



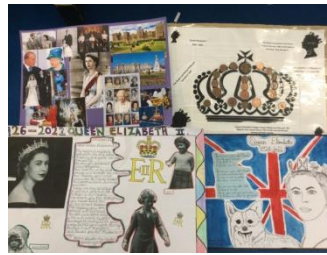
**Week 4**  
**29 Sept 2022**

### Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 19 September was Y1 Sharks with 99 %

### Homework

Our children never fail to amaze us with their creativity. We had some amazing homework brought in related to Queen Elizabeth. Very soon some of it will be up around the school and you can see more photos on our Twitter account.



### Tree of Hope

We raised over £300 from our non uniform day on Friday with an extra £105 from our staff cake sale. Thank you to everyone who donated and a big well done to Mrs Esser for completing her very first triathlon. We are very proud of her and how resilient she has been during the grueling training sessions.

### Try A School Dinner Day

With our new autumn menus coming soon, Thursday 6 October will be our *try-a-school-dinner day*. School dinners will be **free** for everyone to try with pizza being on the menu. Children are welcome to bring a packed lunch but the pizza will be available for them to try. There is no need to prebook - children will order their meal that morning in their classroom.



### Food Tech Room

Our brand new Food Tech room is finished and ready to use. It was officially opened this morning by Mrs Jan Fish who has supported the school over many years as a governor and grandparent. Mrs Fish has worked with our children baking and cooking for over 8 years so it was lovely of her to agree to open the



room for us.

Some of our Springfield Ambassadors were trying the room out this week and very soon all classes will have a chance to bake, cook or create linked to our new curriculum.



### TTRS Competition

Our first Times Tables Rock Stars Competition of the year for children in Y2-6 starts on Monday 3 October at 8am and finishes on Friday 7 October at 3pm. Please encourage your child to play every night if they can. It will be a year group competition so each class in a year group is playing against each other.

## **Bikes & Scooters**

A reminder that if you bring a bike or scooter to school and leave it on school premises, we can take no responsibility for them.

### **Uniform**

School uniform is expensive. We have a lot of pre-loved and washed uniform particularly smaller sizes. If you would like any please ask at the office.

### **Finance**

A lot of people are finding it hard at the moment with rising energy costs etc. If you think you might be entitled to free school meals then please ask at the office for details. If you are able to claim it will also give your child a free after school activity club, food vouchers for supermarkets and many other benefits so it is definitely worth finding out.

## **Harvest Assemblies**

This year we will again be supporting the Chelmsford Food Bank which does a very good job of supporting local families. If you are able to donate anything, it will be very gratefully received, Please see the shopping list but they would welcome any tinned items including tinned fruit, coffee, long-life milk, shampoo and nappies. Please make sure food items are unopened and in date. Items can be sent into school any time. Thank you. Our harvest festival for the children will take place in school on Thursday 20 October.

## **Lunchbox Reminder**

For children who bring a packed lunch to school, please remember their lunch should not contain sweets or chocolate and no fizzy drinks. We are a nut free school so no nutella or other food with nuts in please.

### **Foods that a healthy lunch box should include**

- A good portion of starchy food, for example wholemeal roll or bread, wraps, pitta pocket, pasta or rice salad.
- Plenty of fruit and vegetables, for example an apple, satsuma, handful of cherry tomatoes or carrot sticks, mini-can of fruit chunks in natural juice or a small box of raisins.
- A drink of semi-skimmed milk or a portion of dairy food, for example individual cheese portion or pot of yogurt.
- A portion of lean meat, fish, eggs or beans, for example ham, chicken, beef, tuna, egg or hummus.
- A drink, for example unsweetened fruit juice, semi-skimmed milk or water.

## **Secondary School Application Reminder**

As you maybe aware, the new secondary admission round reopened on Monday 12 September, for parents of current year 6 pupils to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2023. The statutory closing date for applications is 31 October 2022.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

The following items are those which are in short supply:



Tinned fruit  
Sponge pudding  
Powdered custard  
Jams and preserves  
Long-life fruit juice  
Small and medium coffee  
Chocolate bars (eg Kit Kat)  
long-life milk (semi-skimmed)  
Powdered potato- small and medium packets  
Men's shampoo  
Ladies deodorant  
Nappies size 4 and larger  
washing up liquid  
Small/medium washing powder/liquid/gel/  
tablets



## PTA

The PTA met on Monday evening for our AGM. Our chair Jo Frost thanked PTA members, volunteers, and staff for all their hard work. Jo outlined the items that we have been able to fund for the school following our events last year. These include football kits, playground sports bags, a new PA system, Christmas panto, contribution to the year 6 leavers' event and upkeep of the sensory garden. We are also pleased to have pledged £15,000 for the re vamping of the EYFS outside area. Work on this will commence soon.

