



## Springfield Primary Academy



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**Issue**

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**18.10.19**

Dear Parents,

It's difficult to believe we are nearly at half term already. It has been a wonderful start to the academic year and engagement from parents and carers has been fantastic. It has been very pleasing to see the volume of parents at workshops targeted at year six this half term. Please continue to look out for dates of workshops for the other year groups.

During the half term break there are a variety of activities in local libraries and Birmingham's Central Library has family workshops celebrating the life and work of James Watt and an afternoon with Young Poet Laureate Aliyah Begum on 30<sup>th</sup> October. We are encouraging children to read as much as possible and visits to the local library can often ignite a passion and excitement around reading for children.

It is very pleasing to see our attendance on the increase, although we still have significant number of children who are persistently absent. If you are struggling to improve your child's attendance for any reason please speak to Mrs Plews or Miss Johnson.

If you have a nursery aged child you can now apply online for their reception school place. If your child is in our nursery you still need to complete an application. If you have friends, family or neighbours with a nursery aged child please encourage them to make Springfield their school of choice.

*Ms Sasha Taylor  
Head of School*

### ATTENDANCE LEAGUE...

Class	%
6N	97.7%
4P	97.4%
5BL	97.0%
3D	96.9%
4M	96.9%
4A	96.8%
6D	96.5%
2S	96.5%
2H	96.4%
2B	95.9%
5Z	94.5%
3F	94.2%
1M	94.1%
6G	93.8%
5B	93.8%
1D	93.6%
3W	91.9%
McKEE	90.0%
INKPEN	89.6%
NURSERY	89.1%
KS2	95.6%
KS1	95.3%
EYFS	89.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>93.4%</b>

Our school attendance target is **96%** this year.

**Data above is for Autumn term.**

Please support your child to achieve this.

It is also extremely important for children to be punctual in the morning as activities start as soon as children enter school.

### Harvest Festival

As part of the Harvest Festival we will be collecting food items after Half Term to distribute to local charities.

If you would like to donate food items please send them in with your child from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Items we will be collecting include:

- Tinned foods (e.g. tinned fruit, beans, lentils)
- Dry foods (e.g. cereal, rice, pasta)

If you would like to donate anything else, please speak to a member of the school office.

### Warm Winter Coat

As we are approaching the winter months, please ensure you send your child to school with a warm winter coat and weather appropriate footwear.

### Water Bottle

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school every day, clearly labelled with their full name and class.

**Safeguarding at Springfield is 'everyone's responsibility, every day'**

**Our designated safeguarding leads are:**

Mrs Sam Plews  
Miss Latoya Johnson  
Mr Mohammed Arshad

**Attendance**

We would like to thank all parents/carers for working with Springfield Primary Academy and not taking children out of school during term time. This is having a positive impact on childrens learning throughout the school.

**Lateness**

If you are late dropping children off to school in the morning, please do not drop them off outside of school, please bring them to the school office.

**Diwali Day**

We will be having a Diwali Day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. All children are welcome to wear their own clothes

**Nursery Parents Reminder**

If you require help or support completing the online Reception application please contact the school office.

**PE Kit**

Can all parents/carers be mindful that children need to bring a PE Kit in school on the days they do PE.

It is a vital part of the curriculum and all children must take part in appropriate attire.

**End of School Day**

Please be mindful that although the school day ends at 3.15pm not all classes will be in the playground ready to be dismissed at this time. Please allow a few minutes extra as we have to bring 19 classes out onto the playground at one time. Please be patient with us.

**Award Assemblies**

We will be holding award assemblies next week where 3 children in each class will be awarded a certificate. One award will be given for Presentation, one for Effort and one for being a good Springfield Citizen. If your child has been chosen to be awarded, you will receive a letter/ text message inviting you to attend the assembly to celebrate your childs achievement.

**ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

23.10.2019	Year 6 Parent Workshop-Writing (9.00am-9.45am)	13.11.2019	Year 1 Parent Stay and Read Session 9.00am – 9.30am
25.10.2019	Diwali Day (Non-school Uniform)	18.11.2019	Year 4 trip to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
<b>25.10.2019</b>	<b>End of Half Term</b>	18.11.2019	EYFS trip to Sparkhill Library 1.30pm – 3.00pm
<b>04.11.2019</b>	<b>School re-opens to all students</b>	20.11.2019	Whole School Immunisations
05.11.2019	Year 5 Trip to The National Space Centre	25.11.2019	Year 2 trip to The Sea Life Centre
05.11.2019	EYFS Reading workshop for parents 9.00am – 10.00am	<b>19.12.2019</b>	<b>End of Term</b>
11.11.2019	Year 3 Trip to Cadbury World	<b>20.12.2019</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day - School closed to all pupils</b>
11.11.2019	Year 1 Parent Stay and Read Session 9.00am – 9.30am	<b>06.01.2020</b>	<b>School re-opens to all students</b>
12.11.2019	Year 1 Parent Stay and Read Session 9.00am – 9.30am		



Diary Dates

