# Springfield Infant School and Nursery



## Head Teacher's Message

24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This first half of the summer has gone so quickly and with mixed weather, however it hasn't stopped the children from working hard and enjoying their exciting learning.

This week the teachers looked closely at the children's writing across all the classes to see what impact our Whizzy Writing has had on progress and attainment. As you are aware writing was an area we felt we wanted to focus on this year. We were all impressed by the high level of independent writing, application of phonics, spelling and punctuation along with general stamina. Well done everyone!

Thank you to the parents that joined us for a Book Look this week and I hope you were impressed by your child's work. This time of year is always wonderful to see the progress they have made across all areas of learning and hopefully see the fantastic learning activities they have participated in.

This week we were joined by Rachel Maby from West Sussex Music Service who worked with years 1 and 2. She taught them new songs and together they enjoyed an afternoon of singing and music. The singing was amazing and so uplifting for us all to hear.

I hope you have a lovely sunny half term and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd June for our last half term this academic year.

Becky Wycherley, Headteacher



#### Important Dates

24 May LAST DAY OF TERM.

3 June Children return to school

7 June Truleigh Hill Field Trip

10 June Phonics Week

12 June New Parents Meeting

13 June Year 2 Legacy Games

17 June Year 2 Transition visit to Homefield Primary

20 June Non-Uniform Day

21 June Sports Day

24 June Olympic Week!

All dates are subject to change

# **Attendance %**

Pandas Turtles	96.6% 96.2%
Dolphins	95.7%
Tigers	89.7%
Frogs	89.1%
Hedgehogs	97.2%
Attendance Bear	

Awarded to

Hedgehogs



# <u>School</u> <u>Uniform</u>

The sunny days are coming...

Get your summer dresses and shorts from us in school for a bargain £1!

#### Amazon Wishlist

If you would like to help Springfield with any resources for the children, we do have an amazon wish list.

<u>https://</u> www.amazon.co.uk /hz/wishlist/ Is/39YS5P0F8X7L9 ?ref\_=wl\_share

# Saying Goodbye

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Tracy Perrin, who has been at Springfield over the last few years as a learning support assistant. Mrs Perrin has worked with individual children as well as small groups across the school. She has provided intimate care as well as learning support for many children and we will all miss her. I am sure you will join me in wishing her good luck in her new role as TA in another school.

# **First Stay and Play Session**

We welcomed our new starters for September 2024 into school last Wednesday for their first time. It was lovely to see so many faces both new and old. We look forward to the children joining us properly in September and hope they can make our other transition events before then:

Wednesday 12th June New Parents Evening

Tuesday 18th June Stay and Play

Wednesday 3rd July Storytime

# **Early Years Transition Event**

We were very happy to host the locality transition event again this year which enables all the nurseries to come and meet the reception teams in the locality. A strong relationship between nurseries and schools makes for a smooth transition for children starting in September.

#### **Reception Health Screening**

The NHS school nursing team were in school last week monitoring the reception children making sure they are meeting their health milestones. They will be back in July to see any children who were absent last week and any children who would benefit from a second check.

#### Mo Farah Run

Well done to all the children completing the Mo Farah Run last week set up as a legacy from the UK hosting the Olympics in 2012. Year 2 will be attending the Legacy Games on Thursday 13th June, where they will compete against Year 2 children from other Worthing Schools. This is another Olympic Legacy event that is still going strong 12 years later.

#### Chicks!

We have all been captivated by the hatching of chicks in school this week. Staff and children alike have watched them grow and change with great delight. The chicks returned home to Middle Farm yesterday so maybe some of you will see them in half term?

#### **Cycling Safety**

A reminder to parents to remain vigilant of their children even whilst cycling on pavements as there is a possibility of drivers exiting their driveways and not seeing a child.

Please can we also politely remind parents that scooters are not to be used on the playground.

## **Playground Safety**

There seems to be an increasing number of children that use the play structure in the morning and after school. We have strict safety rules during the school day and despite the children knowing them, they seem to be ignored out of school times. Therefore we would kindly ask that you do not allow your child to use the play equipment before and after school.

#### **Time to Talk Day**

We had an informative Time to Talk Day last week with lots of workshops and new activities for the children. Thank you to Lorraine Osmend from the charity Thought-full who support children and families with anxiety and how to deal with worries. She worked with children throughout the day and ran a drop in workshop for parents as well as running a weekly workshop for parents this term.

#### **Sports Day**

Springfield sports day will be held on the morning of Friday, 21st June on St Andrew's School field. You would have received your child's letter yesterday with information about which track they will be on, timings and which colour group they will be representing. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

#### **Class Photo**

We were fortunate that the sun shone and we were able to take our class photos outside in our lovely grounds last week. The closing date for orders is Tuesday 11th June.





George Atkinson received a Worthing United football medal for great ball skills.

Phoebe Crespo achieved core proficiency in Gymnastics level 1.

A team of keen rugby players won trophies for participating enthusiastically all season. Well done to: Freddie Reynolds, William Doig, Max Bignon. Otto Linford, Benji McIlwaine, Seb McIlwaine and Arthur Mansfield.

Noah Larsen gained his red belt in karate.

Leah Steele achieved her Rainbows Gold Award.

Billy and Isabella Wade completed a 10km walk and raised £270 for NF1 (neurofibromatosis). Well done.

# **PTA Events**

If you are able to help with the Summer Fayre on June 25th then please do let us know. This can be anything from helping to set up to running a stall or refreshment stand.

# **Non-Uniform Day**

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Thursday, 20th June in exchange for donations for the summer fayre tombola's such as alcohol/bottles, chocolate and adult or children's gifts.

# **Raffle Prizes**

A plea for any parents who are able to approach their workplace or any other contacts in search of raffle prizes for the fayre. These can be for adults or children—all donations welcome.

# **PTA Magic Show**

Despite dreadful rainy weather on the day of the magic show and having to relocate indoors, the show went on! Apologies to those who were unable to get tickets as we had to restrict numbers in the hall for safety reasons. We are pleased to say that the PTA raised £519 from the event.

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