

# Springfield Newsletter

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Springfield Primary School - Sunbury-on-Thames

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## A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The week started on a note of excitement as Year 4 went adventuring to Ufton Park as part of their topic on the Vikings. Being inspired by what they learnt on the trip, the pupils have produced some excellent creative, published writing. Year 2 have also been working hard on developing their use of capital letter, full stops and conjunctions in their work on Room on a Broom; well done to all children for some excellent learning this week!

Following on from our early developments last term with our new allotment, Mr Davies and Mr Ashbridge have been leading the way with the next stage in the project. Children have been planting spring seeds and bulbs this week and even the tomato plants have been a success. As we go through the year we are hoping to be able to host an event for parents, so that you will be able to see the fruits of their hard work this term.

Our first Parent Forum meeting will take place on 8th October at 9.30am. The Parent Forum is a voluntary group of parents who meet once every half-term to help provide feedback on a range of key, strategic school projects and events. We are always seeking new members and so if you would like to be part of this group, please do email the office ([info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk)). This meeting will take place virtually and we will send the link to members in the morning of the meeting.

With increased levels of guidance and restrictions released this week regarding Covid-19, please could I ask that parents continue to maintain safe distance from each other, even when speaking with parents for whom maybe close family friends. If you feel comfortable wearing a face covering for dropping-off and collection, we would appreciate parents doing so, as voluntary practice in helping all within the school community stay as safe as possible.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins

Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Virtual Harvest Festival  
Assembly

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm**

Year 2 SRE virtual workshop

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm**

Year 3 & 4 SRE virtual  
workshop

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 4pm**

Year 5 & 6 SRE virtual  
workshop

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Parent Puzzle workshop -  
2.00pm

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

School photographer

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Virtual Parent Internet Safety  
Workshop 4.00pm

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 3 science workshop

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Virtual PTA Annual General  
Meeting – 7.00pm-8.00pm

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

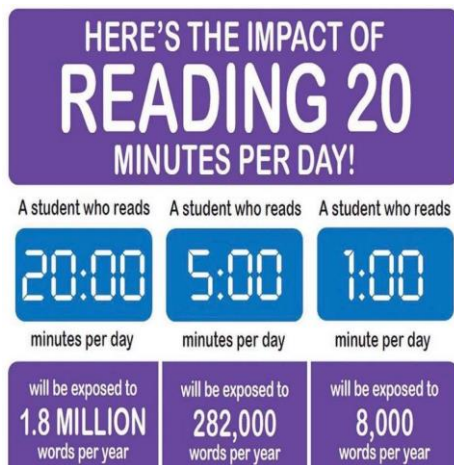
- Virtual Parent Forum meeting – 9.30am
- Virtual Reception phonics meeting – 4.30pm
- Virtual Reception parent partnership meeting 5.00-6.00pm

**School Dinners:**

Next week will be **Week 2** for ordering school dinners.

## Reading at Springfield

Please ensure you are reading at least four times a week with your child at home. Those children with their reading diaries signed four times in a week will be entered into our Reading Stars raffle for a chance to win a prize from Miss Birt's lucky dip of fun prizes! As you can see from the picture below, just 20 minutes reading a day has a huge impact on children's vocabulary.



## General Information

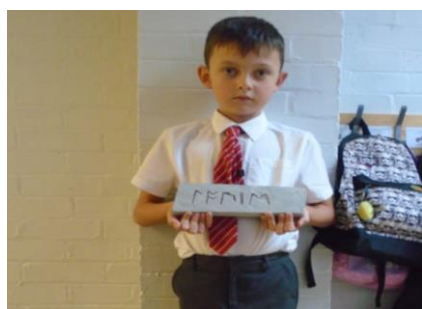
**Absence reporting** – If your child is not going to be in school, please leave a message on the dedicated absence option on the school's telephone system by no later than 9.00am.

**Uniform** – It is really important that children come to school wearing the correct uniform each day.

## Home Learning Stars

We have had amazing home learning this week from Edward in Y6 with a 3D picture of the Battle of Britain, Sophie Y6 with a great Blitz map, Arthur Y6 with details of a weekly food ration for one person during World War 2 and Louie in Year 4 with his model of a Viking rune.

Well done to Lincoln in Year 2 with his fantastic writing about his favourite superheroes, he was presented with a Deputy Headteacher's award.



## Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'working hard on handwriting skills':

Sparrow	- Tommy	Stoat	- Jacob
Nightingale	- Jacob	Otter	- Heidi
Woodpecker	- Mikail	Buzzard	- Vinny
Mole	- Poppy	Osprey	- Harry
Bat	- Amber	Eagle	- Edward
		Falcon	- Jordan

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'considering other children's rights':

Sparrow	- Charlotte	Stoat	- Jess
Nightingale	- Sienna	Otter	- Bethany
Woodpecker	- Leighton	Buzzard	- Waseem
Mole	- Jovi	Osprey	- Albie
Bat	- Maya	Eagle	- Sithuki
		Falcon	- Joshua

Our Reception Kings and Queens for this week are:

Badger Class:

King - Sebastian

Queen - Esther

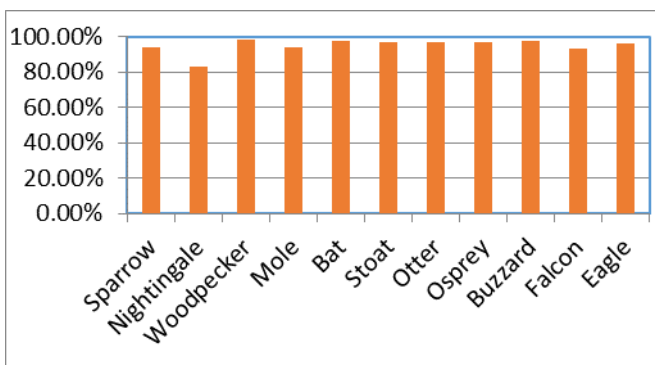
Fox Class:

King - Noah

Queen - Nellie



## Awards



**Attendance** – Our winners of the Attendance Cup for last week are:-

KS1 – Woodpecker with 98.5%

KS2 – Bat and Buzzard 97.8%

**TT Rockstars** – Eagle Class are at the top of this week's leader board. Our top 3 children with the most accurate answers are Leighton, Annie and Grace. Well done!

**Reading Stars** – Eagle and Falcon with 21.

## Parent Forum Agenda

The next parent forum will take place on 8th October at 9.30am, the agenda will be as follows:

1. School wider re-opening: what has worked and what could be improved?
2. Remote learning: what worked during lockdown and what could be improved?
3. School library - what do parents think of the possibility of a fully operational school library?
4. Maths - how could the school better support parents with maths home-learning?

## Year 4 Trip

Year 4's topic this half term is Traders and Raiders, which is all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings! The Year 4 team decided it would be fantastic to allow the children to experience Viking life first-hand, and so we arranged a visit to Ufton Court for an exciting Viking themed day. The children and adults had a fantastic day learning how Vikings fought in battle, experiencing how they would get into different battle formations and even got to use some real Viking weaponry.

We then voyaged deep into the woods to find a life-sized Viking Longboat! The children were able to experience rowing, life on a longboat and we had a great time learning about the different raids Vikings made in different countries. In the afternoon, the children got to learn how to make their own bow and arrow from natural materials and had a go at many different Viking games and leisure activities.

The day was a truly memorable experience and brought their learning to life in a way that would not be possible in the classroom. What a magical day!

