



# Springfield Community Primary School Newsletter

Summer 2

<b>Headteacher's message</b>	Dear families, as we near the end of another academic year, I want to thank all of you for your unwavering support throughout. Our children have had an really successful year and they have all made incredibly strong progress across all areas of the curriculum. I know everyone is now looking forward to a well deserved holiday and we all wish you and your families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break.
<b>Strong September Start</b>	<p>To ensure your child has a positive start to the new academic year, please remember the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main gate opens at 8.45 for soft start—children can collect a bagel and settle in class</li> <li>• Smart uniform and plain black school shoes ensure all children are equal—please no trainers</li> <li>• PE kit includes white t-shirts (plain or with Springfield logos), green shorts or dark joggers—please no hoodies or branded tracksuits</li> <li>• We are a healthy school—please no crisps, chocolate or sweets in packed lunches</li> <li>• We are a <b>nut-free</b> school to ensure the safety of all children and adults</li> <li>• <b>Named</b> uniform and bags ensure any misplaced items can be safely returned</li> <li>• <b>Prompt</b> 3.30 collection (or 4.30 following clubs) means no child feels anxious waiting to be collected</li> </ul>
<b>Springfield's Commitments</b>	Thank you all for upholding our six Commitments: by encouraging your child to <b>love learning</b> you help to sew the seed of lifelong curiosity. By supporting your child to <b>learn together</b> with you at home, and with classmates, you encourage the collaboration that is foundational for their future success. Through building your child's <b>confidence</b> and <b>positivity</b> , you support their wellbeing and ensure they know they have a voice that is valued and powerful. Your encouragement to <b>reach high</b> means Springfield children know that their learning has no limits. Conversations about their dreams and goals inspire them to feel a sense of hope and optimism for their futures. Finally, your commitment to valuing <b>respect</b> for everyone ensures that your children walk the world with respect for everyone, without discrimination.
<b>Summer Safety</b>	<p>We wish all families a safe and enjoyable summer. Please see the following safety advice:</p> <p>Child Safety pack: <a href="https://capt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Child-Safety-Week-Parents-Pack-Safety-Made-Simple.pdf">https://capt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Child-Safety-Week-Parents-Pack-Safety-Made-Simple.pdf</a></p> <p>Window Safety: <a href="https://chscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/HDS12587-Window-safety-flyer-v4-1.pdf">https://chscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/HDS12587-Window-safety-flyer-v4-1.pdf</a></p> <p>Water safety: <a href="https://capt.org.uk/drowning/">https://capt.org.uk/drowning/</a></p> <p>Dog safety: <a href="https://chscp.org.uk/dog-safety-4/">https://chscp.org.uk/dog-safety-4/</a></p> <p>Blind cord safety: <a href="https://www.chscp.org.uk/blind-cord-safety/">https://www.chscp.org.uk/blind-cord-safety/</a></p> <p>Fire safety: <a href="https://capt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/11._CAPT_CSW_2019_Fire_Safety-1-1.pdf">https://capt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/11._CAPT_CSW_2019_Fire_Safety-1-1.pdf</a></p> <p>Button battery safety: <a href="https://capt.org.uk/button-battery-safety/">https://capt.org.uk/button-battery-safety/</a></p> <p>E-safety guide on privacy, safety, blocking, reporting and more: <a href="https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/">https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Youth vaping: <a href="https://ineqe.com/2023/04/20/youth-vaping/?utm_campaign">https://ineqe.com/2023/04/20/youth-vaping/?utm_campaign</a></p>
<b>Summer Reading Challenge</b>	<p>Your child is warmly invited—and encouraged! - to participate in this year's Summer Reading Challenge <a href="https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/">https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Please visit your local library to access a wide range of engaging books that your child Can choose to read. The aim is to read 6 books over the 6 weeks—or more of course!</p> <p>Any child who completes the challenge will receive a Springfield certificate. There are also a range of exciting <b>prizes</b> available to be won form the library service.</p> <p>The challenge is a great way to motivate your child with summer reading. <b>Reading every day is hugely important for a strong start in September.</b> If your child does not read over the summer break, their fluency and stamina as a reader is likely to be affected.</p> 
<b>Attendance</b>	<p><b>Our target for each child's attendance is 96% + to secure strong learning outcomes and wellbeing.</b></p> <p>At Springfield, we make every day of learning count. As part of our approach to promoting and celebrating positive attendance, we are pleased to share class team averages for <b>this year</b>:</p> <p>Oak (Y6): 93.5% Elm (Y5): 92.1% Willow: (Y4): 95.2% Holly (Y3): 93% Birch (Y2): 95.5% Chestnuts (Y1): 95.1% Cherries (R): 92.3%</p> <p>We will continue to: send 100% attendance messages on a Friday to celebrate consistent attendance</p> <p>And review all children's average attendance on a weekly basis and send letters/meet with families where attendance is below 96% (at risk).</p> <p>For attendance below 90% (that is one day missed per fortnight), you will be invited to an 'improving attendance meeting' with actions agreed with the headteacher. If no improvement is made, the Hackney Education Team will be informed to support the improvement of your child's attendance.</p>
	<p>For school events, holidays and much, much, more, visit our website at: <a href="http://www.springfield.hackney.sch.uk">www.springfield.hackney.sch.uk</a></p> <p>Please also follow us on Twitter @springcps and on Instagram @springfieldhackney</p>

## Trips and Events

### Acorns Class visit from London Fire Brigade

Our Nursery children were so excited to welcome very special visitors from London Fire Brigade. They developed their understanding of people in our community who help us and admired the impressive technology on-board the fire engine. We expressed our gratitude for what the emergency services do for us and our admiration of their hard work, commitment and care.

