

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

This week we have welcomed children back into Reception and Year 1. With more pupils returning, life has been breathed back into the school. Children have been keenly telling us about their experiences since lockdown began and it has been a pleasure to see pupils enjoying their learning once more. In video check-ins this week we have seen some very impressive examples of home-learning; well done children!

Thank-you to all parents for whom have completed the survey in regards to wider reopening. This information will help us assess if we have the capacity both in terms of staffing and site space to offer provision for more children. Following this information, if we are able to open more widely, this plan will go to the Trust on Monday, 22nd June for ratification. The outcomes from this will not be released to the school until Friday, 26th June and from this, I will then be in contact.

The school closes for the summer break on 22nd July. To help provide childcare provision over this period, we are in communication with KOOSA Club, with the hope that provision can be put in place from 23rd July to 26th August. Once this is finally confirmed, I will let parents know, so that places can be booked, as required.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

General Information

Dinners – You will have received an email with information about the caterer switching to hot dinners from next week. If your child would like to have a school dinner, please order this in the usual way through the SCOpay portal. The meals will be served in an environmentally friendly disposable container with disposable cutlery.

NHS Recruitment – Please see the attached flyer if you are interested in joining the NHS team for the administering of the nasal flu vaccination.

Virtual Meetings – Please encourage your child to join us for the virtual meetings. We are choosing a Lead Learner each week and your child will receive a certificate through the post. Please be reminded we are doing video calls for all year groups who are currently not in school. Mr Cain will continue to do his video call on a Wednesday at 10.00am. Please contact the office if you are not receiving texts and emails with the links to these meetings.

Lead Learners

We have been very impressed with the high standard of home learning being done by the children at home and shared with us on the virtual meetings. The children who have been in the childcare groups or have now returned to school have been engaged thoroughly in their learning. We want to celebrate all learning. Below are this week's lead learners, certificates will be posted to those not in school:

Reception Kings and Queens:-

Group A – Logan and Willow

Group C – Ryan and Sienna

Group B – Oliver and Penelope

Group D – George and Charlotte

Lead learners:

Year 1 – Emily

Year 2 – Lucas and Jacob T

Year 3 – Rita

Year 4 – Freja and Danas

Year 5 - Meirah

Year 6 Group A – Megan T

Year 6 Group B – Niam

Year 6 Group C – Ruby

Year 6 Group D - Abigail

Miss Robinson's childcare group – Maizy-Ann

Mrs Lord's childcare group - Ava

Celebrating Home Learning



Eric and Freddie sharing home learning time.



Eric and Alexander bumped into each other at the park and enjoyed an impromptu ball game.



Aleksander produced some amazing maths learning.



Eric and Freddie visited a friend's house where there are chickens. They learnt about the habitat they live in and what they eat.



Laila in Nursery enjoyed making shape dinosaurs.



The children in the Year 1 childcare group decorated ties.

Virtual Surrey School Games

Surrey Schools have introduced the Virtual Surrey School Games. They would like as many schools as possible to get behind this so that they have 1000s of children participating and keeping active. The leader board for Week 1 can be found below. A new activity is released every **Thursday**, via the Inside Active Schools E-news and the schools social media (@ActiveSchoolsAS). They have created activity cards, which are inclusive and suitable for all levels (level 1-5). There is also a **Level Up** challenge, which allows the young people to be creative and adapt the activity using STEPS (Space, Task, Equipment, People and Speed). They have to share on social media (via parent account) using the hashtag #VirtualSSG2020. There is a £20 Amazon voucher up for grabs, each week, for the best one. We need all pupils to take part and get Springfield on the leader board. You have 10 days from when the activity is released to upload your scores.

Week 2 is [Strike a Pose](#) and focuses on balance. Also attached to this newsletter further information for parents and the Week 3 challenge.



News from the Pastoral Team

Feeling Connected

It has been lovely to welcome more of our pupils back into school this week and support them in settling back into the classroom. One of the most important elements is the re-establishing of friendships and connections between pupils and staff, which so many of us have missed during lockdown. Relationships and connections are a fundamental part of our wellbeing and we know many of our pupils have struggled to understand the need for social distancing and virtual relationships.

If your child is struggling due to feeling a lack of connection with friends and family members, here are a few strategies to try:

- Make time for your child to talk about how they are feeling and explain that how they are feeling is valid and normal.
- Use social media and online games to allow them to interact with friends and family members - being sure to set parental controls and monitor their activity to ensure their safety. You should also ensure games are age-appropriate.
- Encourage children to make cards or write letters to friends and family members they miss.
- Plan a "Friendship Walk" past their friends' homes. Pre-arrange a time with their friends' parents to allow a doorstep chat or wave.
- Meet up in a park or garden - observing social distancing guidelines.

We know that a number of our children are finding it tricky not being able to see friends or family members who live further away. Mrs Standing has recorded a version of "The Invisible String" on the Read with a Teacher section of our website (story 27), which can help children understand that relationship connections do not fade even when we cannot see people.

We are launching a whole school collaborative art project to reaffirm to all of our children our connections as a school community. We feel this is especially important for those children who are not currently able to return to school. Please look out for an email from the school office with details and a template to complete.

As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child's wellbeing or have any tips and advice you would like us to share with other parents, please contact the Pastoral Team via the school office.