

# Springfield Newsletter

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## A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

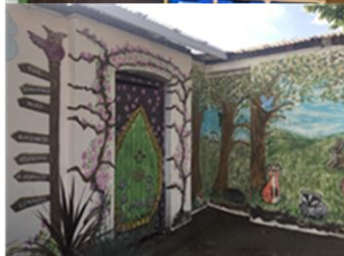
Whilst the school remains open in its offer of childcare over the bank holiday and half-term break, today would be the end of the half-term and whilst it has not been as expected, we are incredibly proud of how the children have coped during this period of lockdown and those for whom have adjusted to a new normality in school, if accessing childcare. It has been a pleasure to see the pupils' home learning this week through the video check-ins; well done everyone!

The partial closure of schools has meant that sporting fixtures have not been able to take place, but we are delighted that the following results were released last week, reflecting the exceptional sporting achievements of the children:

- Top division league winners for both Dodgeball and Tag Rugby leagues - top of the division by 6 points and a majority goal difference.
- Years 5/6 girls' football - top division runners up
- Years 5/6 boys' football - stayed in top vision

This week we have launched the Springfield Facebook group as a means of sharing information more widely with parents. If you would like to access the group, it can be found via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/273718487006623/> - or alternatively by searching Springfield Primary School - Sunbury-on-Thames.

At the start of the term, I shared information about developments in the school environment, so that Springfield is at its best for when the children return. We are halfway through the allotment development, with the green house arriving at the weekend, the mural complete and the Meadow having a makeover.



With the announcement of schools reopening, thank-you for your patience as the school has planned the necessary arrangements. I appreciate the range of different parental views about the government's decision and in this the school will support all families through this time, as together we endeavour to do the very best we can for the children.

I wish you a good half-term break.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins  
Headteacher

## Art Competition

Using all different materials, can you create a 3D picture?

There will be a winner from each year group for the most creative picture. Please send a picture of your 3D picture to [art@springfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:art@springfield.surrey.sch.uk) including your name and class. Closing date for your artwork is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 12:30pm.

Below are some examples of 3D pictures you can use for your inspiration



## News from the Pastoral Team

We are aware that some of the children who are able to return to school from the 3<sup>rd</sup> June may be feeling quite worried and anxious about this. As a school, we are working hard to support your children and help them to manage these big feelings once they are back at Springfield.

In the meantime, there are a number of things that you can do at home to support children who will be returning to school:

- Talk to your children about the return to school. This story has been written specifically to help parents explain to their children about the return to school: [https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/back-to-school-after-coronavirus-story/?utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=new-free-back-to-school-story\\_90](https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/back-to-school-after-coronavirus-story/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=new-free-back-to-school-story_90)
- Allow them to ask questions. If they have questions you are not sure how to answer, please email the school office and we will do our very best to help ([info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk))
- Make sure you read the information shared with parents by Mrs Gibbins to ensure that you understand the circumstances around the return to school - this will help you to support and reassure your child.
- Make sure you have collected together the clothing and equipment you child will need to come back to school in advance rather than the night before. If you need any help sourcing items, please contact the school.
- Try to ensure your child is back in some level of routine - re-establish bedtimes, finish off any last pieces of home learning, encourage them to read daily. This will help them to settle back into the school routine.
- Talk to them about the positive aspects of returning to school.

If your child will not be returning to Springfield from the 1st June, it is really important that they understand why this is not possible. Again, the story above is a useful resource to help children understand the government guidance for the return and why we cannot welcome back all year groups at this time. Allow your child to ask questions and try to answer them as honestly as possible.

As always, the Pastoral Team are happy to offer help and support to all of our families during this challenging time. Please do contact us via the school office if you have any questions or concerns.



## Celebrating Home Learning

Thank you for sending in your pictures of your home learning. This week Freddie in Year 3 researched sharks and made banana bread and muffins as a treat. Louis in Year 6 enjoyed the science experiments set in the home learning. Alice in Year 5 exercised along to Mr Cain's online PE video. Jared in Year 5 created an amazing picture of a plant. Esther in Nursery enjoyed following the Three Little Pigs story line with some fantastic colouring in. The children in school enjoyed their science learning, where Lenny in Reception and Leah in Year 3 Leah took part in bubble experiments.

Please do keep sending in your photos, we really love seeing your hard work.

