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February 2023 Newsletter

"Believing is Achieving"

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. There were days where it felt like Spring and I am certainly enjoying the lighter mornings and evenings.

I am excited to advise you that **from Friday 3rd March 2023, children in Early Years will have their own Celebration Assembly where three children in each class will be nominated** and receive certificates for upholding each of the school values of 'Staying Safe', 'Treating Each Other as You Wish to be Treated' or 'Try Your Best and Be Proud'. Parents will be invited to share celebrations after Easter.

The joint Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly will continue at 8.50am every Friday and parents of nominated children will be invited by text.

After Easter (Friday 21st April 2023), the Federation will begin hosting two celebration assemblies every Friday. **EYFS and Key Stage 1 children will attend their assembly at 2.30pm in the Infant Hall and Key Stage 2 will attend their assembly at 8.50am in the Junior Hall.** Parents of nominated children will be invited by text to join the celebrations.

Just to remind you that I will notify parents by email on Friday 24th February to confirm places of children regarding the planned industrial action for teachers. Here is a link to the letter which was sent out earlier this month:
<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/springwood-infant-school/UploadedDocument/68d40faf-fa6e-4031-bfdd-df0bf3b70340/strike-letter-to-parents-february-2023.pdf>

Mrs Bryant leads an 'EARA' group across the Federation. **EARA stands for Equalities and Rights Advocates.** She meets with them regularly and they created a Mission Statement which they would like to share with you:



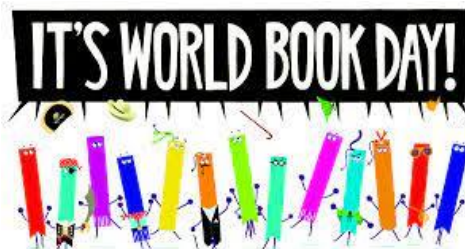
As dedicated members of the EARA group, it is our responsibility to ensure all adults and children in the Springwood Federation feel equal and are respected.

We will speak out and take action for any member of our school community who feel they are being discriminated against.

Springwood Federation prides itself on being inclusive. On Tuesday 28th February 2023, Springwood will be hosting the next county Equalities and Rights Advocates (EARA) primary group meeting where our EARA representatives will work with those from other schools to **develop their understanding about why we should, and how we can all learn to treat each other and members of our community equally, with respect and tolerance.**

I know this day is always a favourite in school so we have decided to **celebrate World Book Day on Wednesday 1st March 2023.** This year will be no different with teachers planning a surprise for the children!

As always, **your child is invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.** If it is your child's PE day, PE kits does not need to worn in/brought to school.





Comic Relief is on Friday 17th March. This year, a new red nose has been invented by Sire Jony Ive. This new model magically transforms from a tiny, flat crescent and springs into a beautiful honeycomb-paper sphere and it is made from recyclable materials so our Environmental Ambassadors will be pleased! When you buy one, you are helping people facing the toughest times of their lives. Find out more by following this link <https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does>

On this day, your child is welcome to wear a red nose but school uniform should be worn.

Our **Comic Relief Cake and Cookie Sale** was a huge success last year so we would like to host another for this year's event. You and your family will be able to buy some tasty treats between **3pm and 3.30pm on Friday 17th March 2022**. **All donations will go to Comic Relief.** For this event, I would like to request donations of cakes and cookies which the children should bring into their classes on the **morning of Friday 17th March 2022**. Please name any tubs or containers you wish to be returned home.



If your child or your family decides to undertake a challenge of their own for Comic Relief, I would love to hear about it. This link tells you how to get your fundraising pack: <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>



There is a **Parent Governor Vacancy** across the schools. Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. If you are interested, please refer to the letter sent out in February: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/springwood-infant-school/UploadedDocument/07bbd97c-ef6e-4ac9-9686-25d73dfc0446/parent-governor-vacancy-february-2023.pdf>

All off site visits have been added to SCOPay, please ensure you have completed the online form to enable your child to attend and make payment. Letters were emailed home providing details and can be found here:

<https://www.springwoodfederation.co.uk/newsletters-and-letters/>

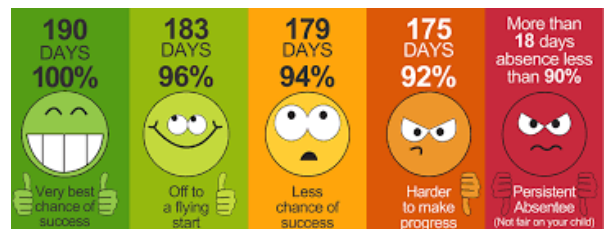


A reminder of the **PE days** across the Federation as there have been a couple of changes. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit, including trainers/plimsols on these days:



Y2 - Tuesdays & Thursdays
Y3 - Thursdays & Fridays
Y4 - Newts - Mondays & Fridays
Y4 - Ants - Tuesdays & Fridays
Y5 - Mondays & Tuesdays
Y6 - Wednesdays & Thursdays

I am pleased to report that both schools are continuing to achieve above the national average for attendance. The Infant School has dropped slightly and is currently 95% but the Junior School has increased and is achieving 95.9%. Thank you for your combined efforts, lets continue striving for both schools to achieve at least 96%!



As always, we thank you for your ongoing support.

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