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## A message from Miss Julian

Many thanks for those who were able to join us for our parent welcome meetings. I hope that you found this an informative session and feel that you know fully how to support your child in achieving their best here at Springfield.

## Macmillan Coffee afternoon

We are holding a coffee afternoon in support of Macmillan Cancer on Friday 30 September at 2pm – 3.30pm in our hall. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be appreciated. We do hope that you can come and join us to support this worthy cause.



## Primary Geography Quality Mark

I am very pleased to announce that we have been awarded the 'Primary Geography Quality Mark' Bronze award in recognition of the lively and effective geographical learning that takes place in the school. Well done to Mr. Shipton for leading this and to all the staff for their hard work.

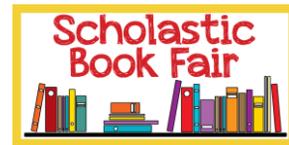


## Year 5 Ilam Hall residential

There will be a parent meeting with Mr. Little on Friday 7 October at 3.30 in Snow Leopards classroom to finalise the details for the Year 5 residential to Ilam Hall on 12/13 October. Please let Mr. Little know if you are unable to attend.

## Scholastic book fair

This is arriving on Tuesday 27 September and will remain in school for a week ending on Tuesday 4 October – you will be able to come in and have a look and purchase the books.



## Headteacher update

The permanent position of Headteacher was advertised over the summer but unfortunately QEGS and Governors were unable to appoint a new Headteacher this week.

In order to maintain stability and support the school on their journey to 'good', I have agreed to stay on until Easter 2023 as interim Headteacher.

## Parent Pay

It seems that some parents/carers have not yet set up their parent pay account. Please remember we are a cashless school now and the only way to pay for anything is via this online system. Letters have been sent to everyone, but should you need a further letter or help in setting this up, please contact Mrs. Jones in the office.

## School Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their uniform, can I politely remind you to ensure that children's clothing is labelled, especially sweatshirts and cardigans as we seem to have a pile of lost property already again!

For those using ParentPay, please also ensure your balance is clear as for all meals and breakfast club. School can not allow people to run up debts. Those owing money have been emailed.

## Diary Dates



### Upcoming events

#### Important DAYS for academic Year 2022/23

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2pm** – Macmillan coffee afternoon starting at 2pm – 3.30pm

**Friday 7 October 3.30pm** – Yr. 5 Parent meeting for Ilam Hall

**Wed 12 and Thursday 13 October** – Yr. 5 Residential to Ilam Hall

**Thursday 20 October** – School closes for Oct half term

**Friday 21 October** - INSET Day (3) – school closed to children

**Monday 31 October** – Children return to school.

**Tuesday 1 November** – Parent's evening (1)PM

**Thursday 3 November** – Parent's evening (2)PM

**Friday 18 November** – Children in Need – School council are organising this and more details will be sent out nearer the time

**Wednesday 14 December** – Year 3 Christmas nativity (time in the afternoon but to be confirmed)

**Friday 16 December** – Christmas jumper day, Christmas crafts (parents invited in for this - AM) and Carol concert (in PM). More details nearer the time

**Thursday 22 December** – School closes for Christmas break

#### 2023

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023** – Start of Spring term and children return to school

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February** – School closes for half term

**Monday 27 February** – INSET (day 4) school closed for children

**Tuesday 28 February** - School re opens for everyone

**Friday 31 March** – School closes for Easter Holiday

**Monday 17 April** – school reopens for everyone

**Friday 26 May** - school closes for May half term

**Monday 5 June** – School reopens for everyone

**Monday 26 June** – INSET (95) school closed for everyone

**Friday 21 July** – school closes for summer holiday

Please make sure you make a note of these important dates moving forward

## Young Voices and Music lessons

Young Voices has got off to a great start and we are excited to be taking 50 children this year – Mrs. Haines is going to Birmingham on Tuesday to meet the organisers and learn the dances and songs, so she can teach them all the moves -and she's going to try and get a picture with 'Andy' for the children.

Brass lessons have started and next week the woodwind lessons will be starting on Monday- amazingly we have over 25 children who are starting lessons this year - we can't wait to hear them perform in the future.

## Our fantastic football team

A fantastic evening was had by the Springfield football team on Thursday 22 September. We went to Pingle to play 3 games and had a range of results, Our first was a 2-1 defeat against Linton after we had taken the lead via a Cavan goal. Second, we beat Newhall 3-0 with Ethan and Cavan getting the goals. Our last game was with Pennine Way, we dominated this game and hit the bar and post with the goalkeeper for Pennine playing fantastically well. It finished 0-0 so the boys who played were a little disappointed. It was so good to see how well they played, and the other teams and officials remarked that we were easily the best side in the competition. Very well done to all involved.



## Healthy children.....

Please remember that children are more than welcome to bring a snack in for break time but please be reminded that this must be a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables NOT a chocolate, high fat content-based snack. Also keeping hydrated is very important and every child needs to bring their bottle filled with WATER only, not squash please.

