



Springfield Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th January 2020



TERM DATES

Yr6 Residential trip Kench Hill 10th-14th Feb

Parents Evening:

Nursery, Rec, Yr1, Yr3, 4, 5 Thurs 13th Feb

Yr2 & Yr6 Thurs 27th Feb

Half term Mon 17th Feb—21st Feb

Return to school Mon 24th Feb

World Book Day Thurs 5th March

Yr 6 group photo 18th Mar

Easter holidays Mon 6th—Fri 18th Apr

Return to school Mon 20th Apr

May Day Fri 8th May

Half term Mon 25th—Fri 29th May

Return to school Mon 1st Jun

Summer holidays Friday 17th July

Dear parents and carers

Our new terms has started really well with some very exciting learning happening in classes. We have appointed a new Spanish teacher and are now teaching Spanish from Reception to Year 6. The children love it—do ask them about their Spanish learning. This term Y2 have started to learn coding in their computing lessons. It is amazing to see how quickly they can learn to code — some of them are definitely far more advanced than I am! We have also been looking at Science in our curriculum. We spent a day at the start of the term, looking at how to increase the profile of Science across the school and have some exciting Science learning planned. Y4 enjoyed some workshops this week led by an organisation called STEM—do take a look at pictures of them on our Springfield twitter account making slime!

And now for a plea...

We work hard at Springfield to ensure children have access to a range of trips and visits. However, these do cost money. We do ask for contributions but recently we have noticed that we are getting in less and less money. We can only continue to run trips if parents contribute. We do try to keep the costs as low as possible. Please support us by paying for trips on Parent Pay or by sending in money to the office. We are happy to accept cash if this is easier!

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support.

Fiona



P.E. Timetable

Monday	Year 3	PM
Tuesday	Year 2	PM
Wednesday	Year 6	PM
Thursday	Year 5	PM
Friday	Rec	PM
Friday	Year 4	Swimming

7th Jan—14th Feb 2020

School dinners: £2 per day - £10 p/week

Total cost is **£58** for this half term.

PLEASE ENSURE MEALS ARE PAID IN ADVANCE USING PARENT PAY

Look out for our new Autumn/Winter Menu!



Remember dinner money, trips and all club payments can be paid online via Parent Pay.



Last week in Year 5, we went back in time when we visited the Ragged School Museum as part of our study of the Victorians. The first stop was a workshop where we studied a number of artefacts and discussed what they could tell us about living in the Victorian

times. After this, we got in role as Victorian schoolchildren (inspired by reading about this back at school) and went to class! Ms. Perkins was our Victorian teacher - she was incredibly strict! We sat up straight, recited Victorian sayings, wrote on our slates with chalk and tried to avoid Victorian punishments... Fortunately we avoided the cane! We then reflected on how education has changed since that era. Back at school we will be delving deeper into the educational reforms of the period to understand that change was gradual. We will make links to the rights we have today and how this is connected to the Victorian legacy.





Date	Book and Page Number	Comments
16.01.20	Flat Stanley p.1-9 (Chapter 1)	Read fluently Discussed the meaning of politeness, marvel at and examination Signed: <i>A Parent</i>
17.01.20	Flat Stanley p.9 - 22 (Chapter 2 and 3)	Retold the story so far. Signed: <i>A Parent</i>

Learning to read is one of the most important skills our children will ever acquire and reading is at the heart of our curriculum. We are working hard to ensure that your child is taking home a book at the right level for them to read every night. We really value all the support you give to your children with their reading at home. While the children are still learning to read, we ask that you listen to them read aloud every day asking them questions to ensure they understand what they have read. As they progress towards greater independence, we still ask that you take time to listen to them reading a section of their book aloud to you and continue to ask them questions to aid comprehension. Please share your child's reading journey with us by completing their reading records every day. A date, the title and page numbers read help us to keep track of children's reading and to provide the right kind of support. A comment is optional but hugely welcomed as it gives us invaluable insight into our children's reading habits and preferences. We are always keen to talk to you about reading, so please do come and see us with any concerns, questions or successes.

POLITE REMINDERS

Allergy: Can we remind all parents and carers that we have a number of children in school who are highly allergic to nuts. Please do not send any nuts or foods that contain nuts into school. This includes Nutella which is made from hazel nuts and most cereal bars. Can you also remind your child about the importance of not sharing food with other children. The safest (and healthiest) snack to bring to school is a piece of fruit. Thank you for your support. Having a child who is at risk of having a serious allergic reaction is always worrying for parents and school staff so we want to ensure we do everything possible to minimise the risk.

Late: Children who arrive after the gate has closed must come to the office to register as late on the electronic signing in system.

Absences: Please call the office before 9am to report your child absent from school using option 1 when you call.

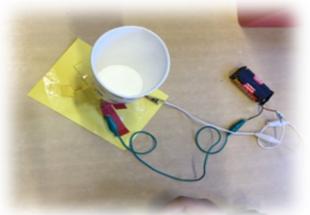
P.E. Kit: Please ensure you send your child to school on the correct day with their P.E. kit which includes plim-solls/trainers and a track suit for the cold weather.

Contact Details: If anyone has had a change of address, mobile or landline number during the holidays, please ensure you have informed the office of your new details. This is extremely important.

Medical Appointments: All medical appointments must be arranged for outside school times unless this is absolutely not possible. If you do need to take a child out of school, they must be in school before and after the appointment. Proof of the appointment has to be provided.

Severe weather conditions: In the event of extreme weather such as heavy falls of snow, parents should take the following advice about the possibility of a school closure. Whenever possible, Springfield Primary School will remain open. However, we have to consider the safety of all our children and staff, some of whom travel a great distance into school each day. Should the need arise, a decision will be made and a text message sent informing you of the school closure.

Last term, year 4 had the best time with Sally, a STEM ambassador, who came to teach them how to build electromagnet speakers, linked to their sound topic in science. It was great to see how much learning the children still retained about magnets from year 3 and how they were able to use this year's learning about electricity and sound to begin building their own speakers.



They also had a brilliant time cooking and baking for their special guests. They made Cornish pasties and scones with jam and clotted cream and enjoyed them with some of the year 4 parents and staff. What a delightful treat!



Private piano and guitar lessons are still available for children in Year 3 to Year 6.

For information and cost speak to Doreen in the school office.

