

Springfield Community Primary School Newsletter

Headteacher's message	<p>Firstly, a HUGE thank you to you all for all your efforts in supporting your children's home education. It really has been a pleasure to see all the incredible learning our children have been sharing on their Google Classroom and to see how motivated and enthusiastic they have been.</p> <p>We are awaiting an announcement from the Government regarding the process of reopening schools but do expect that we will begin a phased reopening from Monday 8th March. I will share plans with you as soon as we have all the information we need. We are all getting excited about having all our children back in school.</p> <p>I do urge you all to have a restful break over half-term. I appreciate what an incredibly challenging time this has been for all our families and having plenty of time away from screens and enjoying an trip to the park or time as a family is really important. Your children are not expected to continue with their remote learning over the holiday, although as always, we encourage them to read for pleasure every day.</p>
Communication	<p>Please do continue to follow us on Instagram @springfieldhackney. We are sharing lots of updates and good news and our children love knowing their achievements are being celebrated more widely.</p>
Commitment of the half term	<p>The Commitment we are focusing on this half term is 'Build Positivity'. In the face of challenging circumstances, our resilience and motivation help us to tackle challenges and experience success and a sense of pride. We are so proud of the determination we have seen throughout our community to make the best of the situation in recent weeks. Thank you all for sharing in this positive spirit - it truly is a team effort.</p>
Spotlight on	<p>Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. In February we raised awareness of these two key issues and encourage you to continue these valuable conversations with your children about expressing themselves and staying safe online—both are particularly relevant at the moment.</p>
Reminders	<p>School is open only to the children of key workers and vulnerable children from Monday 22nd February, after the half term break.</p> <p>There will be home learning packs to collect on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd February from the school office. You told us these were helpful in a recent survey so we are making more to support you at home.</p>
Updates	<p>Miss Alice We have been delighted to welcome Miss Alice back to school following her maternity leave. Alongside Ms Comber, she is teaching our Reception Class. Ms Ponting has moved to Nursery.</p> <p>Year 3 Teacher Ms Kelly has made the difficult decision to return to Australia to be nearer to her family and friends. Miss Phillips is now teaching Holly class, who she knows well from last year.</p>



Term Dates 2020-2021

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



Birch class were inspired by the story Bog Baby to create habitats for the creature to live in. We made links to their science learning about what living things need to survive and got creative to make his new home appealing and comfortable. We started outside in our forest area to collect items that Bog Baby would need before putting together their final piece. We shared pictures on our Instagram and Twitter accounts for everyone to see and celebrate.

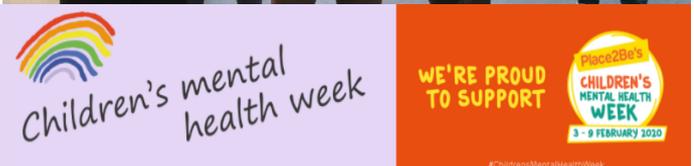


Chestnuts enjoyed some fresh air and sunshine last week and took their learning outdoors. We painted, built and tackled maths challenges all in the fresh air.

We have also been focusing on team work and collaboration. Although our bubble team has been small, we have continued to develop strong partnerships and have used positive communication to achieve our very best together.



To celebrate Chinese New Year, Miss Vikki and Elm team got creative and made dragon decorations. In Chinese culture, dragons symbolise good luck so we are sharing them with our school community to share this good luck amongst us all. We hope they brighten your day and perhaps inspire you to make your own!



At Springfield, we also participated in Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet day this February. Both our children at home and in school took part in a virtual assembly to better understand children's mental health and tackled activities to reflect on how to stay safe online. Both of these causes are particularly relevant at present. Thank you everyone for getting involved.