We are reminded to review our fire safety plans at home and ensure our children know what to do in case of an emergency.



Year 4—Horniman Museum



### Willow and Elm Class—Years 4 and 5:

#### Apollo Music Concert at Hackney Empire

Willow and Elm teams enjoyed a spectacular concert performed by Apollo music musicians at the Hackney Empire. It was a memorable opportunity to listen to a live orchestra on stage, following recent classroom sessions back in school. The children were able to see and hear instruments from the brass, woodwind, percussion and string families and identify individual instruments from violas to oboes to cellos and flutes.

We are looking forward to further developing or children's love of music from around the world and from different historical periods through regular music appreciation assemblies next academic year.

### Celebration Events for Windrush 75

We were so grateful to welcome two very special guests to share a family story of the Windrush generation in a powerful personal poem. We were reminded of the importance of learning about the past to build a brighter, anti-racist future and to celebrate the diversity of our community. Thank you to Michelle Simmons-Safo and Mrs Simmons for sharing powerful memories and helping our children to understand the rich legacy of local history within living memory.

Birch Class also built on their learning about the Windrush with a visit to Hackney Museum for a *Suitcase Stories* interactive workshop. They understood how historians analyse evidence about the past and explored a range of sources themselves to better understand the lived experience of members of the Windrush generation and their families.



## Autumn Term: Dates for your diary

<b>September</b>  Breakfast and 6 o'clock club start on: <b>Monday 4th September</b>  3:30-4:30pm After-school Clubs start on: <b>Monday 11th September</b>	<b>Wednesday 6th September:</b> children from Year 1 to Year 6 return to school <b>Wednesday 6th September at 3:45pm:</b> KS2 Meet the Teacher + Families Information Session <b>Thursday 7th September at 3:45pm:</b> EYFS /KS1 Meet the Teacher + Families Information Session <b>Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Monday 11th September:</b> 10 Reception children in school each day <b>Friday 8th September:</b> Nursery open to children - morning only <b>Friday 8th September:</b> 3.45-4.00 Open Classrooms—celebration of the first week of learning <b>Monday 11th September:</b> Nursery open for all children <b>Tuesday 12th September:</b> first day for whole Reception class together <b>Tuesday 12th September:</b> KS1+2 whole school approach to devices—parent and carer workshop
<b>October</b>	<b>Monday 2nd October:</b> Black History Month launch assembly <b>Friday 6th October:</b> Year 6 Oak Class—learning showcase assembly 9.15—families welcomed <b>Friday 13th October:</b> Year 5 Elm Class—learning showcase assembly 9.15—families welcomed <b>Thursday 19th October:</b> Black History Month sharing assembly—2.45—families welcomed <b>Friday 20th October:</b> Year 3 Holly Class—learning showcase assembly 9.15—families welcomed <b>Friday 20th October:</b> open classrooms at 3.45—celebration of learning with families

## Term Dates 2023-24

Please do not book holidays or family visits during term times

<b>Inset days</b> <i>School closed to children</i>	Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September	<b>Inset day</b> <i>School closed to children</i>	Monday 19th February
<b>Children return to school (Autumn 1 half-term)</b>	Wednesday 6th September (Year 1-6)	<b>Children return to school (Spring 2 half-term)</b>	Tuesday 20th February
<b>Half term holiday</b>	Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October	<b>Last day of Spring term</b>	Thursday 28th March
<b>Inset Day</b> <i>School closed to children</i>	Monday 30th October	<b>Children return to school (Summer 1 half-term)</b>	Monday 15th April
<b>Children return to school (Autumn 2 half-term)</b>	Tuesday 31st October	<b>Polling day</b> <i>School closed to children</i>	Thursday 2nd May
<b>Last day of Autumn term</b>	Thursday 21st December	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b> <i>School closed to children</i>	Monday 6th May
<b>Inset Day</b> <i>School closed to children</i>	Monday 8th January	<b>Half term</b>	Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May
<b>Children return to school (Spring 1 half-term)</b>	Tuesday 9th January	<b>Children return to school (Summer 2 half-term)</b>	Monday 3rd June
<b>Half term holiday</b>	Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February	<b>Last day of Summer term</b>	Wednesday 24th July (school closes at 2pm)

## PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Year 1	Year 3 Reception	Year 6	Year 5 Swimming Year 4 PE