



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to all our new parents and children who have joined Springfield, and welcome back to all our existing parents and children. I trust that you have all settled in well and are beginning to get back into a routine.

It has been an amazing start to the term with all our children bouncing into school full of life every morning, keen and eager to learn. All the classrooms and learning environments look fantastic and have a range of creative and interactive displays that encourage and inspire great learning. You will by now be aware of the Year group topics and hopefully will have shared this with your child. I hope that those Year 1 and 2 parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions found it useful, but please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

This week Year 1 children were fascinated by the magic of science at a Light Workshop presented by some of the organisers from the Worthing Light Festival. Worthing Light Festival takes place at East Beach Studios this weekend.

We have started this term off as we finished last year, with every Year 1 and Year 2 class partaking in the daily 'Springfield Stride', and Reception will be starting next week. We believe this is a great way to inspire healthy living, encourage exercise and to stimulate the brain ready to activate learning. So far so good!

Finally, I hope you all saw the press report in the summer of Springfield and **Warwick Davis** and his daughter. We were delighted that they joined us for assembly and lunch to raise awareness of dwarfism

Enjoy the weekend.

Becky Wycherley
Headteacher

Important Dates

- 24 Sept Open the Book Assembly
- 25 Sept School Photographer - individual photos
- 26 Sept Read, Write, Inc - EYFS Parents Meeting 9.00-9.30am
- 3 Oct Headteacher's Surgery 9.00-10.00am
Second Hand Uniform Shop 2.45pm
- 5 Oct Harvest Festival 9.15-10.30am
- 8 Oct Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm
- 10 Oct Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
- 12 Oct Frogs Class Assembly 9.10-9.40am
- 22-26 Oct Half Term Holiday



Attendance

Class % this week :

Pandas	97.32%
Turtles	95.33%
Dolphins	99.17%
Tigers	90.83%
Frogs	97.83%
Hedgehogs	97.92%

Attendance Bear

awarded to

Dolphins



Robbie Rhino



This week Robbin has gone to **FROGS** for being respectful



Out of School Achievements

Mischief Makers!

The following children have successfully completed the Summer Reading Challenge:

Louis Carter

Sammy Facey

Mia Grainger

Lilah Rose Grainger

Jessica Scott

Aida Latifi

Poppy Evans

Isla Davies

Jake Skinner

Erin Boreham

Poppy Evans achieved 'Highly Commended' for her Silver Freestyle dancing.

Mattie Smith achieved her 10m Swimming Award and Award 3.

Sam Watkins achieved his Dance Freestyle Medal

After School Clubs

Dance, Karate and Football Clubs restarted this week, but Reception children are not able to attend until January 2019. Parents should ensure they register their child with the Club organiser before the sessions commence. Club timetables and further contact details are available on our school website.

If your child is interested in Football After School Club, parents must ensure they register and pay online, at least a day before the sessions commence. The online booking site is closed on the day of a session to ensure the organisers are aware in advance who is expected to attend and can ensure the correct number of coaches are in attendance. Parents need to be aware that the School Office is unable to book a child on to an external Club's register, or take any Club payments.



Dogs in the playground

Just a reminder to all parents that dogs **should not** be brought onto the playground. I understand that in some instances puppies cannot be left outside as they are too young. However, when they reach 16 weeks they should be taught to wait outside and be tied up to the railings, in between the two parent entrances. We have some children and staff who are frightened and/or allergic to dogs and we all need to be mindful of this. Thank you in anticipation for your consideration.

Piano Lessons

Our new piano teacher, Helen Emery, will be coming in to school one day a week to provide individual piano lessons to any Reception, Year 1 or 2 child who have registered with her for lessons.

If you would like your child to continue, or start to learn, piano lessons please contact Helen direct as soon as possible at: helenbethemery@hotmail.com



Headlice

As we start the beginning of a new term, please can I urge you to be proactive and make regular checks of your child's hair to check for head lice and eggs. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb. Head lice and nits are very common in young children. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are usually picked up from head-to-head contact. It is good practice to tie back medium to long hair whilst at school. Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day if they have head lice. There are a range of products available from the chemist. There is no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice, but we would appreciate you letting us know so we can inform other parents to also check.



Headteacher's Surgery

Mrs Wycherley holds a regular Headteacher's surgery which enables parents to discuss with her any queries or issues they may have. The first surgery this term is at 9.00am on the 3 October. To attend, simply come to the School Office and they will arrange for your meeting, which is on a first come/first served basis.

Bikes and scooters

We encourage children to be healthy and active through walking and scooting to school. We have a scooter park that can accommodate many scooters but, unfortunately, not bicycles. However, we do have space for a few bikes and these are prioritised for those children with a specific need or appropriate reason. To obtain a bike pass you would need to speak with Mrs Wycherley. We are at capacity at present but there is a waiting list.

