

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Since the announcement on Sunday evening that schools are to begin to re-open from 1st June for children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 6, we have been taking guidance from the DfE, LA and Trust on ways forward. This information has evolved over the course of the week. At the core of the school's planning is the want to ensure that all members of the school community are as safe as they possibly can be. This week school leaders have worked with the aforementioned bodies to explore the safest options for how we go forward with a gradual re-opening. There are four elements that we are giving careful consideration to: health and safety, pastoral care for mental health and wellbeing, how learning will look and the logistical organisation of the school day.

At this time, I appreciate how anxious parents are feeling about what this will look like and once plans are finalised next week, I will provide information to all, in addition to year group specific guidance and to those parents for whom will continue to access childcare provision. With levels of uncertainty as they are, I want to ensure that all parents feel they have clarity on the next steps taken by the school and what these mean for all children, including those for whom are not within the current plans for returning on 1st June.

In the above, I thank-you for your care, patience and support. This is an exceptionally difficult time for our school community, but together we move forward, taking each step with great care and consideration.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher



Reading at Springfield

Encourage your children to create a fabulous National Book Token design while they are learning from home, and they could return to school with National Book Tokens for all! Whether it is their school crest doodled in ink, a pencil drawing of the entire class, or something completely different, they will choose one child's design to put on a National Book Tokens gift card every week for seven weeks.

When schools open up again, the young designer and their classmates will each receive a £10/€10 National Book Token – emblazoned with the winning artwork – to inspire them to choose their next favourite book from their local bookshop. For more information please visit their website:

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book-token-for-your-class?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=create&utm_campaign=schools-campaign-2020



Home Learning Packs

On Monday, home learning pack 4 for the next fortnight will be available online. Following feedback from parents, we have included with the online pack a video/audio instruction from the year group teachers to assist parents in supporting their children's home learning as well as separate timetables to assist in structuring the day. Mr Baker is in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so please do email or phone the school office if you have any queries. For parents who have previously requested a paper copy of the home learning pack, these will be available for collection from the front of the school on Monday morning between 9.30am and 12.00noon.

Springfield Choir

Hello to all the members of the Springfield Choir. I hope that you are all well. I wanted to give you a few songs to practice at home whilst we are unable to sing together at school. As you know, it is always a good idea to warm up your voice before you sing and there are plenty of good warm up videos available on YouTube. If you would like to use the one that we use during our choir sessions, it is called ChoonBaboon.

It is a good idea to search up the song titles then add, "with lyrics", after so that you have the music as well as the lyrics available to you. If you can print the lyrics at home, then that is great. If not, then just read along as the videos play. Here are the songs I would like you to rehearse at home for now:

Part Of Your World (The Little Mermaid)

You'll Be In My Heart (Tarzan)

A Whole New World (Aladdin)

I will give you further songs to learn in the coming weeks. I am looking forward to the time when we can all sing together again. Until then, stay safe and keep singing.

Miss Atkins.



News from the Pastoral Team

At school, we want to offer support to all of our children as best as we can during these challenging times. Our Pastoral Team are aware that our children are experiencing a number of challenging and emotional circumstances during lockdown, and we want to reassure parents that we are here to provide support if needed. As part of this we are sharing resources and information on a number of topics through this newsletter.

This week members of the Pastoral Team have attended online training sessions about supporting children who have experienced bereavement, and would like to share some advice and resources with you. When speaking to children about bereavement, it is important to be honest, factual and to only give them the information they need.

- News of a bereavement should be communicated to a child by a trusted adult.
- Use simple language and be honest.
- Allow them to ask questions and give age-appropriate answers.
- Offer reassurance.
- Listen to their feelings, memories and worries.

Child Bereavement UK have produced a video giving advice about supporting bereaved children during lockdown. <https://www.childbereavementuk.org/coronavirus-supporting-children> This video is supported by free information sheets.

It is important to remember that children often experience a "puddle of grief" which they will jump in and out of, sometimes being very upset and seeming completely fine at other times.

You can also find information about supporting children through bereavement at: <https://www.winstonswish.org/>
<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/#i-have-lost-a-loved-one-due-to-coronavirus->

Please do contact the school if you would like help or advice in supporting any aspect of your child's wellbeing at home.

Celebrating Home Learning

We have had another week of children sharing their amazing home learning with us. Ridley wrote an exciting story about a surprise at the beach. Alexander made a Greek urn and shield. Giorgio made reading fun by dressing up as a character in the book. Eric made a mythical monster. Maddie enjoyed doing the travelling rainbow experiment. Laila beautifully coloured in her colour-by-numbers home learning. Leighton baked, planted seeds and was really engaged with his numicon maths lesson. Eli created a fabulous Lego man out of cardboard.

