

# SPRINGFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL



## Newsletter

Autumn Term Sept 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It's so lovely to be able to finally welcome your children back into school . It feels like it has been a long time in the planning!

The staff have worked hard to ready the school - putting everything in place to make things as safe as possible, and thinking carefully about what to teach after almost 6 months away from the classroom.

We appreciate, and share, many of your worries and anxieties at this time but hope that these will settle over the coming weeks and months as we become familiar with the new normal.

I am especially looking forward to getting to know our new Year 3 pupils, and hope that I get the opportunity to speak to all our families over the course of this half term.

Best wishes,

L.Everitt  
Headteacher

### Term dates

#### **Autumn Term**

First day of term - Thursday 3rd September 2020  
Last day of term - Friday 23rd October 2020  
Half term - Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2020  
First day back - Monday 2nd November 2020  
Last day of term - Friday 18th December 2020  
Half term - Monday 21st December - Monday 4th January

#### **Spring Term**

First day of term - Tuesday 5th January 2021  
Last day of term - Friday 12th February 2021  
Half term - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2021  
First day of term - Monday 22nd February 2021  
Last day of term - Friday 26th March 2021  
Half term - Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April 2021

#### **Summer Term**

First day of term - Monday 12th April 2021  
Last day of term - Friday 28th May 2021  
Half term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021  
First day of term - Monday 7th June 2021  
Last day of term - Friday 16th July 2021

### Free School Meals

If your financial or work circumstances have recently changed your child may be entitled to receive free school meals. If you would like to enquire about eligibility for this please email us at [admin@springfieldjuniors.net](mailto:admin@springfieldjuniors.net).

### Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club will be starting again on Monday 7th September but places will need to be booked in advance.

If your child needs a place at Breakfast Club from Monday please email [admin@springfieldjuniors.net](mailto:admin@springfieldjuniors.net) with the days you need the club and your child's name and class by **Thursday 3rd**

**September at 3pm**. The club can be paid for via the Arbor app - please top up your meal account to include the £1 Breakfast Club cost as this will be automatically debited after your child attends.

### Dinner Money

Please could dinner money be paid in advance via Arbor. We are trying to avoid using cash wherever possible but if that is your only way to pay we will be able to accept it. Please place cash in a sealed envelope, with your child's name, class and details of what the payment is for on the front, and leave it in the locked, black box located in the reception foyer. This box is secure and is emptied each day.



## **COVID-19**

If you have travelled abroad this summer, please check if your family will need to self isolate upon your return. If you are unsure about which countries feature in the quarantine list, The Sun newspaper online offers a comprehensive list. If this affects you, please phone or email us at [admin@springfieldjuniors.net](mailto:admin@springfieldjuniors.net) to notify us of the date of your return and your need to self-isolate (attendance will not be affected by this).

If you or any of your family members have any symptoms of Coronavirus please do not send your child/children to school. The main symptoms are:-

- a temperature, a new dry cough or loss of taste or smell, please ensure that children are kept off school and that the family member is tested.
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. If you or a member of your family has any of the main symptoms:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

### **Arrangements for the School Day**

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back into school. The gates to the playground will open at 8.30am for children to wait to go into class and they will close at 8.50am. If your child is late, please go to the office.

In order to minimise overcrowding when the children come into school please use the table to see which entrance your child will need to use.

3P (Ms Whitmore)	Performing Arts Entrance	5M (Miss Mower)	Performing Arts Entrance
3B (Mr Booty) 3HL (Mrs Hardy/ Mrs Logan) 3K (Mrs Barnes)	Yr 3 Corridor	5W (Miss Wilson) 5J (Mr Hardy)	Year 5 Corridor
4L (Mrs Lynch)	Performing Arts Entrance	6P (Miss Prior) 6T (Miss Taylor)	Canopy Entrance
4G (Miss Gaffer) 4H (Mrs Howes)	Canopy Entrance	6R (Mr Reynolds)	Performing Arts Entrance

### **Uniform**

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 our normal delivery of uniform hasn't arrived. When we receive the delivery we will let parents know via email. If you would like to pre-order a jumper or cardigan, please email the details to [admin@springfieldjuniors.net](mailto:admin@springfieldjuniors.net) and pay for the items ordered via the Arbor app. Once we are in receipt of your jumper or cardigan from the supplier, we will contact you and will deliver the item to your child at school. All jumpers/cardigans up to and including size 32" cost £10, size 34 and 36 will cost £12.

We would prefer, wherever possible not to handle cash and would therefore appreciate if all payments could be made via Arbor. If you are experiencing difficulties with Arbor, please let us know and we can assist you.

### **General Information**

We would be grateful if all payments can be made via Arbor to minimise cash handling and if possible, minimise visits to the office. We would be very pleased to help you via email or phone.

If you are booked to come into school for a meeting with your child's teacher, we would request that you wear a mask.

Many thanks for your support with these new procedures.

### **Staff News**

Last term, Mrs Cook and Miss Morris left to start maternity leave, both have given birth to their babies and are doing well.

This term we welcome our new teachers Mrs Howe, Miss Barnes and new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Reynolds.

We also welcome back Mrs Logan from maternity leave (previously Miss Wilson).

Miss Taylor has joined the new Leadership Team as Assistant Headteacher.