

Springfield Primary School



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Dear parent/carer,

As we end the half term for our February break I would like to inform you of some recent changes and also some of our plans for the coming months. In addition to our last update, the following changes have recently taken place in or staffing:

1LC – Miss L Christie has left. Mrs F Brown is teaching the class.

4JK – Mrs J Jex has left. Mrs N Bashir holds responsibility for this class and shares their teaching with Miss S Khanam.

5BA – Mrs R Barrett has left. Mr A Hall and Mrs J Stepien will share the teaching of this class.

5ST – Mr T Ahmed is covering a long-term absence.

It remains our priority to ensure that all vacancies have been filled by September at the very latest, with competent and effective teachers. We have been delighted with the interest and quality of applications that we have received so far and are confident that our recruitment strategy will deliver.

Dates for your diary:

- 26th February 2018: All students **return to school**.
- 1st March: **World Book Day** – Children and staff are invited to dress up and spend the day at school celebrating World Book Day as their favourite story book character.
- March 5th – 9th: **Book Fayre** – Children and parents are able to buy books at school at designated times during the day and after school.
- 7th March 4pm-6.30pm: **Parents evening for 4JK, 5BA and 5ST**
- 19th – 23rd March: **Sport Relief 2018** – Lots of sporting activities and fundraising going on during this week. Our aim is to raise over £2000 as a school. Wrist bands and soft balls will be on sale after half term for £1 each. More details to follow after the holiday.
- 19-20th March: **Wheelchair Basketball** skills and games for **Year 5 & 6**.
- 19th-26th March: **Year 3 and Year 4 Bikeability**. Pupils will be coached to improve their bike handling skills and safety on our school site. More details will follow. Children will need to bring their bikes to school on specific days. There will be spare bikes that can be borrowed but these are limited to only 1 or 2 bikes per session.
- 23rd March: **Play Leader training for Year 5s**.
- 30th March – 8th April: **Easter holidays**.
- 14th-18th May: **Year 6 SATs**.
- 22nd May: **Book Bus visit**.
- 28th May – 1st June: **Summer Half term holiday**.
- 25th - 29th June: **National Schools Sport Week** and Year 5 **Bikeability**.
- 2nd – 6th July: **Year 6 Bikeability**.



9th-12th July: **Year 6 residential visits.**
12th July: **Reception to Year 2 Sports Day.**
13th July: **Year 3 to Year 6 Sports Day.**
16th-20th July: **Year 6 top up, intensive swimming lessons.**



Reading and Home reading records:

All children have been assessed against the reading level criteria using the Oxford Reading Tree. After half term, every child will receive an appropriate level reading book that they will take home and aim to read to their parents or carers every night. This will be changed every week. Parents and teachers will be asked to complete the reading record books each time they have heard the child read, commenting on what the children did well. Reading every day will make a real difference to your child's education and improve their progress dramatically. Please take time to listen to your child read. Please encourage your child to read to and with you, so that our children learn to love reading, for pleasure as well as learning.

Attendance:

We are making a real effort to praise and reward good attendance at Springfield, as well as take strong measures with parents who do not ensure their children attend school regularly.

Children who have good attendance are now able to access the following rewards:

- 100% attendance **certificates** per week and half term
- Entry into the Attendance draw to win a **£10 voucher** every half term for every week that a pupil achieves 100% attendance.
- Weekly Attendance **trophies** for the best Class attendance in each year group
- **Popcorn and movie afternoons** per Half term for classes with the best attendance in their year group.
- Pupils who have 100% attendance for a whole term are entered into a draw to **win a brand-new bike**. These will be presented on the last day before Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays.

PE Kit and Uniform:

Can I take this opportunity to thank parents for ensuring that our pupils wear correct PE kit and uniform to school. Standards of PE kit has improved dramatically since returning in January. Thank you for responding to our requests. Please ensure that your child always has access to clean PE kit at school even if they are injured or feeling unwell. If your child is diagnosed with Asthma, their inhalers should always be available for your child to use, should the need arise. Asthma is not a reason for pupils to not participate in PE. In extreme cases, a medical letter from the G.P or medical professional must be provided to the school, which states that pupils are exempt from participating in P.E lessons on medical grounds.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on 26th February 2018, for the start of what will be a very successful and enjoyable few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Robin Grover

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