



Week
15 Sept 2022

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 5 September was Y3 Turtles with 98.8%

School is closed on Monday

We are so proud of our children for the way they have responded to the sad news this week. We held a special assembly and the children have spoken about the Queen and ongoing events in the news in the most respectful way.



Homework Task

In light of the sad news that Queen Elizabeth II has passed away, we would like children to spend some time reflecting on her life and important role in our country's history. Instead of the usual homework this week, they are tasked with creating a piece of artwork or a piece of writing about Queen Elizabeth II that they will share with their class on Friday 23 September.

It could be a painting, drawing or collage, or they could write a story, poem or memory about the Queen. We are hoping to create a display from this work so it should be completed to the highest standard of presentation on paper no larger than A3.

Non-Uniform Day

Mrs Esser is doing something crazy. You may have seen her running the streets of Springfield over the summer as she is training to complete a Sprint Triathlon. This is a massive challenge for a complete amateur but she is doing it to raise money for an incredible little girl who is very close to her heart; Hope, an amazing 9 year old, who has quadriplegic cerebral palsy. Many of you may know of Hope as she is a younger sister of Ben who attended Springfield Primary School.

Read the full story here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/blondtriathlonforhope

On Friday 23 September we will be having a non-uniform day with a suggested £1 donation all going to the charity to support one of our Springfield families. Thank you for your support.

Contact Details

We will be asking for updated details in a few weeks but in the meantime, if your contact details ie telephone number, address etc. has changed over the summer holidays please could you let the office know as soon as possible so we can update our records.

Uniform

We have a big selection of clean pre-loved uniform particularly sweat shirts and cardigans for younger children. Please ask at the office if you would like to pick up any uniform. Thank you all for your kind donations but we are now fully stocked.

Clubs

Bookings are still open on www.clubbly.co.uk for parents wishing to book a space. A couple of new clubs have been

Absence Line

We have an absence line when you call the school. You can press 1 to leave a message with your child's name, class and reason for absence. Please make sure you report your child's absence to school either by phone or email before the start of the school day. You must report your child's absence everyday if they are absent from school.

Attendance

If you take a term time holiday it is extremely likely that you will incur a fine. We have been lenient over the past year as we know families have had holidays rebooked from Covid times and it has been hard to get away. However from this term, if you do take your child out of school, the absence will not be authorised and the Local Authority may issue a penalty notice to each parent of £60 for each child to be paid within 21 days.

PTA

AGM postponed

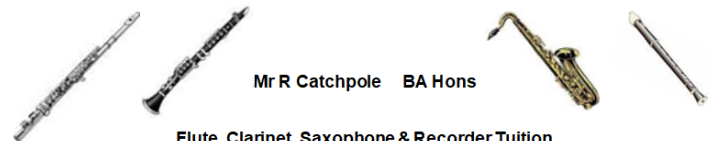
Due to the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen, our AGM has now been postponed until Monday 26 September. Our Annual General Meeting is a good time to come and meet us and get a feel for what we have been up to over the past year. It will be held in the infant hall. Please arrive from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. If you would like to become a member of the committee, please follow this link to sign up. <https://forms.gle/dbn9rgpw5PH7cheN9> You will need to provide the details of a parent (or staff member) to nominate you, and another to second you. We would also really like to hear from you if you would be happy to offer your time occasionally helping out at events, rather than being on the committee. Knowing that we have a team of volunteers that we can call on for things like marshalling the colour run or manning a games stall is fantastic, and we cannot run events without you.

Adventure Island Tickets

We continue to sell discounted Adventure Island tickets. The theme park is open at weekends throughout September and October and will be open during the half term. Tickets are £16 each. Please email springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com to purchase.

Wanted

We are after donations of pre loved Christmas clothing - Christmas jumpers and clothing. These can be any size. We ask that the items are clean and are in nice condition. Please drop your donations into the PTA box, which can be found in the office.



Mr R Catchpole BA Hons

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone & Recorder Tuition

Would your child like to learn a woodwind instrument?

