#### SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



#### **SPRING TERM 2023**



Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness

Week 4 26 Jan 2023

#### **Attendance News**

The highest attendance for the week beginning 16 January was Y6 Lions with 98%

#### **Teacher Strike Action**

As you have probably heard on the news, there are national teacher strikes due to an ongoing dispute between the National Education Union and the government about teacher pay and conditions with the first day planned for Wednesday 1 February. If you would like to find out more please have a look at a document created by the NEU for parents at <a href="https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view">https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view</a>

Please see the letter emailed to parents yesterday explaining the situation at our school.

The following eight classes will be closed to children on Wednesday 1 February.

EYFS Squirrels
Y1 Sharks
Y5 Rhinos
Y6 Tigers
Y6 Panthers

Teachers do not need to inform me of their intention to strike until the morning of the strike day. We are really lucky the teachers have been so open so we are able to let parents know earlier than many schools have been able to do.

I understand this may be an inconvenience to parents but I hope you will join me in supporting a teacher's right to industrial action. As soon as I have any further information about subsequent strike days, I will be sure to let parents know.

Jacquelyn Pick



#### Year 3 Football

Yet another sporting victory for Springfield this week.

Our year 3 mixed football team played in the Chelmsford schools football

tournament this week and were delighted to have come in third place. Well

done to all who played.

#### **Word Millionaires**

Congratulations to our latest Word Millionaires: Aaradhy, Simra, Phoebe and Josephine.

Also very well done to Tanay and Sreya who have read two million words!

# **Lunar New Year**

We learnt about and celebrated the Lunar New Year this week with a fantastic Chinese meal. Year 6 children made and sampled sticky rice balls and made lucky envelopes in the shape of a rabbit for the Year of the Rabbit. A really big thank you to all the parents and families who were able to come in and share their celebration.





# 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**

# **Tuck shop - tomorrow**

Find us outside school at pick up for pick and mix sweets, chocolate, and donuts. Everything 50p cash and card payments accepted.

# **Quiz Night Friday 3 February 7pm School Hall**

We have had a great response to our request for quiz teams so far. There is still space for a few more tables, so if you would like to join us, please do. Teams can be of 6 – 8 approx. Contestants can bring their own food and drink and there will be a raffle running on the evening. Entry is £5 per person, payable on the night 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 present 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's etc. There is a donations box just inside the office door. Thank you to those who have donated so far.

#### Dinner Menu w/b 30 Jan

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Pepperoni pizza (pork) Meat, gluten, dairy, may contain egg & soya	Sausage roll (pork) Gluten & sulphites	Sweet & sour chicken Gluten May contain sulphites	Roast chicken with stuffing Gluten (stuffing), may contain soya	Bubblecrumb fish fillet Fish	
Margarita pizza Gluten & dairy, may contain egg & soya	Veggie sausage roll Wheat	Cheese & veg Quesadilla Gluten & dairy	Roasted Quorn fillet Gluten	Quorn nuggets Gluten	
Side salad	Mashed potato Baked beans	Rice Sweet corn	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Chips Peas	
Fresh fruit platter	Arctic roll Gluten, dairy, egg & soya	Angel delight Dairy	Smiley face cookie Gluten	Chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce Gluten, egg & dairy	
Drinking water, bread, yoghurt and milk available on request					

# **Diary Dates**

Spring 2023				
Fri 27 Jan	EYFS & Y5 Road Safety sessions	0.40		
	PTA tuck shop	3.10		
Fri 3 Feb	EYFS & KS1 Parent Phonics session EYFS & Y5 Road Safety sessions	9am		
	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		
Weds 22 Feb	Founders/Thinking Day - Brownies, Cubs etc invited to wear their uniform		
Fri 24 Feb	Tuck shop	3.10	
Tues 28 Mar	Parents' Evening	5-7.30	
Thurs 2 Mar	World Book Day - come as a book character / non-uniform Parents' Evening	3.30-5.30	
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	
Mon 1 May	Bank Holiday		
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	
Sat 15 July	The Wilderness Foundation Y6 leavers' c event PTA leavers' disco at the school	9.45-2pm evening	
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 <b>1.30</b>	
Fri 21 July	Inset Day - school closed to children		

All dates subject to change

<u>PE Days</u>
The days children need to come to school wearing PE kit this term please are:

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



Staff and players from our academy and first team will be running a Football Camp day during Half Term on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 9:30am-3:00pm on the 3G facility at Moulsham High School for children aged 7-15. The day is £30 (with payments being made online) and we are offering a late pick up option for those who require it.