

SPRINGWOOD FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



“Believing is Achieving”

February 2024

Message from Mrs Livingstone



I hope you all had a lovely half term break. Although January felt very long, February seems to be flying by! Roll on those warmer days...

Diary Dates are attached with changes and additions in red. Thank you to those parents who have been dropping into Springwood's Hub to work with Mrs Sexton or talk to Mrs Johnson about Attendance. Please pop in and see her if you need help or need a warm cup of tea/coffee and a friendly face to talk to. Do not forget that 'The Hub' will also be the new home for all the Pre-Loved Uniform. Please do not hesitate to pop in as there is plenty and the team want to support you during these challenging times.

It has been wonderful to see parents of children from EYFS to Year 6 celebrating a wide range of achievements linked to our school values of staying safe, treat each other the way you wish to be treated and try your best and be proud. Celebration assemblies will recommence on Friday 23rd February 2024, after the half-term break.

I am also pleased to share with you that the school is working alongside the Mental Health and Wellbeing Team who will deliver a whole school assembly and also provide some workshops for Year 5 and Year 6.

Well done to those children who read regularly at home using Oxford Owls. It really does make a difference. If you are having difficulties accessing the books or needs some help, please book an appointment with you child's class teacher so they can offer you some support.

As always, on behalf of the team, I thank you for your ongoing support.



Upcoming Diary Dates

20th February

Year 2 Wire Sculpture workshop

23rd February

Mother Language Day



7th March

World Book Day

11th March

Year 6 Height and weight check

15th March

Comic Relief- Non School Uniform Day

20th March

SEND Phone calls between 3:30-5:00pm



25th March

Easter Church Service

28th March

Home learning in class 8:30-9:00am



1st to 12th April – Easter Holidays



'Connect4Communities' is a programme which operates in Hampshire. It aims to support families in need particularly with rising living costs, for example energy, food and water bills. Please take a look at the website:

<http://connect4communities.org>.

Waterbottles



Typically the school provides water bottles for children. To help keep the germs away, I am requesting that you provide a named water bottle for your child which they can take home daily/weekly to be washed. There will be spare bottles in school if you have not got one at home. It will be your child's responsibility to look after it, so please do not send them in with anything too expensive.

Easter Service



On 25th March 2024, the children across the federation will be participating in an Easter Service at St Georges Church in Waterloooville where they will share some learning, listen to the Easter Story and join in with some spring themed songs.

Upcoming celebrated days within Springwood school



It's back! This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2024 and teachers are already 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.



RED NOSE DAY

Comic Relief is on Friday 15th March. Your child is welcome to wear non-school uniform and a 'Red Nose'. There will be donation buckets on the gate. To find out what your money does, please follow this link:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does/>



Pe Days

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** - Wednesday & Friday
- Y5** - Mondays & Tuesday
- Y6** - Monday & Friday



Pupil information

Please keep the school fully informed of any medical/dietary conditions/changes and also ensure your child's asthma inhaler/Insulin/EpiPen etc is in school and in date. Furthermore, please keep the school up-to-date if you change home address, telephone number or email. If you have changed address you will need to provide proof to the office via email before your child's records can be updated. You will need to ensure that there are three named contacts available at any time your child is present in school. One of these contacts should be for someone living outside of the home address e.g. grandparent. It is imperative that we are able to contact an adult to collect the child should they develop symptoms and to safeguard all children.

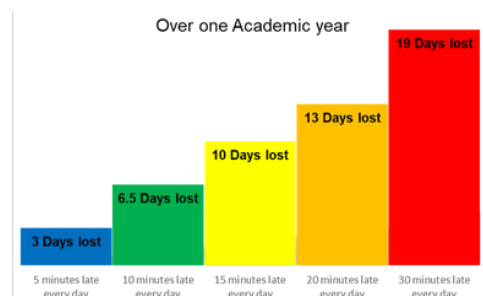
Attendance

Our whole school attendance figures are currently - Infants School 92.7% & Junior School 94.8%. Our targets are 95% for both schools and we need to see an improvement. Mrs Johnson will be contacting all families where individual child attendance is below 95% to offer support and where appropriate invite to support sessions. Current NHS guidance says it's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. The NHS guidance on if your child should attend school is here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>



As well as attending school everyday, children must also be on time.

Being late to school means your child is missing learning time, including their morning work.



Absence

If your child is unable to attend school, please call the school office on 02392 262078 by 9.30am or email into adminoffice@springwood.hants.sch.uk. You should be reporting to the office every day your child is off, giving updated details of the illness and expected return date