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A message from Miss Julian

Welcome back everyone, it has been so nice to welcome our new Year 3 children and to welcome everyone back. I do hope that you have had a great summer holiday and are all set to have a brilliant year here at Springfield Junior School.

Parent welcome meeting

You should all have received a copy of or seen on dojo a message inviting you to our 'Parent Welcome meetings' which will be held on Tuesday 13 September at 4pm and 4.30pm. I do hope that you will be able to join your child's class teacher at this event to support your child getting the most from their time here at Springfield

Nut free school



You should be aware that we are a NUT free school. We have some children and staff who have severe nut allergies so ask that you remember this and are mindful when packing children's lunchboxes and snacks. I appreciate your support with this matter in ensuring that all our children and staff are kept safe.

Keeping our children safe

This is of prime importance to us here at Springfield Junior School, so I have a couple of polite reminders for you.



It is **illegal to park or stop on the yellow zig zag lines anywhere**. Rule 243 of the Highway code indicates where motorists must not park or stop. Please stop putting the children's lives at risk by doing this as it is highly dangerous as it obstructs the visibility.

As mentioned on dojo, could parent kindly wait at the pedestrian entrance near Newhall Road when collecting the children at the end of the day so that ALL the classes can come out on to the playground, and we can see the adults collecting the children and dismiss the children safely. We also ask that as we are developing children's independence that you leave your child at the gate in the morning now. Please do not allow your child/ren to climb on to the outdoor table tennis table – this is dangerous. The children are not allowed to do this during the school day and therefore they should not be doing whilst you are collecting them – please do not allow your child to do this.

Dinner money price increase

From September 2022 there will be an increase in the price of school meals. The new cost will be £2.30 per day/ £11.50 per week. Unfortunately, the school office is no longer able to accept cash, therefore all payments to school must be paid via ParentPay. Any cash sent into school will be returned with your child in a sealed envelope. Letters will be resent out to children with inactive accounts.

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please click the link below:

<https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/formBuilder/free-school-meals>

Healthy children.....

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.

Diary Dates

Upcoming events

Important DAYS for academic Year 2022/23

Thursday 1 September &

Friday 2 September - INSET Days (1 &2) – school closed to children

Monday 5 September – School opens to everyone

Tuesday 13 September – Parent welcome meetings (see letter on dojo and sent home) 4pm and 4.30pm

Friday 30th September 2pm – Macmillan coffee afternoon (details will be sent out nearer the time)

Wed 12 and Thursday 13 October – Yr 5 Residential

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

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Monday 9th January 2023 – Start of Spring term and children return to school

Friday 17th 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

Attendance

Your child attending school is vitally important as every day they don't attend is lost learning time. We appreciate that COVID has had a huge impact in school attendance data, but the Government are having a big push on making sure that attendance rates pick up to be what they were pre COVID – at around 96%. Here at Springfield our attendance data is below this at 93.3% for last academic year.

We are looking at ways to support you and your children in attending school every day and we will be closely monitoring it every half term. We will look at the number of days absent and also the number of lates.

1. If your child's attendance is below where we expect it to be, your child's class teacher will call you in for a meeting to see what we can do to help you.
2. Your child's attendance will then be monitored. If there is NO improvement or things slip further, Mrs. Parker will write to you and ask you to come in for a formal meeting and an attendance target will be set. Again, your child's attendance will be monitored.
3. If there is NO improvement, you will be asked in again for a meeting with Mrs. Parker and Miss Julian and an attendance contract will be drawn up. It will be monitored again and if no improvements you may be liable for a fixed penalty notice fine and taken to court.

We want to work with you and your child to make sure that they do not lose any learning time. Any child absent will be expected to 'catch up' on the lost learning.

We will be building in lots of rewards to praise attendance next year and raise its profile as we all know how important it is to be in school every day!

A day with a Roman legionnaire for Year 5

As part of this term's History unit, Year 5 had a visit from a Roman legionnaire! As well as learning about the Roman conquest of Britain, the pupils spent the day exploring artefacts, sharing Roman stories, participating in marching and shield drills and even dressed each other in Roman togas, where their 'skills' were judged. They had an amazing day and were buzzing afterwards.



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



Orangutans – Harvey G
Polar Bears – Naomi L
Gorillas – Lacie A
Tigers – Bethany S
Penguins – Jake E
Snow leopards – Bella
Elephants – Alexis
Pandas – Isaac
Rhinos – Elsie
Jaguars – Zac B

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



House Point Winners

Watch out to see who has the most TEAM points in the next newsletter

Attendance Awards

Watch this space to see which class, year, and house have managed to get the highest attendance for our first few week's back.

Vacancies

Here is a link to our current vacancies. We have the following:

- Teaching assistant posts (please note the need to be qualified and with experience preferred)
- Midday supervisors
- Teacher

Links to the vacancies can be found via this link.

[Current Vacancies – QEGSMAT](#)

Young voices – Mrs. Haines message

Mrs. Haines is hoping to take a group to sing at the Worlds Resort Arena in Birmingham on January 26th 2023 as it is an amazing experience for the children. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday 13th September, after school until 4.30pm and this is open for children in Years 4,5 and 6 only. If you would like to be considered for a place in the YV choir, please bear the following information in mind:

- Every rehearsal must be attended unless your child is absent from school (please make arrangements for trips to the dentist etc. on different days, otherwise the choir place may be given to someone else) If your child is tired by the end of the school day, it can be hard for them to then do another hour, so please make sure they really want to commit before putting their name down.
- There are A LOT of songs to learn. Children will be expected to be listening to the songs regularly and learning the words off by heart – so will need access to the internet to play/download these.
 - The concert day is long – we do not return to school until after 10pm.
- There is no cost involved to your child to take part. However, if you want to come and watch the concert you will need to buy tickets which cost approx. £20 (prices are set by the arena)
 - Children will be able to buy a YV T-shirt to perform in, but do not have to – a plain white T-shirt is fine.
- School will put in a ticket and T-shirt order early October. After this time you would have to buy direct from the arena, which does work out to be more expensive (and they always sell out)

There will be a limited number of places, so please complete the google form on dojo by Tuesday next week at the latest, if you want to be considered for a place. I will let you know by Wednesday next week if your child has a place. If you want to find out a bit more about the Yv concerts, please check out their website

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/for-parents>

Safeguarding – everyone's business

The 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

NSPCC is a free 24 hour, 365 days a year helpline on 0808 800500 or visit 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 ☺