



Springfield Community Primary School

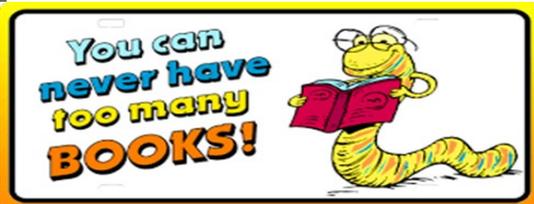
NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th March 2020



TERM DATES

Yr 6 group photo	18th Mar
Easter Egg Hunt	1st Apr
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

13th Mar	Year 4
20th March	Year 2
27th March	Year 5
1st May	Year 1
22nd May	Year 3
29th May	Year 6

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

Come and join us for school lunch on a Wednesday

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 must be booked in advance. There are limited places available so book early! Cost of an adult school lunch is £3.

No doubt some of you will be feeling anxious about the Corona Virus in school. We are following advice from Hackney and the Department for Education and are ensuring our children are very aware of the importance of hygiene. We already have a large number of hand sanitiser points in school and are continually reminding children about washing their hands. Some children already bring in their own hand sanitiser into school. We are happy for children to have this in school and also ask that you send them in with a packet of tissues if you can. If there is any change in the advice given, we will let you know immediately.

For the moment, school continues as normal.

Next week we will be launching our 'Jelly Bean Challenge' and we need your support. Classes will be awarded jellybeans if everyone has read at home and signed their reading record. These jellybeans go into a special container and the first class to fill their container will have a 'jellybean party'. Please support us by hearing your child read at home and signing their reading record. This is a team competition, the more signed records we have in, the more beans the class receives.

EASTER EGG HUNT APPEAL

The P.T.A. are once again running the very popular 'Easter Egg Hunt'. All of our children will be taking part and therefore we are kindly asking for a donation of Easter eggs from our parents/carers. This year we would like parents to donate a minimum of 1 egg per child to the event and ask that you bring it to the school office as soon as possible or by Monday 30th March latest. Thanks again for your continued support.

Coronavirus

The DfE have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Please contact the helpline as follows.
 Phone: 0800 046 8687
 Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk
 Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)



Year 6 had the most wonderful, adventurous week at Kench Hill before Half Term. From diving off sand dunes to singing around the campfire it was a week they will truly treasure forever. The children were incredibly well behaved and both Springfield staff and Kench Hill staff commented on how respectful the Springfield's children are. Well done Year 6 for doing the whole school

Year 4 had an enjoyable afternoon making book-marks and magnets with their Eco Ambassadors from [@ecoACTIVE UK](https://www.ecoactiveuk.com)



World Book day celebrations

What an amazing selection of costumes worn yesterday by our children and staff to celebrate such an important day. Even though it poured with rain all day, the children enjoyed their workshops at the local library, reading to each other in their classrooms and of course showing off their costumes to



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, educational trips, and after school clubs.

Correct P.E. kit

We have noticed a number of children taking part in P.E. without wearing the correct P.E. kit.

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

Some activity clubs also require suitable clothing to be worn after school.

In the interest of your child's safety, please ensure the correct kit is sent into school on the correct day every week.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Tip: Remember to give yourself 10 days for receipt of school uniform and tick 'delivery to school' to avoid being charged postage!

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – update, advice and guidance March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below information received from the borough which we have been asked to circulate.

From: Springfield Community Primary School

Coronavirus COVID-19, Update, advice & guidance

Based on the World Health Organization's declaration that the Coronavirus outbreak is a public health emergency of international concern, the UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate. Whilst this permits the government to plan for all eventualities, the risk to individuals remains low.

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. Based on current information, there is currently no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school/setting as normal.

You may be aware that advice for travellers from affected areas has recently changed and it has come to our attention that this may affect children and staff returning from school trips. Please be aware that this is a fast evolving situation and we will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity.

Advice for returning travellers

As of 26 February 2020, advice for returning travellers is set out below. If you fall into any of these scenarios, we ask that you contact the school office to let them know as soon as possible.

1. If you have returned from the following (category 1) areas **since February 19**, call NHS111 to inform them of your recent travel, stay indoors and avoid contact with other people **even if you do not have symptoms (cough, fever or shortness of breath)**:
 - Iran
 - Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy (currently *Ber-tonico, Casalpusterlengo, Castelgerundo, Castiglione D'Adda, Codogno, Fombio, Maleo, San Fiorano, Somaglia, Terranova dei Passerini and Vo*)
 - Daegu or Cheongdo, Republic of Korea)
 - Hubei province, China (returned in the past 14 days)
2. If you have returned from the following (category 2) areas since **19 February 2020** and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111. **You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms (cough, fever or shortness of breath)**.
 - Northern Italy – please refer to this map
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/868103/Map_showing_specified_areas_of_Italy_250220.pdf
 - Vietnam
 - Cambodia
 - Laos
 - Myanmar

3. If you have returned to the UK from any of the following areas **in the last 14 days** and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately stay indoors and avoid contact with other people, call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

- Other parts of China outside Hubei province
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

Further Advice & Guidance

Please note that this information is regularly updated and you should, therefore, refer back to it for any changes

- **Information for the public** – <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>
- **Guidance for educational settings** – <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

If there is any change in circumstances specifically affecting the local area or the school, this will be posted on the school website www.springfield.hackney.sch.uk and noted on the Council's education web page www.learningtrust.co.uk

What action you should take

A UK-wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Best advice to washing your hands can be found here from the NHS <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>