



Springfield Primary Academy





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14.01.22

Dear Parents and Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The return to school has been smooth and settled despite circumstances relating to COVID. This is due to the resilience and wonderful behaviour of our children at Springfield.

We are hoping to be able to continue the exciting things we have planned for children and where children are going off-site for educational visits and enrichment activities, we are ensuring venue risk assessments evidence appropriate COVID measures.

The weather has been unpredictable of late with temperatures of 12° on one day and 4° the next! Children will still be going out to play at break and lunchtimes and must have a coat in school to ensure they are warm when outside.

Walking around the school since the start of term I have seen children excited and engaged in their learning. Year 6 will be learning about Natural Disasters this term and were very excited as they made erupting model volcanoes! Children in Year 5 have been telling me about Varjak Paw – the book they are currently reading and the work they are completing based on the text. Children will benefit from talking about their learning as it helps to ensure it is learned and stored in their long-term memory – try asking your child to ‘teach’ you what they have learned.

Kindest Regards
Ms S Taylor
 Head of School

Attendance up until 14.01.22

| Whole School | | |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| 2019/2020 | 2020/2021 | 2021 to date |
| 93.7 | 92.6 | 95.3 |

Our attendance target is 96%

| Class | Percentage |
|-------------|------------|
| Nursery | 86.1% |
| R Inkpen | 92.4% |
| R McKee | 89.2% |
| 1 Donaldson | 94.3% |
| 1 Murphy | 95.7% |
| 2 Bloom | 95.1% |
| 2 Hoffman | 94.9% |
| 3 Fine | 98.4% |
| 3 Rauf | 95.8% |
| 4 Morpurgo | 98.3% |
| 4 Pullman | 93.5% |
| 4 Strong | 97.7% |
| 5 Blackman | 96.6% |
| 5 Boyce | 96.9% |
| 5 Zephaniah | 96.4% |
| 6 Dhami | 95.7% |
| 6 Gavin | 98.0% |
| 6 Naidoo | 97.0% |

If your child is displaying Coronavirus symptoms, please do not send them to school. Call the school office as soon as possible to inform us and then book a PCR test using the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Other members of the household will not need to isolate unless symptomatic

Applying for a Reception Place in September

LAST CHANCE!

Saturday 15th January is the deadline to apply online for your child’s reception place.

If your child is in our nursery, they will not automatically be given a place in one of our reception classes. Please ensure that you have completed an online form naming Springfield as your 1st choice.

You may know of friends or neighbours with nursery aged children, please remind them of tomorrow’s deadline and recommend Springfield as their number 1 choice.



HIGH TEMPERATURE



NEW PERSISTENT COUGH



LOSS OF SMELL



LOSS OF TASTE

COVID UPDATES

Nationally, COVID cases were beginning to increase before the Christmas break and with the increased mixing over the holidays we are now seeing this increase in our school community.

Additional measures have been introduced including:

Temporarily suspending large assemblies. These are now being delivered by teachers in individual classrooms.

Staff are now on zoom, to prevent mixing.

Increased focused on respiratory and hand hygiene.

Monitoring of air quality.

We are asking parents to wear masks when collecting their children and social distance where possible. If you need to speak to a member of staff please social distance or email enquiry@springfieldacademy.org.uk and your email will be forwarded to the correct person.

Reading At Home

It is important to read at home with your child as it encourages a lifelong love of reading, as well as giving your child a flying start in life.

Please see website below for some great tips and advice on reading at home with children of all age groups and reading levels.

[BookTrust: Getting children reading | BookTrust](#)

PE Kit Reminder

Year 1 and Year 2 – Monday
Year 3 and Year 4 – Tuesday
Year 5 and Year 6 – Wednesday

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit on the day that they have PE.

Pupils are required to wear their school jumpers on top of their PE kit.

Our PE kit is black jogging bottoms or shorts and a white t-shirt.
Trainers can only be worn to school on the day your child has PE.

Dates For Your Diary

25.01.2022 – Year 2 Trip to The Sea Life Centre

28.01.2022 – Yr 5 Maths Challenge at KES

31.01.2022 – Year 5 Trip to Selly Manor

01.02.2022 - Nursery Parent Reading Workshop – 2.30pm

02.02.2022 - Mckee Parent Reading Workshop – 2.30pm

03.02.2022 - Inkpen Parent Reading Workshop – 2.30pm

11.02.2022 - Year 3 Online Author Workshop

17.02.2022 - Year 4 Trip to Coronium Museum

1st - 8th March 2022 – Travelling Book Fair

Attendance Rewards

Children who have 100% attendance from Monday 20th September until the end of the school year will be invited on a coach trip to South Wales accompanied by an adult family member.

Children whose attendance is above our target of 96% will have their names entered into a prize raffle – prizes so far include TWO bikes, that children and parents can select and order from Halfords Bikes.

[https://www.springfieldacademy.org.uk/admin/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Attendance%20strategy%20launch%20\(2\).pptx](https://www.springfieldacademy.org.uk/admin/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Attendance%20strategy%20launch%20(2).pptx)

Please speak to Miss Stringer or a member of staff if you need help to ensure that your child attends school daily.