



Week 10
10 Nov 2022

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 7 November was Y5 Rhinos with 98.2 %

STEM Day

Last week was a busy but very enjoyable week with our Rock Stars Day, parents' evenings and also our very first STEM Day. The children took part in lots of different activities and experiments and thoroughly enjoyed the day. We had visits from STEM Ambassador engineers and also a governor to support and run workshops and there was a real buzz around the school.

Well done to Mr Corder, Science Lead for organising the day.



Word Millionaires

Well done to our first Word Millionaires of the year, who are Tanay in Y6 and Sreya Rhinos



Diabetes Awareness Day



Monday 14 November is Diabetes Awareness Day and we would like to mark this in school by the children wearing blue. Obviously school sweatshirts are blue so they need to be in uniform but they might like to wear additional blue accessories; hats, scarves, hair bands, nail varnish etc in support.

Lily is in reception and was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at the start of the pandemic in April 2020, this was an extremely challenging time for us as a family as she was only 2 years old. Over the last two years Lily has had to overcome many things, including 5-8 daily insulin injections and multiple finger pricks, to now an insulin pump that she carries around with her 24/7 that includes applying new cannula every 3 days.

Being Type 1 means her pancreas no longer produces insulin which our body's need to give us energy.

Lily's glucose levels need to be watched constantly throughout the day and night, as long periods of highs and sudden lows can be very serious. This can be extremely difficult to control as SO many factors can affect her glucose levels due to insulin being a hormone.

Lily truly is incredible and never complains or moans, even when newly diagnosed and obviously having no understanding of all the changes happening. We want to celebrate her bravery and positivity by wearing something blue on Monday 14 November for World Diabetes day. And to bring awareness of the symptoms as unfortunately studies have shown more children are being diagnosed since Covid has hit us. Thank you

Mrs Butcher, Lily's mum

Christmas Performances

The booking system for the Christmas performances will open later this month. Please make sure you are able to log in at <https://springfieldpri.schoolcloud.co.uk/> as they can only be booked online and **the school office will not initially be able to sort tickets for you.**

Poppies

We have poppies in school which the Y6 children will be taking round to classrooms for donations. We also have keyrings, slap bands etc available at the school office.

Crime & Punishment

Year 4 had a visit from the police this week to help start their unit of work on crime and punishment through the ages. They asked lots of questions and explored the police van and the policemen were able to help with the case of the missing puppy.



Pupdate - November

Hello everybody! November is a special month; a month of remembrance. We have been selling poppies all week on behalf of the Royal British Legion so thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We wear poppies to remember service men and women who have lost their lives in battle and tomorrow we will have a special assembly to reflect on the sacrifices made by our armed forces. I'll be wearing my poppy and will do my best not to bark when we all spend a minute in quiet reflection to remember those who gave their lives.

A friendly reminder - No dogs allowed on site

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school site even if they are being carried. We are insured to have Flick here on our school site as we know she is fully vaccinated and safe to be around children, unfortunately we cannot guarantee the same of all dogs, so we politely ask that you do not bring your dogs onto the school site.

Clubs

If your child is not attending an afterschool sports club please tell a member of staff in the office. We have many clubs running and the registers need to be checked quickly. This will save us time looking for your child when they're marked as absent on the register and we are not aware of this. Thank you.

PTA

Firework Frenzy

Thank you to everyone that came along to our firework frenzy and scarecrow hunt on Friday. Here are some of the familiar looking scarecrows that were hiding around the school. We raised just over £250 which will be put towards the junior playground re vamp.



EYFS Playground

You may have noticed that the early year's playground is currently undergoing a face lift. This is something that the PTA have been able to fund thanks to your support in attending our events, and donations over the past few years. We can't wait to see it finished and the children enjoying it.

Christmas cards

There's still time to purchase your child's fantastic designs. You can view these at www.mychildsart.co.uk our user name is 'Springfield' and the password is KwgphJQw.

