



Week 2
12 Jan 2023

Attendance News

Each week the class with the highest attendance will be celebrated here.

Welcome back to a new year and we hope all our families had a peaceful Christmas.

We have a busy half term coming up with dance sessions for most year groups, road safety for EYFS and year 5, Year 4 going to Superstar Sports and Year 3 already visited Colchester Castle last week to name just a few. Please see our diary dates on this newsletter and any photos on our Twitter account @SpringfieldPri2.



Colchester Castle

Year 3 kicked off the year in style learning about Romans. They recreated a battle system using trays as shields and fired javelins and witnessed Mr Lamb dressed in a toga! There are more photos and a couple of videos on our Twitter account to see them in action. Last week they visited Colchester Castle to find out more about Roman defences and ways of life and next week they will take part in Roman themed dance sessions.



The Two Johns

A date for your diary: on Tuesday 28 March we have been lucky enough to book The Two Johns to present to parents at 6pm on how to help keep your child safe online.

We have had them at Springfield before and it was a really positive session with many parents saying afterwards that they wish they had attended.

Inset Day

Thursday 4 May has now been confirmed as a school closure day due to elections. This is not our choice and we do not have any say in it - it is not a very convenient day to have to close to children with the two bank holidays at the start of May as well.

Making sure your child is ready for the school day

Please remember that children wearing PE kit should be wearing a plain **navy blue** sweatshirt or top. No large logos or football tops are permitted.

We have noticed an increasing amount of children in school not quite ready for the school day, so just a gentle reminder of the following:

- Long hair must be tied back
- Earrings must be removed on PE days
- Children should not be wearing any jewellery to school
- Black shoes to be worn or trainers on a PE day only
- Nail varnish must be removed for school

Thank you for your support in this.

PE Days

The days children need to come to school wearing PE kit this term please are:

EYFS	Thurs & Fri	Y5 Elephants	Mon & Weds
Y1	Mon & Weds	Y5 Hippos	Mon & Weds

Y2 Tues & Weds
 Y3 Tues & Fri
 Y4 Mon & Thurs

Y5 Rhinos
 Y6 Lions
 Y6 Tigers
 Y6 Panthers

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Phonics

We will be hosting our phonics information again on Friday 3 February at 9am for EYFS and Y1 parents and carers. We held one just before Christmas and those who attended told us they found it really useful, so if you missed our first one, then please come along to the infant hall after you've dropped your children. Come armed with any questions or queries you have. The session will last 30-45mins and will cover how we teach phonics and how you can support your child with learning to read at home.

World Thinking Day & Founders Day

Every year the Guiding and Scouting movement celebrate World Thinking Day which is a day to think about each other and other guides and scouts from around the world and the positive impact guiding and scouting has on the world today.

Our children are invited to wear their Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers or Cubs uniform to school on Wednesday 22 February to celebrate World Thinking Day & Founders Day.

PTA

Thank you to everyone that came along to our festive tuck shop and games. We raised just over £500 which will be put towards the junior playground revamp.

Quiz Night Friday 3 February 2023

Fancy a fun evening out? We are looking for teams of 6 - 8 adults to take part in our quiz night. Contestants can bring their own food and drink and there will be a raffle running on the evening. Entry is £5 per person and teams will battle it out to win a cash prize. To register your interest in having a team or if you have any questions, please email springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com

Unwanted Christmas presents donations

We would be grateful for donations of any unwanted presents you may have received this year. These items will be used throughout the year as raffle prize and our tombola etc. There is a donations box just inside the office door. Thank you for your support.

Dinner Menu w/b 16 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato Cheese, tuna, baked beans Dairy & fish	Spaghetti Bolognaise Gluten	Roast Pork Pork	All day breakfast with pork sausage & bacon Pork, wheat, gluten, egg, dairy & sulphites	Fish fillet Fish & gluten
Salad	Vegetable Lasagne Dairy & Gluten	Roasted vegetable slice Gluten	Veggie breakfast (Quorn sausage) Wheat	Omelette Egg & dairy
	Garlic bread & sweetcorn Gluten -----OR----- Jacket potato with Cheese and salad Dairy	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Hash brown Baked beans Scrambled egg Sliced tomatoes Mushrooms Eggs & dairy	Chipped potatoes Baked beans Peas
Vanilla sprinkle cake Gluten & egg	Fresh fruit platter	Fruit jelly with ice cream Dairy May contain nuts	Homemade Cookie Gluten	Cherry & sultana rock cakes Gluten & egg
Drinking water, bread, yoghurt and milk available on request				

Diary Dates

Spring 2023		
Mon 16 Jan	Y5 Space dance sessions	
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	3.10
Fri 3 Feb	EYFS & KS1 Parent Phonics session EYFS & Y5 Road Safety sessions PTA Quiz night for adults	9am 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	
Weds 22 Feb	Founders/Thinking Day - Brownies, Cubs etc invited to wear their uniform	
Fri 24 Feb	Tuck shop	3.10
Thurs 2 Mar	World Book Day - come as a book character / non-uniform	
Fri 10 Mar	Wear house colours day	
Weds 15 Mar	PTA Mothers' day/someone special 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 Have a look at their Twitter account @JohnsThe2 for more info.	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	Inset Day - school closed to children	
Mon 8 May	School closed - bank holiday for Coronation	
Tues 9 May	KS2 SATs week	
Fri 19 May	PTA EYFS & KS1 fun afternoon (during school time)	
Fri 26 May	Charity event led by children 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