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## A message from Miss Julian

Thank you those who attended parent evening, either via phone or in person, last week. It is important that you attend these as we want to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child can achieve their very best.

### Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who has supported our British Legion Poppy appeal over the last few weeks. The children are wearing the Remembrance merchandise with pride and the boxes are almost empty of it all.

In assembly this week, we talked about Remembrance and shared a story called 'Where the poppies now grow? We also have a visit from the Church assembly team who discussed Remembrance.

Today we have participated in the 2 minutes silence.



### Anti Bullying week

It is Anti bullying week next week starting on 14 November and the theme is 'Reach out'. It would be great if we could start the week off with celebrating our differences by joining in with Odd Socks Day.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

I will be wearing my odd socks- will you?



### Children in Need 2022

The School Council are very excited to announce their plans for Children In Need on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

They would like to do the following things:

- A coffee morning for parents and carers starting at 9am in the main Hall – you will be able to go straight into the hall as you drop your children off at school. They are also asking for donations of cakes. These can be sent in from Wednesday please.
- Children will also get the opportunity to buy any cakes left (if any) at playtime on Friday
- Children can dress in **non uniform on Friday 18 November** and for those wishing to dress up, they can do so as 'Superheroes' and there will be prizes for the best dressed Superhero competition. (Please note there is no obligation to come as a superhero as we appreciate that not everyone likes dressing up). We ask for a **donation of £1 for the privilege of Non uniform and this can be paid via Parent Pay**. Log on and donate.
- A Toy sale – the school council would appreciate donations of old but complete and clean toys that they can sell at playtime and lunchtime to the rest of the school. If you have any, please send them into Mrs. Shaw from Monday 14 November.



## Diary Dates

### Upcoming events



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

**Friday 18 November** – Children in Need – School council are organising this. See the front page of the newsletter for details.

**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

**Wednesday 21 December** – Christmas dinner in school (wear your Christmas jumper too!) Make sure you fill in the form that Mrs. Jones put on dojo for your free Christmas dinner

**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

**Monday 8 May** - Additional Bank holiday for coronation of King Charles III

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

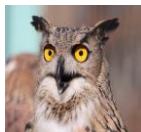
**Monday 5 June** – School reopens for everyone

**Monday 26 June** – INSET school closed for everyone

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

## Reading awards

For this week Mr. Hoots was won by Orangutans and Twig was won by Snow Leopards – well done!



## Times Tables

For this week Tommy the Times Tables Turtle has been won by Polar Bears – well done!



## Sporting news

### Basketball

Congratulations to the school basketball team who have qualified for the South Derbyshire finals having won the qualifying tournament last week. They won all 3 games and had only 1 basket against them. The final is on 11/11/22 at Pingle School and I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the best of luck – watch out for news on dojo and the next newsletter for updates!

The team secured very convincing wins against Pennine Way, Overseal and Etwell and have been working really hard and training with Mr. Morant. They are really confident of doing well in the finals. Well done to Ellis, Mackensie, Cavan, Jenson, Harry Ellie, Elisa and Mary Anne.



### Mr. Morant

**Congratulations** and well done to Mr. Morant who has won the Burton Athletics Club Coach of the Year award. He is now going forward to become the Midlands coach of the year. It shows just how fortunate we are to have him working in our school. Well done and good luck Mr. Morant.

## Staffing News

Some classes will have received letters today regarding some exciting staff news. Mrs. Cormack is going to be Acting Headteacher as a school within the QEGS trust starting on 21 November 2022 and we welcome Miss. M Smith who will be taking over Orangutans class for whilst Mrs. Cormack is away. Both Miss. Smith and Mrs. Cormack will be in class for the next week to ensure a smooth transition.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss D Smith in Elephants class as you may have noticed that she is having a baby. Miss. Wileman will be joining Elephants class from Monday 14 November to enable another smooth transition for when Miss. D Smith goes on her maternity leave.

## What's been going on at Springfield?

The Year 3 children took part in an exciting workshop on Tuesday. Forces and Magnets were explored when 'One Day Creative' visited us.

As part of our science unit of work they found out about pushes and pulls, gravity, polarity and properties of magnets in a really fun way.

Everyone was really engaged in the sessions and a great day was had by all.



Year 3 went to Elmsleigh today to visit the Reading Cafe which was set up to promote links between our schools and share our love of books.

The children were really excited to return to their infant school and enjoyed seeing their former teachers.

They enjoyed the reading activities and working with the y2 children and have come back even more enthusiastic about reading.



What a busy week Year 3 have had!



## Dinner Money

Mrs. Jones has asked that parents/carers ensure that they are up to date with payments for their school lunches and for breakfast club. She is sending out email reminders to everyone who presently has an outstanding balance. Thank you for your support in clearing this as school can not afford to run in to debt with this. If you think you may be entitled to 'Free School Meals (FSM)', please contact Mrs. Jones in the office or via dojo for a check to be done.



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

### Week ending 4.11.22

Orangutans – Skyla  
Polar Bears - Lacey  
Gorillas – Rhys  
Tigers – Lillie H  
Penguins – Olivia  
Snow leopards – Braiden M  
Elephants – Charlie E  
Pandas – Mikey  
Rhinos – Tilly  
Jaguars – Elsie



### Week ending 11.11.22

Orangutans – Lacey  
Polar Bears - Gabriel  
Gorillas – Ellie  
Tigers – Willows  
Penguins – Christopher  
Snow leopards – Bella  
Elephants – Harry  
Pandas – Rainie  
Rhinos – Dillan  
Jaguars – Emily



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

## House points

### House points for last half term

**Miners - 1707** Foresters – 1431  
**Brewers – 1406** Potters – 1364

### Well done to Miners for winning the half term

### House points for 9.11.22

Foresters – 579 **Brewers – 542**  
**Miners - 533** Potters – 506

## Attendance Awards

### Week commencing 17 Oct 22

1. Pandas – 98.68%
2. Elephants – 97.37%
3. Rhinos – 96.32%
4. Jaguars – 96%
5. Polar Bears – 95.59%
6. Penguins – 94.89%
7. Orangutans – 94.85%
8. Gorillas – 93.75%
9. Tigers – 93.48%
10. Snow Leopards – 93.18%



Congratulations to **Pandas** who have received the highest attendance for the week commencing 17 Oct 22 with 98.68%

### Year Group attendance

**Year 6 – 97% Year 5 – 94%**  
**Year 5 – 94% Year 3 – 92%**

### House attendance

**Brewers – 97% Foresters - 96%**  
**Miners – 93% Potters – 92%**

### Week commencing 31.10.22

1. Polar Bears - 100%
2. Rhinos – 97.89%
3. Pandas – 97.65%
4. Elephants – 96.32%
5. Penguins – 95%
6. Gorillas & Tigers – 92.92%
7. Snow leopards – 92.73%
8. Jaguars – 92.5%
9. Orangutans – 91.76%



Congratulations to **Polar Bears** who have received the highest attendance for the week commencing 31.10.22 with 100%

### Year Group attendance

**Year 3 & Year 6 – 96%**  
**Year – 94% Year 4 – 93%**

### House attendance

**Foresters – 98%** Potters 95%  
**Brewers - 94%** Miners – 92%



**Half term attendance from 5.9.22 to 20.10.22 goes to Rhinos who got 98.33% and will get an award of pizza**

## 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 ☺