



Week 1
14 Sept 2023

Attendance News

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

Welcome back to a new school year. It was lovely to see all our children back on Thursday and wonderful for them to be able to start the year in their permanent classrooms. There has obviously been a lot on the news about RAAC in schools and we are definitely one of the lucky ones as our roof issues are very nearly solved. The works over the summer progressed much quicker than planned and we were handed back eight classrooms at the end of August. There are still areas being worked on and we do not yet have access to our computer suite, music room, SEN & pastoral areas and staff workroom - the roof works are completed and the new ceiling and lights are being fitted. These should all be finished by half term. The new demountables on the junior playground and supposed to be going as we do not need them but it is taking rather a long time for the company to come and get them. After last term's 'fun' we are hoping for a calm year!

For this school year we have changed the structure of our school leadership. Our new leadership structure is:

Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Pick	Headteacher
Mrs Esser	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Anderson	SENCo
Mrs Youngs	Maths Lead

Middle Leadership Team

Mrs Jones	EYFS Lead
Mr Lamb	KS1 Lead
Mrs Lloyd	Lower KS2 Lead
Mr Brettell	Upper KS2 Lead

Coffee Morning

Parents are invited to join the leadership team for coffee and cake after school drop off on Tuesday 19 September in the infant hall. Meet the Senior Leadership Team and find out about our new well-being programme for children and parents.



PE Days

Children should come to school in their PE kit on these days. Plain white t-shirt or Springfield shirt and a plain navy blue sweatshirt. No logos please.

EYFS - Fri	Y4 - Mon & Weds
Y1 - Mon & Weds	Y5 - Tues & Weds
Y2 - Thurs & Fri	Y6 - Lions / Leopards Tues & Thurs
Y3 - Mon & Fri	Y6 - Tigers Thurs & Fri

Harvest - Thurs 19 October

We will once again be supporting the Chelmsford Food Bank for our Harvest collection. Please see below their list of urgent items they require and any donations of tinned or dried goods will be very welcome.

Behaviour & House Points

You may have heard your child speak about some recent changes we have made to the way behaviour is managed in school. Our behaviour system is now based around three simple rules: **Be Ready! Be Respectful! Be Safe!** Changes have also been made to the way house points are awarded and as a result of the behaviour survey



that the children completed in the summer term - the children will now be earning house points for their team, rather than individually. Every time your child earns a house point, a token will be awarded to their

Be ready

Be respectful

Be safe

house jar and a values sticker given. Which house will take the lead in the house point competition this term?

Payment System - Please set up your account

Parents have received an invitation to set up your account for Tucasi Scopay, if you are having trouble setting up the account please speak with the school office. **You now use the account to pay for dinners and trips. This system is also used for giving consent for trips & activities so please set up your account as soon as possible.**

Absence

Can we remind you, if your child is off school you must report your child's absence. 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, as much information as possible is needed, **just 'unwell' is not acceptable.** Please make sure you report your child's absence to school either by phone or email before the start of the school day. We would encourage you to check the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which has further information.

Home Learning

We will no longer be using Dojo for homework so all the accounts have been deactivated and deleted. Please use your child's Spellzone and TTRS logins to access their weekly home learning tasks. There will be one spelling and one times table task set every Wednesday for years 1-6.

Springfield Stars Preschool

They currently have vacancies for children aged 2years 6 months. Please email vickiknight43@outlook.com for more information.

They are looking for a qualified level 3 or higher practitioner to fulfill the role of SENCo.

To apply for this position please email vickiknight43@outlook.com with a covering letter and CV.

Dinner Menu w/b 18 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato with: cheese or baked beans or tuna mayo Dairy, fish & egg	Popcorn chicken Gluten & egg	Roast gammon Pork	Pork & apple burger in a bap Gluten and may contain sesame	Fish fillet Fish & gluten
	~~~OR~~~	~~~OR~~~	~~~OR~~~	~~~OR~~~
~~~WITH~~~	Pop Quorn <b>Gluten &amp; egg</b>	Vegetable parcels <b>Gluten</b>	Veggie burger in a bap <b>Gluten and may contain sesame</b>	Veggie hotdogs <b>Gluten</b>
Side salad Coleslaw - Egg	~~~WITH~~~	~~~WITH~~~	~~~WITH~~~	~~~WITH~~~
	Tomato pasta Sweetcorn Gluten	New potatoes Cauliflower cheese Vegetables Gluten & dairy	Jacket wedges Vegetable sticks	Chipped potatoes Baked beans
Fruit smoothie	Cheesecake Gluten & dairy	Homemade cookie Gluten	Fruit platter	Chocolate cracknell Gluten
Drinking water, bread, yoghurt and milk available on request				

PTA News

AGM We are holding our annual general meeting on Monday 18 September at 7pm in the infant hall.

We are a fun and friendly team made up of parents and staff members from a variety of backgrounds, spanning across most year groups.

We work hard to provide the children - and yourselves - with some great events, primarily to raise funds for the school but also to have fun.

This year we have vacancies for a chairperson and secretary. We would also really like to hear from you if you would be happy to offer your time occasionally. Helping at events, rather than being on the committee. Knowing that we have a team of volunteers that we can call on for things like setting up a fete or helping at a disco is fantastic and we cannot run events without you.

