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Dear Parents and Carers,

International Mother Tongue Day – Friday 23rd February 2024

At Springwood, we strive to **‘open our children’s eyes’** to the many opportunities the world around them presents. Learning to communicate in a second language is a skill that promotes such an appreciation and learning where in the world different languages are spoken can often surprise us all.

On **Friday 23rd February 2024**, Springwood Federation is participating in **International Mother Tongue Day** during which we can continue to **celebrate our rich and diverse community** and the many languages that are spoken within it.

We believe that this opportunity will not only **enrich the understanding of different cultures** but also, foster a **sense of pride in each student's identity**. It will be a joyous occasion for children to showcase their home language and help their peers to learn.



Following the success of World Book Day last year, we are **inviting any of our parents / carers who communicate in a language other than English to help us enrich the experiences** we offer on this day e.g. French, Spanish, British Sign Language, Braille.

We are hoping you might be able to **work with the class teachers to teach / read or sign some key phrases**. For example, “Good Morning” or “How are you?” Maybe you could teach children to **write the letters** of an alternative alphabet or **count to ten**. Perhaps you can **share a celebration** that is important to your culture share with the children.

If you are able to help the school in any of the ways described above, please email us at adminoffice@springwood.hants.sch.uk by **Friday 2nd February 2024** so we can timetable experiences across the schools. It would be useful to know the times you are available on this day when you respond.

Thanking you as always for your ongoing support.

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