

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

As the week has progressed there has been much national speculation in regards to how the country will gradually move out of lockdown. We are waiting to hear from Sunday's briefing, what the government's expectations will be of schools and as yet a date for re-opening remains unknown. Once a timeline has been specified, all plans for the school to re-open will be premised on adherence to health and safety guidance from PHE and DfE. Following extensive cross-school planning, we will share with you information regarding the following:

- the measures the school will take to ensure the health and safety of all
- how the school day will look
- the pastoral care that will be in place for children and families
- expectations of learning

We appreciate how anxious our school community is as a result of many unknowns at present, but as soon as more is known, we will share this information with you.

In regards to home-learning, we hope that everyone has received pack three either through directly downloading this from the website or as a paper copy. Undertaking support for learning at home, is no easy task for parents and we are incredibly grateful for your endeavours. We understand that as parents you may have specific questions about aspects of the work set and so please do make contact with Mr Baker via email (info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk) or in calling the school on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. To help provide a further level of support, we are in the process of class teachers creating video/voice guidance for parents and children. This will be available when pack 4 is live on our website, which will be on Monday 18th May.

It has been a pleasure to hear of such excellent home-learning in the weekly video checks-ins, from maths and English, to gardening and cake baking; well-done children!

Next Monday we are launching Springfield's answer to Jo Wicks, as Mr Cain shares a weekly fitness video that we hope children will enjoy and is certainly set to rival the YouTube fitness supremo!

Each week we share ideas for pupil well-being, but if you would like to speak with a member of the Pastoral Team, please do let the office know and one of the team will contact you.

Whilst this weekend may not look quite like a typical bank holiday, I hope you can stay safe and keep well.

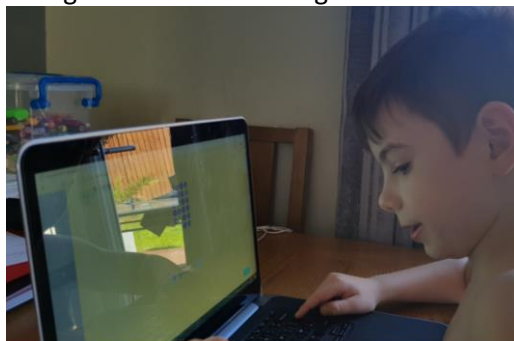
Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Reading at Springfield

Stories at home can really help inspire your child to write and read independently, as well as develop their imagination. Every day we are releasing new stories, read by our wonderful staff team. You can access these stories on our website. The Read, Write, Inc. scheme, which we use in EYFS and KS1, have also specified that they have new stories that are being released daily at 2:00pm. For further information on this, please watch the video via this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFClg9GdxtQ

Home Learning

Thank you for your photos of home learning. Please do continue to send these in and we can include them in our weekly newsletter. This week we have a photo of Freddie writing a story from his writing challenge and his amazing shark model from the predator topic. Eric has enjoyed completing his mathematics home learning and you can also see a photo of Bella from Year 1, who is completing some home learning activities.



News from the Pastoral Team

Supporting children to manage emotions

As we end another week of home schooling we are aware that some of our children are finding it harder to manage their feelings. Lack of routine and social contact, frustrations with siblings and home learning, absence of clubs and activities can be hugely challenging for children to understand and vocalise.

Lucy's Blue Day is a children's book that has been written to help children understand that sometimes we can feel "down" without really knowing why and that this, like other emotions, is completely normal. A version of the book, narrated by Lorraine Kelly is available to view on YouTube using the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UmrUV8v-KQg>

This is a great resource to use with a child who is having a "blue day" and help them to communicate what help and support they need.

We will be using this video as part of our wellbeing provision once children begin to return to school, as we are aware that children will be feeling a multitude of emotions as lockdown begins to ease.

The team behind Lucy's Blue Day have produced their own story about the lockdown situation. A version of this story can be viewed on YouTube using the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAoywiEop2g>

As always, if you have any concerns or would like support to manage your child's wellbeing during lockdown, please do contact the Pastoral Team via the school office.

Lockdown 2020 mindfulness colouring

We have been sent the following link to a printable family mindfulness colouring sheet which can be used to record your thoughts and memories about lockdown:

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/family-of-2020-giant-colouring-poster/>

The sheet initially prints as A4 but can be printed as large a 3 x 3 A4 sheets to make a huge poster. This would make a great family activity and something to keep to look back and reflect on lockdown in the future.

Happy Colouring! The Pastoral Team