The committee for 2022/2023 is as follows...

### Future fundraising

We are very mindful that the cost of living is rising, especially as the weather is getting colder and Christmas being on the horizon. Therefore we have put together a calendar of events which we hope will allow families to be involved and to be able to spend as much or as little as they wish. Our fund raising efforts are now focused on the junior school play area. We estimate that we need to raise approx. £30-40K for the work, so we expect to be working towards this for some time. If you have any ideas for grants we can apply for, or know of any companies which may wish to help with the project, please get in touch.



Chair  
Jo Frost      Secretary  
Katie Mobbs      Treasurer  
Kelly Hine

#### Committee Team



Laura  
Hodgkinson      Claire  
Gowing      Christina  
Smith      Shaun  
Wraight

### Tuck shop is back!

We will be selling sweets, chocolate and donuts outside of school tomorrow afternoon. All items are 50p. You can pay by cash or card. We look forward to seeing you there. Please keep up to date with our forth coming events via our Facebook page. If you wish to contact us, please email

[springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com)

## Dinner Menu w/b 3 October

**ALL MEALS FREE THIS THURSDAY**

### Try a school dinner day

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato with: cheese tuna mayonnaise baked beans <b>Dairy, fish &amp; egg</b>	Popcorn chicken <b>Gluten &amp; egg</b>	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding <b>Gluten, egg &amp; dairy</b>	Pepperoni Pizza <b>Pork, gluten, dairy, may contain egg &amp; soya</b>	Fish <b>Gluten &amp; fish</b>
Salad garnish Crusty bread <b>Gluten</b>	Pop Quorn <b>Gluten &amp; egg</b>	Roasted Quorn fillet <b>Egg</b>	Margarita pizza <b>Gluten, dairy, may contain egg &amp; soya</b>	Omelette <b>Egg &amp; dairy</b>
	Tomato pasta broccoli <b>Gluten</b>	Roast potatoes seasonal vegetables	Chips	Chips baked beans sweet corn
Shortbread biscuit <b>Gluten</b>	Fresh fruit platter	Victoria sandwich slice <b>Gluten &amp; egg</b>	Ice cream sundae	Chocolate crunch <b>Gluten &amp; dairy</b>
Drinking water, bread, yoghurt and milk available on request				

## Diary Dates

<b>Autumn 2022</b>		
Fri 30 Sept	Immunisation day - whole school	
Thurs 6 Oct	Try A School Dinner Day - <b>free</b> school dinner for everyone	
11 & 12 Oct	Children's individual photos	
Tues 18 Oct	EYFS & Y6 height & weight check	
Thurs 20 Oct	Harvest Festival	
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	5pm-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
Mon 12 Dec	Y4 children to Christ Church for The Snowman	
Tues 13 Dec	Infant Christmas nativity for parents	10am & 2pm
Weds 14 Dec	PTA Panto in school - Sleeping Beauty	
Thurs 15 Dec	Christmas lunch - non uniform, wear something Christmassy	
Mon 19 Dec	Y5 Christmas play for parents	10am 2pm 6pm
Tues 20 Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays	3.10
<b>Spring 2023</b>		
Fri 6 Jan	Colchester Castle Y3	
Fri 27 Jan	EYFS & Y5 Road Safety sessions	
Fri 3 Feb	EYFS & Y5 Road Safety sessions	
Tues 7 Feb	Y4 Superstar Sports	
Fri 10 Feb	Y5 Road Safety session	
13-17 Feb	Half term	
Mon 20 Feb	Inset day - school closed to children	
Fri 17 March	Red Nose Day - non uniform / wear red £1	
Tues 28 Mar	The Two Johns Online Safety for parents	6pm
Fri 31 Mar	Break up for Easter holidays	3.10
<b>Summer 2023</b>		
Mon 17 Apr	Back to school	8.40
Fri 26 May	Jeans for Genes event led by Zach, Lucas and Samuel in Y6	
29 May - 2 June	Half term	
Weds 7 June	Y2 Mini Games	
7-9 June	Y6 Residential at Essex Outdoors Mersea	
Fri 30 June	PTA Sponsored event	
Thurs 20 July	Break up for summer holidays	<b>1.30</b>
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