Please can I also remind you that scooters are not to be used on the playground.



Sweets and snacks

Just a reminder to all parents and children that Springfield is a healthy school and we actively encourage school lunches and the eating of fresh fruit and vegetables at breaktime. We provide a healthy school lunch and everyday we have a choice of fruit and vegetables for children to eat at break time, as well as water being available throughout the day. We respectfully ask that you encourage your children to partake in these and not to bring in snacks or drinks from home. We are aware that for health or diet reasons some children opt to have packed lunches. Sweets should not be eaten in school at anytime and we will not give out sweets to children on leaving school at the end of the day, including for celebrations or those attending Clubs.



Read Write Inc Phonics Meeting - Reception Parents

We will be holding a short introductory meeting on the way we teach and promote phonics, reading and writing on Wednesday, 26 September, 9.00-9.30am, in school. It is aimed at Reception parents who are new to RWI, however all parents are welcome to attend as it provides useful information.

E-Safety

Springfield school creates a safe environment where we can all work and learn. We cannot realistically provide solutions to each and every potential issue arising in a rapidly changing world, but we teach children to be able to transfer established skills and safe working practices to any new "e-activities" they encounter. We recognise that it is equally important to ensure that the people who care for young people should have the right information to guide and support them. I have listed two games below that should be brought to your attention as they are not suitable for children under the age of 18.

Parents need to know that *Call of Duty: Black Ops* is a very violent military-themed first person shooter in which players use a wide variety of weapons and explosives to kill. The nature of the action combined with its complex Cold War narrative leave little doubt that it was designed for an adult audience. It is not appropriate for children.

Parents need to know that *Grand Theft Auto V* is an M-rated action game brimming with gang violence, nudity, extremely coarse language, and drug and alcohol abuse. It isn't a game for children. None of the main characters in the game make for a decent role model. All of them are criminals who think of themselves first and others rarely at all. Few games are more clearly targeted to an adult audience.

School Premises—Before and After School Day

Please can I remind you that children playing on school apparatus or resources before or after school do so at their own risk. It is the parents responsibility to ensure that children respect our equipment and are mindful of others and to keep them safe. In order for us to ensure the maximum safety and security for school, the gates will open at 8.30am. They will be closed at 3.15pm and parents are required to have left the premises by this time.

Toys

Our Early Years department are looking for dolls/baby dolls, in excellent condition, for their role play. If you have any that your child has grown out of, doesn't want anymore and you are happy to donate, please bring to the School Office. We are always interested in excellent condition construction or role play toys. Just as a reminder, we ask children not to bring in their own toys to play with at school as they could get lost or broken.



PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL



For the safety of all children attending Springfield, can parents please be aware that NO vehicle is allowed to park on either the double yellow lines or the zig zag lines at the front entrance to the school or along the approach road. **This is illegal parking and will be reported.**

We have unfortunately had reports of parents blocking our neighbours' driveways - which itself is an unnecessary obstruction and in breach of the Highways Act - when they drop off/collect their child. Please be aware that if we receive any reports of vehicles parked in this way and we are provided with a registration number, or photograph of the parking, by other parents or members of the public, we will immediately forward the information on to Operation Crackdown and the police.

Please be considerate of all the children, parents, staff at Springfield and our neighbours



Springfield Nursery

Our Nursery for 3—4 year olds is continuing to thrive and we now have a high number of children on roll with most of the sessions full. However, if you would like to consider a place, application forms are available from the School Office.

Now taking bookings for up to December 2018 and for 2019

Session times are 9am —12pm and 12—3pm.

Government funded hours are available. Please enquire with our School Business Manager for further details.

Nursery Breakfast Club available daily — please enquire at the School Office.



Please promote our Nursery on social media



If you are a Springfield School and Nursery supporter we would appreciate you advertising our wonderful Nursery by telling friends, family and neighbours through as many ways as you can.

Emails and Telephone Numbers

Please remember to let the School Office know of any changes



over the summer holidays to your email addresses or home/mobile telephone numbers for you, or any other emergency contact you have provided for your child.



Remember—these are the only two ways we have of contacting you and forwarding school written communication



Parent Teacher Association

friendsofspringfieldpta@gmail.com

A big hello and welcome to all pupils and parents new to Springfield Infant School! The PTA are a small, friendly group who organise a range of wonderful events for Springfield families to enjoy - whilst raising much-needed funds for the school.

If you would like to help, by either joining us on the committee or giving just a little bit of your time at an event, it would be much appreciated. We really can't be successful without your help.

Please contact us at the above email address or via the PTA page on the school website. Thank you.

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