Experienced professional music tutor offers individual tuition at Springfield Primary School.

Lessons from £11 per week. (Instruments can be hired on a termly basis.)

Please email for more details: catchpole@postmaster.co.uk

Dinner Menu w/b 19 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School closed Bank Holiday	Pepperoni Pizza Pork, gluten, dairy, may contain egg & soya	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding Gluten, egg & dairy	Beef lasagne Gluten & dairy	Fish fillet Gluten & fish
	Margarita pizza Gluten, dairy, may contain egg & soya	Vegetable Parcels Gluten	Macaroni cheese Gluten & dairy	Quorn nuggets Gluten, egg & dairy
	Salad bar	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Garlic bread Sweet corn Gluten & soya	Chips baked beans peas
	Fresh fruit platter	Strawberry milkshake cupcake Gluten & egg	Lemon cheesecake Gluten & dairy	Fruit scone with jam & cream Gluten & dairy
Drinking water, bread, yoghurt and milk available on request				

Diary Dates

Autumn 2022		
Mon 19 Sept	School closed	
Fri 23 Sept	Non uniform day for charity £1 donation	
Mon 26 Sept	PTA AGM in the school hall - all parents welcome	7.30pm
Fri 30 Sept	Proposed immunisation date - whole school	
11 & 12 Oct	Children's individual photos	
24 - 28 Oct	Half term	
Tues 1 Nov	Parents' Evening	3.30-5.30
Weds 2 Nov	Rock Stars Day - non uniform / come dressed as a rock star Parents' Evening	5-7.30
Fri 4 Nov	STEM Day	
Fri 18 Nov	Children In Need - non uniform £1	
Thurs 8 Dec	Y3&4 Carol Concert for parents	10am 2pm 6pm
Tues 13 Dec	Infant Christmas nativity for parents	10am & 2pm
Weds 14 Dec	PTA Panto in school - Sleeping Beauty	
Mon 19 Dec	Y5&6 Christmas play for parents	10am 2pm 6pm
Tues 20 Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays	3.10
Spring 2023		
Fri 27 Jan	EYFS & Y5 Road Safety sessions	
Fri 3 Feb	EYFS & Y5 Road Safety sessions	
Fri 10 Feb	Y5 Road Safety session	
13-17 Feb	Half term	
Fri 17 March	Red Nose Day - non uniform / wear red £1	
Tues 28 Mar	The Two Johns Online Safety for parents	6pm
Mon 20 Feb	Inset Day - school closed to children	
Fri 31 Mar	Break up for Easter holidays	3.10
Summer 2023		
Mon 17 Apr	Back to school	8.40
7-9 June	Y6 Residential at Essex Outdoors Mersea	
29 May - 2 June	Half term	
Thurs 20 July	Break up for summer holidays	1.30
Fri 21 July	Inset Day - school closed to children	

All dates subject to change

PE Days

EYFS	Thurs & Fri	Y5 Elephants	Mon & Weds
Y1	Mon & Weds	Y5 Hippos	Mon & Weds
Y2	Mon & Weds	Y5 Rhinos	Tues & Thurs
Y3	Mon & Fri	Y6 Lions	Tues & Thurs
Y4	Tues & Thurs	Y6 Panthers & Tigers	Weds & Fri

Essex Fire Museum.

They have an open day on Sunday 25 September.

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, craft activities and a chance to sit on the fire engines (and squirt water 😊).

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

If families are interested, could you please email us at: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk and tell us the number in your party and the time you would like to arrive (we are open from 10.00am to 4.00pm). This is just because we have to keep the station informed of numbers throughout the day.

Address and contact details are:

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays RM17 5QS

Phone: [01376 576847](tel:01376576847)

Email: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Website: [Fire Museum \(essex-fire.gov.uk\)](http://FireMuseum(essex-fire.gov.uk))



Essex Fire Museum Open Day
Sunday 25th September 2022

Visits must be pre-booked via:
museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

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