worked on during Fun Friday). This helped secure the 56 – 29 victory! We now need two wins to secure the title. The other game was end to end with Buckland and Springfield taking the lead on numerous occasions, but Springfield managed to secure a try at the death to win 47-46. Well done Monera, Nadine, Skye, Grace, Megan, Lauren, Mo, Olivier, Jayden, Bruce, Lara, Dylan, Harry, Danyal, Rex and Daniel.

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 replace these will be a considerable cost to the school.