

SPRINGFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL



Newsletter

December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold, dark and depressing weather of the season.

Last Friday, the school looked extra special with staff and children dressed in all sorts of colourful Christmas jumpers! Christmas has always been a magical time for me, and to be at Springfield sharing in the Christmas festivities has been extra special, particularly when I saw the intense excitement on the faces of our pupils during the Christmas concert. Mrs Miller excelled herself in the production of the event and the children's performance was exceptional.

As the term draws to a close, it is with humility and gratitude that I both look back on the term and with barely restrained anticipation look forward to the holidays and next term! I am sure that pupils, parents and carers would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff and governors at Springfield for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the children of the school. Likewise, we the staff, governors and pupils would like to thank our parents and carers for all your support.

Last but in no way the least, we would like to thank our pupils – you are indeed some of the best pupils we have ever had the pleasure of working with. I wish everyone peace and happiness in all homes and families during this holiday season – may we all be safe and keep healthy.

Merry Christmas or Season's Greetings to everyone! Enjoy the turkey, mince pies, biscuits and sweets and best of all the lights and carols! See you on **Tuesday January 7th 2019**.

Michael Lynch
Headteacher

Lights, Camel, Action!

Well done to our year 3 children who worked hard learning lines and songs to perform in their fabulous Christmas production, Lights, Camel, Action! The play takes inspiration from ITV's Strictly Come Dancing which has proved to be a lot of fun for the children.



Year 3

This term we have been very busy practicing our Christmas play which had a Strictly Come Dancing theme. The children were all excited about their performances of Lights, Camel, Action! And enjoyed the experience. We have also enjoyed studying the Ancient Egyptians through dance, and have continued with our Friday dance sessions with Sam Moss. Our recent tea afternoon was a great success with the children performing the dances they have been working on this term. Next term, we are looking forward to our trip to Avid Climbing. If you haven't paid yet, please ensure that this is either given to the office (in a named envelope) or paid on Parentmail before the end of term.



Year 4

We have enjoyed studying the Romans this half term. During our DT lesson we designed and built our own Roman catapults, and concluded the topic by presenting our learning about an aspect of the Roman invasion. We have now started a new topic 'What makes the Earth angry' and are learning about volcanoes. In the playground we were thrilled to see our own homemade volcano erupt. Next term, we will continue with our current topic by exploring the subject of flooding.



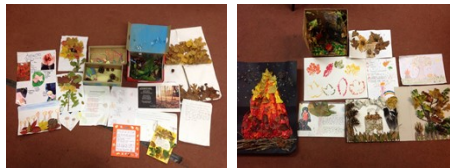
Office Information

The School office is open Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 3.45pm and Fridays 8.30am - 3pm. Dinner money is payable online via Parent Mail with the minimum spend being £6.90 which is the equivalent of 3 school dinners. Your child can use this credit all in one week or it can be used as and when required. Please pay for dinners in advance to avoid being chased for payment.



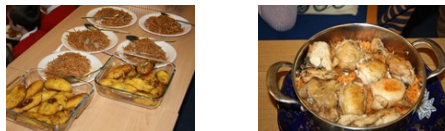
Year 5

During this term we have continued with our topic of the rain forest. We shared our learning in our tea afternoon by reading poems about saving the orangutans. Next term, we will be learning about the Victorians and how children's lives have changed over the years. Well done to our children who produced some beautiful Autumn homework, some of which is below.



Kurdish Day

Earlier this term, we celebrated our Kurdish children's heritage with an afternoon of delicious food and an assembly. The food was generously brought into school by our Kurdish children's families and was tried by the children and staff. The children then led an assembly with facts about their religion, culture and prayers. The whole school thoroughly enjoyed this informative afternoon.



Diwali Celebrations

This term we held a special assembly to teach the school about Diwali. The children wore their traditional dress and we discovered that both Sikhs and Hindus celebrate Diwali but for different reasons. Our parents also brought some mouth-watering food into school for the children to try. Thank you to the children and parents who helped make this and our Kurdish Day such a success.



Sporting achievements

Squash

This term our Year 5 and 6 children competed in the Saxon Cup. Well done to Team 1 in Year 6 who came second. Theo Graefe was named best in Year 5 and Emma Morton was the most improved Year 6.



Year 6

As a conclusion to our Marvellous Maps topic, Year 6 went orienteering in Christchurch Park. Here they used a culmination of their compass, map-reading and cooperation skills to successfully complete the course. We have now moved on to our history topic - the Aztecs. This began with making and tasting popcorn (and dark chocolate) both of which originated from the Aztecs. Yum! Yum! We would like to thank all the parents who attended our tea afternoon, especially those who joined in the singing of the Toom Bah Ee Lero song with the children!

Dates for the diary

Spring 2020

First day of term: Tues 7th January
Tues 7th Jan Yr 3 Squash Taster Session
Thurs 9th Jan Yr 4 Squash Taster Session
Tues 14th Jan – Yr 5/6 Swimming starts
Tues 14th Jan – Football v Sprites (home – cup match)
Weds 15th Jan – Netball v Britannia (home)
Tues 21st Jan – Football v Castle Hill (away)
Weds 22nd Jan – Netball v Cedarwood (away – cup match)
Weds 29th Jan – Football v Britannia (away)
Tues 4th Feb – Netball v Gusford (home)
Last day of term: Friday 3rd April
Half-term: Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb
Summer 2020
First day of term: Monday 20th April
Last day of term: Friday 17th July
Half-term: Mon 25th - Fri 29th May
Bank holiday: 8th May