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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been extremely busy with the children in year 1 visiting Birmingham Conservation Centre to support their learning, phonics workshops for parents of children in EYFS and taking part in our 'Break a REAch2 Record' Colour Run.

Children have been arriving at school in recent days, without coats. The weather is very unpredictable at the moment and is switching from sunshine to rain and from warm to cool – please ensure you are sending your child to school with a coat or jacket.

Last year ended, with a lovely day at the beach for two coaches filled with children, who had 100% attendance, and their parents. Out of 60 schools in REAch2 Trust we were in the top 5 for the best attendance. We are currently sitting in position 57. Children need to be at school every day and on time in order to access and benefit from the learning offer we provide at Springfield. The local authority have reduced the period of time a child is absent from 10 days to 5 days. Penalty notices are highly likely to be issued to families taking their children on holiday in term time. Last year fines ranged from £60-£1000. A number of families are already at risk of receiving penalty notices this year. Please join us next week for our Safeguarding and Attendance parent workshop.

I am looking forward to speaking with parents at our upcoming parent's evenings and would like to remind all parents/carers to prioritise their attendance at this event, where you will have the opportunity to see the amazing work your children have been completing.

Ms S Taylor
Headteacher

Attendance up until 07.10.22

Whole School		
2020/2021	2021/2022	2022 to date
92.6	95.2	93.4

Our attendance target is 96%

Class	Percentage
Nursery	88.8%
R Inkpen	86.8%
R McKee	91.0%
1 Donaldson	94.3%
1 Murphy	95.1%
2 Bloom	94.8%
2 Hoffman	95.9%
3 Fine	91.7%
3 Rauf	96.4%
3 Wilson	95.3%
4 Morpurgo	97.2%
4 Pullman	91.3%
5 Blackman	95.2%
5 Boyce	94.3%
5 Zephaniah	90.8%
6 Gavin	97.7%
6 Hardy	92.2%
6 Naidoo	91.5%

Pupil Absence

Pupil absences need to be reported to the school office daily. Home visits will be conducted on the 3rd day of any absence.

We may also conduct a home visit if we are unable to make contact with parents.

We would also like to remind you that holidays are not permitted during term time. British law requires all children attend school and have access to education. We have already had families receive penalty notices of up to £1000 per child per parent, with some even being summoned to court.

Food Bank

We will be collecting donations for our first foodbank this academic year between

Monday 10th and Thursday 20th October 2022.

Suggested Donations:

- Rice/ Flour/ Pasta/Lentils
- UHT / long-life milk/Cereal boxes/ Crisps
- Long-life fruit juice/Squash / cordial
- Tinned fruit/Tinned vegetables/Tinned meat/fish
- Sugar/Tea and coffee
- Soap/shower gel/hand sanitiser/ toothpaste/feminine hygiene products

The items should be non-perishable and within their use-by date. We appreciate this may be difficult for some families so whatever you can donate will be greatly received.

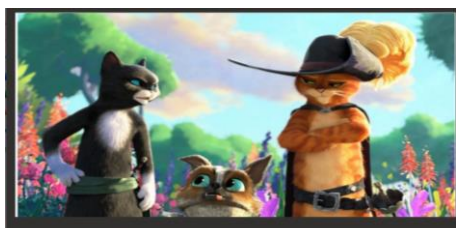
Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place during 3.30pm and 6.00pm on **Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October 2022** – Please ensure you book an appointment with your child's teacher.

Create The Card Competition **2022/2023 – Puss In Boots: The Last Wish**

Inspired by your favourite feline hero, the BBFC's create the card competition is back! This time, we're calling on Springfield Primary children, aged 4-11, to unleash their creativity and design the BBFC Black Card for Puss In Boots: The Last Wish – and be in with the chance of seeing their idea on the big screen in front of a big blockbuster movie. For more information on how to enter this fantastic competition, please visit:

<https://www.cbbfc.co.uk/film-ratings/puss-in-boots-the-last-wish-create-the-card-competition-2022>



Homework

Teachers will allocate homework for your child each week. Please can you ensure that all homework is completed and returned to school to be marked.

All pupils should now be logging onto My Maths and Times Table Rock Stars. If your child does not have access to their accounts, please let their teacher know, so they can ensure log in details are provided.

Secondary School Applications

You can now apply for your child's secondary school place using the link below. The deadline for applications is Monday 31st October 2022.

There will be drop-in sessions for parents/carers who need support with applications after school on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October 2022.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions

Dates For Your Diary

10.10.2022 – 20.10.2022 – Collection of Food Bank Donations

13.10.2022 – Safeguarding and Attendance Parent Workshop – 9am

14.10.2022 – EYFS Dental Hygiene Workshop – 9am

14.10.2022 – Year 2 Trip – Blakesley Hall

18.10.2022 – Parents Evening

19.10.2022 – Parents Evening

20.10.2022 – Year 6 Trip – RAF Cosford

20.10.2022 – SEND Information Report Parent Consultation – 9.15am

21.10.2022 – Break up for Half Term Holiday

31.10.2022 – Autumn Term 2 - Pupils return to school

31.10.2022 – Secondary School Application Deadline

Attendance

Children who have 100% attendance this school year will be invited on a special day out accompanied by an adult family member.

Children whose attendance is above our target of 96% will have their names entered into a prize raffle.

Each term, children with 100% attendance will be invited to a movie afternoon, with popcorn and treats.

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