

# Springfield Community Primary School Newsletter

<b>Headteacher's message</b>	<p>It was a real pleasure to hold our first Parents Evening consultations last week. I know all our teachers really valued the opportunity to discuss your children's learning with you. Thank you all for bearing with us and facilitating the timetable, it really was appreciated. Ms Case</p>
<b>Communication</b>	<p>Please do follow us on Twitter (@SpringCPS) and our new Instagram (@springfieldhackney) as we are sharing daily updates there fore you .</p>
<b>Commitment of the half term</b>	<p>The Commitment we are focusing on this half term is 'Learn Together'. We will be focusing on collaboration and teaching our children how effective communication is an essential part of working together. Ask your child how they work with their talk partner and how they engage in partnered reading.</p>
<b>Spotlight on</b>	<p><b>Attendance:</b> We are really proud that that Springfield's average attendance this term has been above the national average. Thank you for ensuring that your child is in school—it makes such a big difference to their progress.</p>
<b>Reminders</b>	<p><b>PE Kits Springfield school uniform website - <a href="http://www.mapac.com">www.mapac.com</a></b> Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE day. PE kit includes: -Springfield t-shirt or plain white t-shirt—please no sports logos -green shorts or plain dark tracksuit bottoms (black, grey or navy) -Springfield logo jumper, cardigan or fleece—no hoodies or alternatives -trainers or plimsolls Trainers should be comfortable and practical. Please do not allow your child to wear expensive branded trainers. Our policy on this is to promote equality. We want all children to feel confident and comfortable in school on their PE day and not self-conscious about their footwear. We do not wish for any family to feel under pressure to buy expensive trainers for use in school.</p> <p><b>Uniform</b> Please no jewellery except small, plain studs. Grey trousers/skirts/shorts—not black. Plain black school shoes - please no logos, even if discreet. Black, white, grey or green socks/tights. Green book bag/ rucksack. <b>All families are welcome to access our uniform Swap Shop—please enquire at the gate or via the office.</b></p> <p><b>Home reading</b> Please support your child to read at home <b>every day</b> to ensure they make progress. Please do not hesitate to let your child's teacher know if they need a new book, or if you have any other questions of queries.</p>
<b>Updates</b>	<p><b>Parent Governor</b> We have a vacancy on our Local Advisory Board for a parent governor. We celebrate the diversity within our school community. We encourage and welcome applications which reflect this diversity.</p> <p><b>Christmas Contributions</b> To recognise the additional challenges some of our families may face this year, we warmly welcome donations of supermarket vouchers or a children's book which is a family favourite.</p>



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## Term Dates 2020-2021

Half term holiday	26th Oct—Fri 30th Oct	Inset day	Mon 22nd Feb
Inset day	Mon 2nd Nov	Return to school	Tues 23rd Feb
Return to school	Tues 3rd Nov	Easter holidays	2nd Apr— Fri 16th Apr
Christmas holidays	21st Dec 2020 - 1st Jan	May Day	Mon 3rd May
Inset day	Mon 4th Jan	Half term	31st May—Fri 4th Jun
Return to school	Tues 5th Jan	Inset Day	7th Jun
Half term	15th Feb—Fri 19th Feb	Return to school	Tues 8th Jun
		Summer holidays	Friday 23rd July



Birch class ventured out into the local area to enrich their local geography learning. The children were able to make connections to what they have learned in their classroom about the River Lea and the surrounding area. The children were a credit to Springfield and showed great respect for the members of the local community they encountered along the way. They really impressed Ms Phillips, who accompanied them, with their extensive knowledge and with the great questions they asked. The walk ended with meeting a parent from our school community, who shared what it is like to live on a houseboat and run a business from it. We are so grateful to Mercedes for bringing this learning to life for us. Thank you so much!



Willow class have been on a secret writing mission this half term. This week, after much preparation, they presented Miss Case with their beautifully written leaflets about the Amazon Rainforest. It is clear from their writing that they have learned so much in their geography lessons, and are well aware of the need to protect this area as the 'lungs' of the planet.



Replying to @Naidoo\_J21

Ms Naidoo, we were so excited to read your reply and wanted to share some of our reflections to your powerful words at the end of the book. Thank you for sharing Naledi and Tiro's journey with us, we can't wait to finish the book!

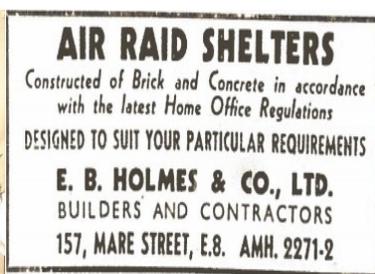


Beverley Naidoo @Na... · 22h

Replying to @SpringCPS

Wonderful responses, thank you, to this big question! If we all contribute to being part of the change we want to see, we'll make a difference, 1 step at a time. If you're happy to archive these @7Stories for future research, do email contact on my website & I'll get back to you!

Elm class have been enjoying their current class text: *Journey to Jo'Burg*. To deepen their understanding of the context, they had a visit from Ms Lines who shared her personal experience of growing up in South Africa, where the story is set. The class even enjoyed some home-made South African delicacies together. To add to the excitement, Elm have even been in contact with the author, Beverly Naidoo, herself. After sending a Tweet to her to celebrate their reflections on the text, Ms Naidoo replied on Twitter and congratulated the children on their thoughtful and mature responses. We are so proud!



Oak class had a very different start to their week this week. On Monday morning, they had a virtual workshop about called *Hackney War Stories*, from experts at the Hackney Museum. The children explored and reflected on a range of sources and the workshop leader commended the class on their knowledge.

## PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception, Year 3 + Year 5	Year 4	Year 1	Year 2	Year 6