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Newsletter - October 2023

Term Dates 23—24

Autumn 2nd Term

Mon 30th Oct—Wed 20th

Dec

(PD day: Mon 30th Oct)

Thurs 2nd Nov—Year 4 tea
afternoon

Fri 3rd Nov—Year 5 Greek
day

Mon 13th/Tues 14th Nov—
Book fair

Wed 13th Dec—Year 6 tea
afternoon

Thurs 14th Dec—Year 3
performance pm

Fri 15th Dec—Non uniform
day (bring an unwanted
gift)

Tues 19th Dec—choose a
gift day

Full details for events will
follow from Year Leaders.

Spring Term

Thurs 4th Jan—Fri 16th Feb

Mon 26th Feb—Thurs 28th
March

Summer Term

Fri 12th April—Fri 24th May
(PD day: 12th April)

Mon 3rd June—Fri 19th July
(PD day: 3rd June)

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy half term as you will see from the next few pages! It has been lovely to welcome parents into school for several tea afternoons and for the recent parents meetings too. We have had some ambitious DT projects undertaken, and I have been impressed with the knowledge the children have been gaining across the curriculum too.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break and look forward to seeing what the children can achieve in the next half term. Please remember there is a PD day on Monday 30th October so we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 31st October.

Best wishes,

L. Everitt

Building News

We are gearing up for the start of our building work during half term.

Our windows will be replaced over the next six months during weekends and holidays, and the electrical works will be completed in the evenings.

It has been planned to minimise the impact on the running of the school. We will keep you updated with the progress!



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Half Term Highlights

Year 3

The children have settled well and have been working really hard. We have been learning all about Rocks in Science and the children really enjoyed searching through soil, testing rock samples and discovering fossils. The children have thoroughly enjoyed making different types of boxes in Design and Technology. We have just started to learn all about the Stone Age which the children have found really interesting. We will continue to learn about this after half term.

The children have loved visiting Broomhill library and hopefully all now should have a library card. Half term could be a great chance to pop along and find a book to share.

[For more information, click here for our Year 3 page on the school website](#)



Year 4

Year 4 children have had a busy term settling in to their new classes and working hard.

In maths lessons, we have been improving our understanding of place value as well as practising times tables daily. Well done to all those pupils who have been regularly completing their TTRS homework. This is a great way to support your learning.

We really enjoyed our DT week, where we learnt about healthy foods, comparing shop bought foods with homemade ones. Over the week, we practised our skills in peeling, chopping, grating and kneading by making pizzas, bread and soup. We particularly enjoyed tasting our creations. Some of us have been inspired to cook at home too.

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Year 5

The autumn term has started well with the children enjoying their swimming lessons every Monday with some children making really good progress already. They have been developing their French language skills by learning how to ask the time and where places are, as well as revisiting colours and numbers. Our first DT project has been making and tasting some delicious, nutritious food: a Smorrebrod (Danish open sandwich) and a Mezze (a bowl of healthy, savoury foods) whilst honing their slicing, chopping, grating and designing skills.

[For more information, click here for our Year 5 page on the school website](#)

Year 6

We have rocketed into the autumn term and thrown ourselves into many fascinating activities. In maths, we have been working hard to ensure that our arithmetic skills are second to none whilst in literacy we have debated the benefits of baked beans on the school dinner menu, written our autobiography and even immersed ourselves in some WW1 poetry. In addition, we have learnt to cook classic street foods: burritos, samosas and pitta bread with hummus. The end products were delicious, even if we do say so ourselves! In terms of music, we have been truly spoilt. Not only have we been learning to play keyboards in our music lessons, we have also had the pleasure of working with the amazing Wooden Roots, who have taught us about dun dun drums, showed us how to make our own and taught us how to play. It was fascinating!

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Focus on...

Parent Feedback and Next Steps:

Many thanks for your feedback via the Trust questionnaire in the Summer Term.

It was great to see that the large majority of parents feel that their child is happy and achieves well at Springfield.

We always value your responses and use this to find ways to improve the school further:

- We have implemented a behaviour curriculum for this year where teachers are spending more time teaching classroom routines and behaviour so that children clearly understand the expectations; we will continue to work on this next half term. This can be found at:

<https://www.springfieldjuniors.org.uk/policies.html>

- We continue to publish an overview of the children's learning for each term. These can be found at:

<https://www.springfieldjuniors.org.uk/our-curriculum-content.html>

SEND

During this year, there are lots of key areas that we are continuing to work on as a school in order to try to ensure we are providing the best possible education for your children; this includes looking at how inclusive our curriculum is and streamlining our referral system.

Learning plans and Passports were shared by teachers with parents within parents evening slots. If you would like an electronic copy, do not hesitate to contact senco@springfieldjuniors.net. Finally, we are very excited to begin working towards the Inclusion Quality Mark Award which focuses on diversity and inclusion.

OPAL

Behind the scenes, we have been working hard ready to open up the front of the school to the children after half term. Thank you so much to our volunteers for coming to paint the fence and help Miss Cairns prepare the garden area.

A huge thank you to Kevin for all of the donations from Wicks and for making a fantastic mud kitchen.

After half term, please make sure your child has a pair of named wellies in school and a waterproof coat as we will still go outside despite the rain!



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Attendance Information



Our school regards attendance and punctuality of pupils as a priority, with a view to encouraging high attendance rates and avoiding concerning levels of absence. **We recognise that for any pupil to meet their full potential academically, a high level of attendance is crucial.** Our current attendance percentage is 94.8%.

Please ensure your child arrives on time for school. Children who are late miss important information during registration including the plan for the day and early morning work where they are practising key skills.

Gates open at **8.30am** and close at **8:45am**. Late arrivals will be admitted via the school office. Please be aware that Springfield Junior School's **registers close at 9:00am**. Any pupil who has not registered in class by this time will be marked as an **unauthorised absence**.

Attendance (Academic Year)	Equals this many days absent	Equals this many weeks absent (approx.)	Equals this many lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	60 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	120 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	180 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	12 weeks	360 lessons

We enjoy celebrating the achievements of children across the year groups during our Friday Celebration Assemblies. To find the celebration slides, visit <https://www.springfieldjuniors.org.uk/assemblies.html>



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