



Springfield Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th February 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

Friday Class assemblies 9.15am

14th Feb Reception class

13th Mar Year 4

20th March Year 2

27th March Year 5

1st May Year 1

22nd May Year 3

Do you know that you can train to be a teacher with Primary Advantage? Our Teaching Schools team is hosting a free, informal information session about the different training routes into teaching, including options to work and earn a salary whilst you train. If you know anyone interested please let them know they can come along to find out more. Please book your place at our information session via the eventbrite link below:

St. John the Baptist Primary School, Crondall Street, London N1 6JG

Thursday 13 February 2020

Session 1: 2.45 - 3.15pm

Session 2: 3.45 - 4.15pm

Please book at <https://train-to-teach-with-pa-meet-the-team.eventbrite.co.uk>

Dear parents/carers

I am sure many of you will have felt a mixture of emotions last week as the country began the process of withdrawing from the EU. Many of our families will have felt sadness and also may be feeling anxious about their future in the UK. On behalf of all our staff and governors at Springfield, we would like to take this opportunity to reinforce how much we value our community — our work colleagues, friends and neighbours who are citizens of other countries. Springfield is a great school because it is made up of families from all around the world. We love having such a diverse community and want you to know how much we value having you here. If you are worried or need any information regarding Brexit, the GLA has set up an EU Londoner's hub which has a list of questions and answers and details of support organisations in Hackney. <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/eu-londoners-hub>

Hackney Council website also has information.

Nina Steeples, one of our Assistant Headteachers, will be leaving us at the end of next week. She is moving to Spain with her family, including Baby Ray and her dog, Eva. Nina has worked at Springfield for almost ten years and will be hugely missed. She has been amazing in so many ways and we are very sad to see her go. However, we can't compete with the lure of sunshine and a chance to spend more time with her family. On behalf of everyone, we would like to send Nina our best wishes and to say thank you to her for her amazing contribution to Springfield over the years.

Some good news—Alice Murphy has given birth to a baby boy called Bernard. They are both doing well and we are looking forward to a visit soon.

We are also very pleased to have a teacher called Holly Cosby returning to us on a part-time basis. Some of you will remember Holly, who was a teacher here for five years and taught some of our older children. Holly will be leading on Art, Design and Technology.

Thank you to all our parents who have paid for trips this term. Please remember to pay on Parent Pay so we can continue to offer our children a broad and balanced curriculum.

Have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Fudge

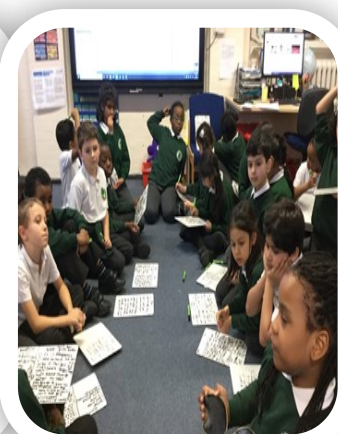


Is it a solid? Is it a liquid?

In science this term, **Year 4** have been learning all about states of matter. Everything that is around us, is made of matter and can be classified in three main groups, which indicate the state the matter is in: solids, liquids and gases. Some materials, however, are quite tricky to place in a group, as they display features that belong to more than one group. Slime, for example, is a non-Newtonian fluid: if left to itself, it will take the shape of the container it has been placed in, just like a liquid; if touched and played with, however, it will display features that are specific to solids: holds its shape and can't be poured, for example.



Year 3 have been learning about the Roman Empire, and why the Romans, led by Julius Caesar, were determined to take over the country then called Britannia. To get into the minds of the Romans and Celts, we took to the playground and re-enacted the Battle of 55BC. We also had a debate about the positive and negative aspects of living as a Roman soldier.



Reception class, Year 1, and Year 2

All children starting school in the reception class, Year 1, or Year 2 will get a free meal at school regardless of income. This includes academies, free schools, pupil referral units and alternative provision as well as maintained schools.

However, even if your child is in one of these year groups **we still need you to apply for free meals via the Hackney Learning Trust website** if you are receiving benefits. This will allow your school to claim important extra funding that will benefit your child.

Schools get extra funding, known as the 'Pupil Premium', for every child registered as eligible for a free school meal if their parents are receiving benefits. Schools use this money for activities such as art therapy, booster classes,

Friday 14th Feb 3.30pm

Cake Sale !



raising funds
for the P.T.A.



Parents please bring your donations of cakes, cookies etc. to the school office next week for our fund raising cake sale on Friday 14th February

Come and join us for Wednesday school lunch

If you would like to come and have school dinner with your child, please let Doreen in the office know. This is available on a Wednesday and needs to be booked in advance. There are limited places available so book early! Cost of an adult school lunch is £3.

Year 5 have been working hard learning about The Victorians this term! We have been lucky enough to enjoy two trips this term. During the first, we experienced life as Victorian school children under the watchful eye of Miss Perkins at the Ragged school museum. This week we were learning how to print beautiful designs at the William Morris Gallery. Why not ask us all about symmetry and nature motifs,

