

SPRINGFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL



Newsletter

Autumn Term - Issue 1 - 2019

Dear Parents / Carer,

The staff have been incredibly pleased with the start that the children have made in their classes; they have returned from the Summer break looking smart and rested and are clearly ready for the challenges of a new school year.

I would especially like to extend a warm welcome to our new starters in Year 3 and across our classes, in particular to those families that are completely new to Springfield Junior School. We look forward to getting to know you over the course of the year.

Best wishes,

Michael Lynch, Headteacher

Assembly changes

We are changing the focus of our Friday assemblies to provide more opportunities for pupils across the school to share their learning. This will include presentations from different year groups, focuses on different subjects, and showcase the talents of our musicians and club members.

Parents/Carers will be informed by their child if they are specifically involved in the assembly but all families are welcome to attend any of the assemblies – These will start at 2.45 on a Friday Afternoon. The list of assemblies for this term are listed to the right.

A special Celebration Newsletter will be sent home every few weeks to celebrate the achievements of pupils from across the school. These children will be rewarded with a sticker and an extra break time. This replaces the Golden Book presentation from

Autumn 2019	
13 th September	Music Assembly
20 th September	Year 5
27 th September	Apprenticeship
4 th October	Year 4
11 th October	Music Assembly
18 th October	Apprenticeship
1 st November	Year 3
8 th November	Clubs Showcase
15 th November	Year 6
22 nd November	Apprenticeship
29 th November	Arts Gallery
6 th December	Celebration Assembly
13 th December	Christmas Fete (provisional)
20 th December	No Assembly

Dinner Money

Dinner money is now payable online via Parent Mail. The minimum spend is £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.

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Tuesday September 10th	Swimming starts for some Year 5/6 classes
Thursday September 12th	Year 5 Mini Monster Visitor
Monday September 30th	Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle
Wednesday October 2nd	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-7pm
Monday October 7th	Year 5 Space event
Tuesday October 8th	Year 3 and 4 Talent Show - Evening (Time TBC)
Thursday October 10th	Year 3 Trip to Wolsey theatre
Thursday October 10th	Year 5 and 6 Talent Show—Evening (Time TBC)
Monday - Friday October 21st - 25th	October Half Term Break
Tuesday October 29th	Year 6 Tea Afternoon 1.45—2.30pm
Monday November 18th	Year 5 Tea Afternoon 1.45—2.30pm
Friday November 22nd	Year 4 Tea Afternoon 1.45—2.30pm
Friday 6th December	Year 3 Tea Morning 10 –11am
Friday December 13th	Christmas Fete (provisional date)
Friday December 20th	Last Day of Term
Tuesday January 7th	Pupils return to school

Meetings with Teachers

Our first Parents Evening is on Wednesday 2nd October. This gives teachers and parents the opportunity to discuss how each child has settled in, and is a chance to discuss working together to support pupils to reach their full potential.

The second Parents Evening will be on Thursday 6th February following on from your child's end of term report. This will give the opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing, and discuss their targets.

If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment. It is often difficult for the teachers to speak to you without notice after 8.30 in the morning or on the playground at the end of the day as they are supervising a large number of pupils at these times.

School Council

This year the School Council will be focusing on improving our breaktimes and lunchtimes in a number of different ways but in particular, by providing a covered area for part of the playground. They have a number of events planned already from film nights to talents shows already and we look forward to hearing their plans.

Parent Mail

The majority of school letters and forms are sent via the ParentMail system to avoid lost letters and too many paper copies! From this term, we will be introducing payments through the same system as a quick and efficient way of paying for dinners, clubs and trips. If you have any difficulties with the ParentMail system, please contact the school office for support.