Dinner Menu w/b 14 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato pasta bake Gluten & dairy	Fruity chicken curry Rice & garden peas Gluten	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding Gluten, egg & dairy	Minced beef pie Gluten	Bubblecrumb fish fillet Fish
Jacket potato with cheese Dairy	Jacket potato with baked beans Salad garnish	Quorn toad in the hole Gluten, egg & dairy	Vegetarian cottage pie Dairy	Cheese & tomato swirl Gluten & dairy
Salad Crusty bread Gluten & may contain sesame	Naan bread Gluten & dairy	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Mashed potato Green beans	Chipped potatoes Baked beans
Fruit smoothie	Marble cake Gluten & egg	Fresh food platter	Pancakes & berries Dairy, Gluten & egg	Pudsey Bear cookie Gluten 
Drinking water, bread, yoghurt and milk available on request				

Diary Dates

Autumn 2022		
Fri 11 Nov	Great Springfield Bake Off finals	10am
Mon 14 Nov	Children in uniform with blue accessories	
Fri 18 Nov	Children In Need - non uniform £1 donation	
Weds 7 Dec	Y6 Christmas Concert for parents PTA Christmas wreath making for adults - ticketed event	2pm & 6pm 7-9pm
Thurs 8 Dec	Y3&4 Carol Concert for parents	2pm & 6pm
Fri 9 Dec	PTA non-uniform day - bring a bottle or chocolates Christmas gift sale - children will have a chance to buy a gift all £2 each	
Mon 12 Dec	Y4 children to Christ Church for The Snowman	1pm
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	
Fri 16 Dec	PTA Christmas tuck shop & festive stalls	3.10
Mon 19 Dec	Y5 Christmas play for parents	2pm & 6pm
Tues 20 Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays	3.10
Spring 2023		
Thurs 5 Jan	Return to school after Christmas break	
Fri 6 Jan	Colchester Castle Y3	9-3pm
Mon 16 Jan	Y5 space dance session	
Tues 17 Jan	Y1 Fairy Tales & Y4 Frozen dance sessions	
Weds 18 Jan	Y3 Romans dance sessions	
Fri 27 Jan	EYFS & Y5 Road Safety sessions PTA tuck shop	3.10pm
Fri 3 Feb	EYFS & Y5 Road Safety sessions PTA Quiz night for adults	7pm
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	

Tues 21 Feb	Y5 Roots to Food workshops	
Fri 24 Feb	Tuck shop	3.10pm
	World Book Day - come as a book character / non-uniform	
Weds 15 Mar	PTA Mothers' day gift sale. All gifts £2 each	
Fri 17 Mar	Red Nose Day - non uniform / wear red £1	
W/C 20 Mar	PTA Smarties challenge - more info to follow.	
Tues 28 Mar	The Two Johns Online Safety for parents	6pm
Fri 31 Mar	Easter tuck shop & games Break up for Easter holidays	3.10
Summer 2023		
Mon 17 Apr	Back to school	8.40
Thurs 4 May	Possible Inset Day if needed for an election	
Fri 19 May	PTA EYFS & KS1 fun afternoon (during school time)	
Fri 26 May	Charity event led by Zach, Lucas and Samuel in Y6 Tuck shop PTA disco for Y3,4&5	3.10 5pm-6.30
29 May - 2 June	Half term	
Weds 7 June	Y2 Mini Games	
7-9 June	Y6 Residential at Essex Outdoors Mersea	
Weds 14 June	PTA Fathers' Day/someone special gift sale. All gifts £2 each	
Fri 16 June	Sports day EYFS-Y2 - wear house colour t shirt with PE kit Sports day Y3-Y6 - wear house colour t shirt with PE kit	1.30-3pm 9.30-12
Fri 30 June	PTA Sponsored event – House competition (during school hours) Tuck shop	3.10
Thurs 13 July	Dance afternoon on the field for parents - weather dependent	2pm
Fri 14 July	PTA Tuck shop & summer raffle	3.10
Tues 18 July	Y6 performance for parents	2pm & 6pm
Thurs 20 July	Y6 Leaver's assembly for Y6 parents and families Break up for summer holidays	10am 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		



Springfield Primary School PTA

invite you to their **wreath making** event

. Wednesday 7th December 7.00pm at the school.

£25 per person

includes wreath base, foliage, accessories,
glass of mulled wine/prosecco & nibbles.

Contact a PTA member or springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com
limited spaces