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Dear Parents and Carers,

Every year at Springfield we remember the sacrifice of others and those currently at war on or close to the 11th of November. We remember that soldiers fought and lost their lives, so that we can live together in harmony now. This morning we marked Remembrance Day with a two-minute silence on the school playground and children have all learned about the reason why we do this. Our children demonstrated the utmost respect (as they always do) during our silence.

During the last two weeks, our year 5&6 girls football team played in their first ever football tournament and once they had got over their initial nerves improved in every game they played. Well done girls! A team of children from year 3&4 also represented the school at dodgeball competition, where they played very well, in a brand-new sport against other local schools. In both cases the attitudes and conduct of our children was fantastic and commented on by the event organisers.

We have been working very hard to ensure that each year group is offered an education visit or visitor to bring their learning to life, at least once a term. These visits help to boost children's confidence, increase motivation for learning and broaden their horizons. We subsidise all trips, for all children, but are reliant on parent contributions to ensure these can go ahead. To support you with financial planning, throughout the year your child should have the opportunity for two off-site visits and an educational visitor/experience, who we bring into school at a much cheaper cost to yourselves. Please help us to continue to be able to offer these experiences by using ParentPay to make payments for your child's education visits and visitors.

Attendance up until 11.11.22

Whole School		
2020/2021	2021/2022	2022 to date
92.6	95.2	94.5

Our attendance target is 96%

Class	Percentage
Nursery	90.2%
R Inkpen	89.3%
R McKee	92.8%
1 Donaldson	95.6%
1 Murphy	95.9%
2 Bloom	95.1%
2 Hoffman	96.3%
3 Fine	96.0%
3 Rauf	96.2%
3 Wilson	96.2%
4 Morpurgo	96.8%
4 Pullman	93.4%
5 Blackman	95.5%
5 Boyce	94.0%
5 Zephaniah	96.2%
6 Gavin	97.4%
6 Hardy	92.8%
6 Naidoo	92.4%

Odd Socks Day

Monday 14th November 2022

Odd Socks Day marks the first day of Anti-Bullying Week. Please send your child/children to school wearing odd socks to help raise awareness of bullying.

For more information or to make a donation, please click on the link below to be taken to the official Anti Bullying Alliance website.

[What is Odd Socks Day? \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

Family Support

It is fair to say that most of us are finding the current living crisis difficult. As a school, we can offer Early Help if you are struggling. We work closely with Hall Green Families to offer support on the following:

- Attendance
- Domestic abuse
- Financial difficulties
- Food and energy support
 - Mental health
- Behaviour or Parenting support
- Special needs and disabilities.

If you feel you would benefit from support, please call the school office on 0121 464 3618 to arrange a confidential appointment with Miss Stringer.

Year 6 SATs – Writing and Grammar

Thursday 17th November at 9am

We would like to invite our Year 6 parents/carers to attend a **Year 6 SATs writing and grammar** workshop at our school on **Thursday 17th November**

During the meeting we will discuss the expectations of the writing and grammar tests in year 6 and how you can support your child with writing at home.

Please enter via the Springfield Road entrance.
We look forward to seeing you.

EYFS Open Mornings

Applications are now open for children who are due to start Reception in September 2023.

Do you have or know a child who will be four in September 2023 (born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019)?.

Come and visit our brand new learning environment on Springfield Road at the times listed below where staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

16 th November 2022	9.00am
7 th December 2022	9.00am
7 th December 2022	3.30pm

Parent Volunteers

Can you help? We are looking for parent reading volunteers.

As a school we want to provide every child the opportunity to develop a love for reading. It is proven that children who read daily are more likely to have accelerated progress.

Can you spare 30 minutes or more a week to listen to children read?

If yes, please contact the school office for a volunteer application pack. An enhanced DBS & Child Barred List check will be required as part of your application.

Thank you in anticipation of your support

Dates For Your Diary

16.11.2022 – EYFS Open Morning – 9.00am

16.11.2022 – Year 3 River Cole Trip

17.11.2022 – Year 3 River Cole Trip

17.11.2022 – Year 6 GPS Parent Workshop – 9am

24.11.2022 – Year 6 SATs Reading Parent Workshop – 9am

24.11.2022 – Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop

25.11.2022 – Year 4 Greek Workshop

05.12.2022 – Reception Flu Vaccinations

07.12.2022 – EYFS Open Morning – 9.00am

07.12.2022 – EYFS Open Evening – 3.30pm

16.12.2022 – Break up for Christmas Holidays

Important Reminder

We have had an increasing number of children chewing gum in and around school and out on the playground. We are requesting that parents ensure children are not bringing gum into school and to remind them that it is not allowed.

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.