If you're interested in joining the PTA or helping at events, this is a really good time to come and meet us and get a feel for what we have been up to over the past year. If you would like to sign up to the committee or register your interest please follow the link. <https://forms.gle/oRatBiEMmJNH6Vn26> alternatively you are very welcome to come along and chat to us on the evening. Please contact us via email if you have any questions: springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com

Tuck shop tomorrow

The PTA team will be outside school at pick up time with the usual pick and mix, chocolate and donuts. Everything is 50p and we can take cash or card payments.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2023		
Mon 18 Sept	PTA AGM in infant hall	7pm
Tues 19 Sept	Parent Coffee Morning - My Happy Mind app launch	8.45
Fri 22 Sept	Flu vaccinations	
Thurs 5 Oct	Try a school dinner day - free for everyone. Order it on the morning Y3&4 Music Hub workshops	
Fri 6 Oct	Individual photos Y3&4 Music Hub workshops	
Tues 17 Oct	Parent Coffee Morning	8.45
Thurs 19 Oct	Harvest Assembly	
Fri 20 Oct	Rock Stars Day - come dressed as a rock star	
Mon 23 Oct	Half term	
Weds 1 Nov	Parents' Evening	5pm - 7.30
Thurs 2 Nov	Parents' Evening	3.45 - 5.45
Tues 14 Nov	Y3&4 Roots to Food	
Fri 17 Nov	Children in Need - non uniform and donate £1	
Fri 1 Dec	House assemblies - wear house colour day	
Weds 13 Dec	Panto - Cinderella	
Weds 20 Dec	Break up	3.10
Spring 2024		
Thurs 4 Jan	School starts	8.40
Tues 9 Jan	Y3 & Y5 dance sessions	
Weds 10 Jan	Y1&Y4 dance sessions	
Tues 30 Jan	Junior choir at Young Voices at the O2	

Mon 19 Feb	Half term	
Mon 26 Feb	Inset - school closed to children	
Weds 28 Feb	Parents' Evening	3.30 - 5.30
Thurs 29 Feb	Parents' Evening	5pm - 7.30
Thurs 7 Mar	World Book Day - non uniform / dress as book character	
Tues 19 Mar	The Two Johns - important session for parents	6pm
Thurs 28 Mar	Break up	3.10
Summer 2024		
Mon 15 Apr	School starts	8.40
Thurs 18 Apr	Y4&Y5 Ultimate Scooters	
Fri 19 Apr	Y4&Y5 Ultimate Scooters	
Thurs 2 May	Provision Inset day - closed for voting TBC	
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 20 May	Y6 dance sessions	
Tues 21 May	EYFS & Y2 dance sessions	
Mon 27 May	Half term	
Tues 4 June	Y5 First aid sessions	
12 - 14 June	Y6 Residential	
Mon 1 July	Inset - school closed to children	
Tues 23 July	Children break up at 1.30	1.30

All dates subject to change

CHELMSFORD FOODBANK

HARVEST SHOPPING LIST

Thank you for your continued support

Tea bags—40 and 80s
 Coffee small and medium
 UHT fruit juice
 UHT milk
 Fruit squash
 Breakfast cereal
 Pasta sauce
 Tinned soup
 Tinned meat meals eg chicken/
 beef in sauce/hot dogs
 Tinned potatoes
 Tinned tomatoes
 Tinned vegetables
 Instant mash
 Sponge pudding
 Jams, spreads and preserves
 Savoury biscuits and cereal bars
 Toilet rolls
 Washing up liquid
 Laundry pods/tabs (only)
 Male and female toiletries

We have sufficient pasta and baked beans,
 thank you

Items can be delivered to our warehouse
 450A Beehive Lane CM2 8RN

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 Facebook and Twitter



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EVENT

Saturday 9th September
 10am-12pm

Saturday 16th September
 2-4pm

Free tea, coffee and cake while you browse.

SKYLARK CHURCH

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 skylarkchurch.com
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Springfield United Charities

What can the Springfield United Charities do for you?

The charity exists to provide financial help for those in need, hardship or distress.

We are here to help out when you need a little extra support.

The charity was formed in 1911 to help those who live in the wider Springfield Parish area. This includes

- Chelmer Village,
- Springfield Park,
- Chelmer Waterside,
- Beaulieu Park,
- North Springfield and
- The Lawns.

This charity seeks to give additional financial support to individuals who are struggling to pay for something that is important for their well-being, health, education, training or family life in general. The charity will pay the provider direct.

Whilst not being able to grant very large sums of money, the charity may be able to help with:

- The cost of important electrical items;
- A payment towards an educational trip;
- The fees to go on a training course to help your career;
- The purchase of school uniforms;
- The cost of decorating a room;
- Fares/parking fees for visiting a relative in hospital.

Other things that might be funded are: meals on wheels, physiotherapy, dietary needs, mobility aids, swimming lessons or somewhere to stay to recover from an operation.

We may not provide financial support for things that are usually provided by the government or local council or Benefits.

If you live in the wider Springfield area, please get in contact with us even if you are on any type of benefit or, if not, are facing a financial crisis.

You will need to provide evidence of need to the trustees.

The charity seeks to help those who are in need, hardship or distress and we would require some basic information from you and a simple description of your situation.

Contact details:

The Secretary
Springfield United Charities
c/o Springfield Parish Centre
St Augustine's Way
Springfield
CHELMSFORD, CM1 6GX

secretary@springfieldcharities.org

Charity number 214530