



Springfield Primary Academy





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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the half term. It was wonderful to see so many parents in school this week, meeting with teachers and viewing the work your children have been doing.

Yesterday, was World Book Day and children and staff enjoyed sharing favourite books with their friends while wearing pyjamas.

You will by now be aware of the updated government guidance relating to COVID-19. Whilst we are happy to be moving back to assemblies in the hall and inviting parents into school to watch children's performances we will also be keeping some things in place. Ventilation monitors will remain to ensure we are aware of the air quality in the school. We have also installed hand sanitiser machines on the walls for children to use as they enter the building and children will continue to be taught and encouraged to us the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' rule. We will consistently monitor COVID rates and in the event of a local outbreak, will inform parents if we feel we need to put any further measures in place.

This month our local PCSO will be working with all children, teaching them about how to keep themselves safe.

Attendance is continually improving, and I think we may need to order an additional coach for the seaside trip to Wales in July for children with 100% attendance. Please continue to bring your children to school every day and on time.

Kindest regards
Ms S Taylor
Head of School

Attendance up until 04.03.22

Whole School		
2019/2020	2020/2021	2021 to date
93.7	92.6	95.4

Our attendance target is 96%

Class	Percentage
Nursery	89.3%
R Inkpen	93.7%
R McKee	90.6%
1 Donaldson	94.3%
1 Murphy	96.3%
2 Bloom	95.1%
2 Hoffman	94.0%
3 Fine	98.4%
3 Rauf	96.5%
4 Morpurgo	98.3%
4 Pullman	93.6%
4 Strong	97.3%
5 Blackman	96.8%
5 Boyce	96.5%
5 Zephaniah	95.8%
6 Dhami	95.9%
6 Gavin	97.4%
6 Naidoo	97.1%

Covid Advice

- PCR test if symptomatic
- Stay at home if Covid positive or unwell
- Hand washing/ sanitising regularly
- Letting fresh air in or meeting outside
- Wear a face covering in crowded or enclosed spaces



HIGH TEMPERATURE



NEW PERSISTENT COUGH



LOSS OF SMELL



LOSS OF TASTE

Leave In Term Time - Parent Fines

We would like to remind you that holidays in term time are not permitted and families who travel abroad will be at risk of legal action and penalty notices may be issued. **Since September 2021, the Legal Intervention Team have issued 7 penalty notices for families at Springfield who have travelled abroad.**

Please use the school holidays to travel and ensure your child is attending school each day. However, if you are travelling it is important that you complete a request for leave form and hand it to the school office before you travel to avoid your child being reported as missing.

Attendance is a legal requirement, and it is the parents' responsibility to ensure they are compliant.

World Book Day 2022

This year as we celebrated 25 years of World Book Day it was lovely to see the children dressed in their pyjamas reading with their teddies. It is so important to develop the habit of reading from an early age and reading at bedtime is a perfect time to do this. During the day, the children participated in lots of reading inspired activities including book character scavenger hunts, drama, live online author and illustrator events as well as listening to and reading stories.

Book in a Box Competition

Thank you to all the children who have handed in their book in a box competition entries. There are some very creative boxes including Harry Potter, Little Red Riding Hood and Diary of a Wimpy Kid. The deadline for entries is **Friday 11th March** so there is still plenty of time to have a go. We will announce the winners and present prizes on **Monday 14th March**.



Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents who have visited the book fair over the last 2 days to support their children's reading and help school raise money to buy more books for our school. The book fair is open again on Friday and Monday from 3.25pm – 4.00pm so please come along and check out the books on offer. Don't forget to use your £1 book voucher.

Teacher Training Day

Friday 8th April 2022 is a Teacher Training Day
- The last day of the Spring Term is Thursday 7th April 2022

Building Project Update

We are currently in phase 2 of the building refurbishment project and good progress is being made. Walls, flooring and ceilings have all been stripped down ready to be refurbished.



Dates For Your Diary

- 02.03.2022 – 07.03.2022** - Scholastic Book Fair
- 15.03.2022** – Year 1 Trip to Thinktank Museum
- 16.03.2022** – EYFS Trip to Hatton Country World
- 24.03.2022** – Reception and Year 6 – Height and Weight Checks
- 28.03.2022** – Year 3 Trip to Cadbury World
- 31.03.2022** – Year 6 Trip to Thinktank Museum
- 07.04.2022** – Break up for Easter Holidays
- 08.04.2022** – Teacher Training Day
- 25.04.2022** – Start of Summer Term – All pupils to return to school
- 09.05.2022** – Year 5 Trip to Botanical Gardens

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.