



SPRINGWOOD FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



"Together We Learn, Together We Grow"

January 2025

Message From Mrs Livingstone



Wishing all our Springwood families a 'Happy New Year'. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends.

Mrs Clements, one of our TAs sadly left us in November. She certainly will be missed across the whole of our community.

A warm welcome to Mrs Wilds, Mrs Creighton and Miss Morgan who have joined the Teaching Assistant Team. Congratulations to Mrs Griggs who welcomed baby Rowan into the world in November and also to Miss McGuinness who became Mrs Baylis in November too. There has been so much to celebrate!

I want to extend my thanks to the fabulous FoSS team for their tremendous festive efforts. There were gifts, games, hot chocolate, hot dogs and plenty of Christmas songs at this year's 'Jingle Jangle'. The Christmas Shopping Event and Advent Chocolates were well received by all.

Both school offices are busy at the end of each school day and there is only one staff member in each office. Please can I politely request that if you do need to change collection arrangements, that you let the offices know by 2pm? This will ensure that there is plenty of time to let you child's class teacher know. Can parents please ensure when sending notification to change their postal address via the Arbor app that they send in proof of the new address? We are unable to change your child's address until proof is seen.

Springwood is dedicated to providing high-quality, inclusive teaching for all children. The teachers use a variety of strategies and differentiation to adapt to learning styles and needs of each child in their classrooms. We recognise the importance of creating learning environments that are welcoming and supportive for children with neurodivergent profiles, such as autism, ADHD, or dyslexia. Therefore, we are committed to increasing the neurodiversity friendliness of our classrooms through staff training and environmental adaptations. This will help ensure that all children feel valued, respected, and able to engage in their learning. I hope this continues to provide you with a clear understanding of Springwood's commitment to supporting children with SEND.

Just to remind you of our new strapline. This information was shared with you late November:

This term we have met as a staff and engaged in a productive mind mapping session to explore various options for a strapline which would resonate with our children, families, and the wider school community. After careful consideration and a democratic vote, the staff agreed that 'Together we Learn, Together we Grow' best represents our shared vision and commitment to the holistic development of our children across the Federation and is centred around fostering a community of lifelong learners.

We would encourage you to take the time at home to support your child with their understanding of being a lifelong learner which encompasses our three values of Staying Safe, Treating Each Other as you wish to be Treated and Trying Your Best and Being Proud.

Please continue to be kind to one another, smile and check in.

Diary Dates



7th January

After school tutoring for selected children to begin

15th January

Y6 Zoolab Experience



16th January

Census Day/Non school uniform

20th January

Open classroom Y1, Y3 & Y5

27th January

YR & Y3 Openbox theatre



30th January

Y4 parent event (history- Vikings)

13th February

Y5 parent event

17th to 21st February – Half Term



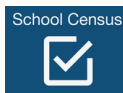
The deadline for applying for your child's school reception place is:

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Mrs Barnes has continued her work from last year and has been visiting our feeder nurseries and pre-schools to work with children who may join our school in September 2025. Her work from last year had a positive impact on the children's transition into school.

If you have, or know someone that has, a child starting school in September 2025, remember the cut-off date to apply is **Monday 15th January 2025**.

If you need any support applying for your child's place, please ask a member of the admin team.



Census Day

Three times a year, the school has Census Days. The census collects information like pupil's background details, special educational needs, free school meals eligibility, as well as educational history. It also helps determine core school funding, which pupils attract pupil premium, support for disadvantaged pupils, universal infant free school meals funding and free early year's entitlement allocations.

A large chunk of school funding for the year is based on how many children eat a bought school lunch on these census days in Key Stage 1. This funding goes directly to maintain resources and a good quality of education for your children. These really are important days for us.

Next Census Day – Thursday 16th January 2025

The children are allowed to wear non-school uniform on that day and can choose from these menu options:

Red – Fish Fingers and Chips

Yellow – Pizza and chips
And a tasty dessert

We are offering all children the same menu for children in Key Stage 1 & 2, who are either entitled to a free school meal or purchase a school dinner.

It would be amazing if you and your child/ren could support the school by having a school dinner on this day.

If you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please check the link below and update the school:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Skoolkit

We have changed our School uniform supplier to SkoolKit. We feel this move will make buying uniform easier for families, as not only will you be able to order online, there will also be stock held inside of the Havant store to purchase.

<https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/1449>

<https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/1447>



Stitch Design have remaining stock, which is able to be ordered at discounted prices. Currently they have made a 20% reduction on all remaining stock available to parents online.

Stitch Design – Schoolwear, Workwear, Sportswear, Promotional Products or Art Supplies. Quality.



PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations will be conducted face to face on the 24th March, 26th March, 31st March and 2nd April from 3.15 – 5.35pm.

These consultations must be booked through Arbor so please ensure you are familiar with the app. You will receive a message to advise when you can book your appointment. There will be no further appointments offered past the cut off deadline, so please action within the timeframe.



Hampshire
County Council

Primary Behaviour
Service

The school works closely with external agencies and will often arrange for experts/professionals to offer workshops and informal meetings to parents. The next opportunity to hear from the Primary Behaviour Support Team will be confirmed.

If you have concerns regarding your child's/children's behaviour at home, please arrange to attend to utilise this source of information.



Back To Basics

Mrs Johnson is continuing to roll out the 'Back to Basics' program; Empowering parents and carers to support their child's emotional wellbeing within the home. Looking after your family's wellbeing is very important. Families all need some help from time to time due to life changes or events. As a parent or carer, you can take small steps to help your child's wellbeing as well as your own. You can do this by starting with the basics... Please contact the school if you wish to meet with Mrs Johnson or require any additional support.

Promoting ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance figures are currently – Infants School 93.2% and Junior School 94.7%, our targets are 95% for both schools. 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/>. Please ensure that you telephone to report ANY absence by 9.30am on the first day of the absence and update the school daily.

Unfortunately there has been an increase in the number of children arriving late for school which impacts on the learning of all children. Children should be in school and ready to learn by 8.55am Infant School and 8.45am Junior School. If you require any support to implement routines to support punctuality please speak to Mrs Johnson.