If in any doubt, please contact your child's class teacher.

Dear Parents/carers,

The Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the School and for promoting high standards. The Governing Body carries out its role by setting the vision for the School and then ensuring that the School works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the School and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the School, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The Governing Body of our School is made up of Parent Governors, Staff Governors and Community Governors.

Vacancies has arisen for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. The Governing Body is asking you to nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child at the School. If it receives more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the Governing Body. At the moment the Governing Body is lacking Governors who have expertise in (insert the skills you require). If you are someone with the required experience, would you consider applying? Governors also need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All Governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

### **Our Governing Body expects Governors;**

- To attend a number of termly meetings of the Governing Body
- Visit the school formally for monitoring purposes during the academic year
- Visit the school informally during a year
- Commit to and attend training courses, perform additional research as required and take part in monitoring

### **In return, our Governing Body commits to**

- provide you with a structured induction
- provide access to quality training
- provide you with an experienced Governor as a mentor

### **Five benefits to being a school Parent Governor**

1. You will add value, impact, and significantly help the Headteacher and Senior Management Team run the school smoothly.
2. It is rewarding. You will give back to the school and help shape the budget and influence policies which will impact hundreds of young people, not least your own children if they attend the school.
3. Due to the diversity of roles on the Board, being a Parent Governor offers opportunity for excellent networking opportunities and a chance to be at the heart of your local community.
4. You will offer a wealth and breadth of experience and a unique perspective that will enrich how the school runs.
5. You will gain skills in diplomacy, strategic thinking, chairing and communication which is great for your own personal development and may enhance your own career.

[great reasons to become a school governor | TheSchoolRun](#) a link to a useful website

**If you would like more information about how you can contribute to the governance of our school, please call the school office and give them your contact details and I will then arrange a time for a conversation to discuss this further.**

## Achievement Award for demonstrating being ready, respectful and safe

### Week ending 16 September

Orangutans – Evie G  
 Polar Bears – Max  
 Gorillas – Evie L  
 Tigers – Oliver-Jack P  
 Penguins – Austin F  
 Snow leopards – Mason L  
 Elephants – Harry M  
 Pandas – Kaiden  
 Rhinos – Oliver T  
 Jaguars – Leland



### Week ending 23 September

Orangutans – Oliva  
 Polar Bears – Noah  
 Gorillas – George E  
 Tigers – Max  
 Penguins – Mary-Anne  
 Snow leopards – Tommy  
 Elephants – Olivia  
 Pandas – Indie  
 Rhinos – Kyla  
 Jaguars – Emily C



These children have had the pleasure of having hot chocolate and biscuits with me as a reward.

## House points

Our new house captains have been appointed and they are as follows:

**Brewers – Charlie E and Jess M**

**Potters – Finley W and Kelsie P**

**Foresters – Issac and Elsie**

**Miners – Archie and Indie**

### House points for 21.9.22

**Miners - 523**

Foresters – 331

**Brewers – 302**

Potters – 226

## Attendance Awards

### Week commencing 5 Sept

1. Orangutans & Rhinos – 100%
2. Penguins – 99.1%
3. Elephants – 97.89%
4. Snow Leopards – 97.27%
5. Pandas – 97.06%
6. Gorillas – 96.52%
7. Jaguars – 94%
8. Tigers – 92%
9. Polar Bears – 91.76%



Congratulations to **Orangutans and Tigers** who have received the highest attendance for the week commencing 5 Sept 22 with 100%

### Year Group attendance

**Year 5 – 98% Year 6 – 97% Year 3 – 96% Year 4 – 93%**

### House attendance

**Foresters 98% Brewers 96% Potters 96% Miners 94%**

### Week commencing 13 Sept

1. Jaguars and Polar Bears – 100%
2. Penguins – 99.13%
3. Elephants and Rhinos – 98.42%
4. Pandas – 97.65%
5. Snow Leopards – 96.02%
6. Gorillas – 95.65%
7. Tigers – 94.4%
8. Orangutans – 93.53%



Congratulations to Jaguars and Polar Bears who have received the highest attendance for the week commencing 12 Sept 22 with 100%

### Year Group attendance

**Year 6 – 98% Year 3 and Year 5 – 97% Year 4 – 95%**

### House attendance

**Foresters – 98% Brewers and Miners – 97% Potters 96%**

## Safeguarding – everyone's business

The [safeguarding@springfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@springfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) is monitored 24 hours. You can also call us for any Emergency safeguarding enquiries on **01283 217855 – OPTION 3 ( 24 HOURS)**

If you have any concerns that a child is at risk of serious harm then please contact **Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190** or visit [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint)

NSPCC is a free 24 hour, 365 days a year helpline on 0808 800500 or visit [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Childline Help Number – 0800 1111

## Take care and stay safe

Sending best wishes to you and your families and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Julian ☺