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## Springfield Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

All the staff at Springfield would like to wish our families Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to continuing on our journey towards our aim of being the number one school of choice in our local community.

Before we broke up, children in the early years and years 1 and 2 performed for parents. Other year groups will also invite their parents to their assemblies throughout the remainder of the academic year.

I would like to thank all parents for supporting our drive to improve school attendance, we are currently below our 96% target, but slowly improving. We shall release the date and venue for this year's 100% attendance trip shortly.

I would like to remind parents that Miss Stringer, our pastoral manager, is available to support and signpost families, with any needs you may have.

There will be a coffee morning on 16<sup>th</sup> February, where I would love the opportunity to share my priorities for the school and also listen to yours. Please join me at 9am for coffee, biscuits and a natter.

Ms S Taylor  
Headteacher

### Attendance up until 13.01.23

Whole School		
2020/ 2021	2021/ 2022	2022 to date
92.6	95.2	94.6

**Our attendance target  
is 96%**

Class	Percentage
Nursery	88.7
R Inkpen	89.6
R McKee	92.6
1 Donaldson	94.9
1 Murphy	95.7
2 Bloom	94.6
2 Hoffman	96.4
3 Fine	95
3 Rauf	96.9
3 Wilson	94.6
4 Morpurgo	97
4 Pullman	95.1
5 Blackman	95
5 Boyce	94.3
5 Zephaniah	96.8
6 Gavin	96
6 Hardy	93.6
6 Naidoo	92.5

### Home Reading

Reading with your child at home will help them in all areas of school. As little as 10 minutes reading a day can have a huge impact on your child's progress. Research shows the importance of reading on a daily basis in developing a child's use and understanding of vocabulary.

Your child is given a home reader and a reading for pleasure book to practice and enjoy their reading. Don't forget to encourage your child to read at home every day. Make sure you record their reading in their reading diaries as we love to see what they are doing at home!

### Starting School September 2023

Do you have, or know anyone with, a child that is due to start school in September 2023?

Any child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 is able to start school in September 2023.

Applications need to be made online and the closing date is this Sunday (15<sup>th</sup> January 2023).

Use the link below to apply online and make Springfield your number one choice.

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions/1786/apply\\_for\\_reception\\_class\\_or\\_primary\\_school/4](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_class_or_primary_school/4)

## White Rose Maths 1-Minute Maths App

The 1-minute maths app helps children to build confidence and fluency in mathematics. It's all about targeted practice engaging in one-minute chunks. Easily accessible, even on the way to school!

There are no fees or passwords. Simply download the free app to your phone and away you go.



## Safeguarding

Please click on the link below or scan the QR code to access a guide for children to find support when they are being bullied and tips for parents on how to support them.

[Bounce back from bullying](#)



## School Dinner Money Increase (effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023)

During our December Governing Body meeting it was agreed to increase school dinners from £2.30 per day to £2.40 per day.

The increase has not been taken lightly, in the current cost of living crisis the governors have made the decision to keep costs lower than other Birmingham schools charging £2.50.

Springfield have not increased dinner money costs to parents for during the last 4 years

## Dates For Your Diary

**17.01.23** – Year 2 Trip – Sea Life Centre

**19.01.23** – Year 1/2 Parent phonics workshop

**26.01.23** – Year 1 Trip – Thinktank Birmingham

**26.01.23** – Year 3 and 4 Parent Times Tables Workshop

**27.01.23** – Year 5 Parent Maths Workshop

**02.02.23** – Year 3, 4 & 5 Parents Reading Workshop

**06.02.23** – Year 5 Trip – Selly Manor Museum

**10.02.23** – Year 1 & 2 Parents Maths Workshop

**16.02.23** – Parent coffee morning

## PE Kits

Children are asked to wear PE kits to school on their allocated PE days. Our PE kit is black or green jogging bottoms/leggings and a white t-shirt. Children can wear their school jumpers or cardigans over their t-shirts.

## 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.**