



# SPRINGWOOD FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



"Believing is Achieving"

June 2024

## Message From Mrs Livingstone

I hope you all had a wonderful half term. Only seven and a half weeks until we break up for the summer holidays.

As we are now in the summer months, please can I politely remind you to provide your child with a named sun hat and apply sun cream before school. If you wish, please provide a named bottle of sun cream that your child can reapply themselves at school. When choosing sun cream, please be aware that some brands contain nut oils which should not be used on children before school or brought into school due to severe allergies.

You will shortly be receiving a further letter to share the arrangements of the Sports Afternoons. I am so looking forward to being part of them.

**Transition** will look slightly different this year. Your child will meet their new class teacher on Wednesday 3rd July. Their new teacher will then visit them in their current class during the weeks beginning 8th and 15th July. Additionally, staff will be meeting to make sure that they share all the information about your child so that there is a smooth transition in the new school year.

**The FOSS Summer Fair** will be on Friday 19th July. The Fair starts at 1:15pm, so please make your way onto the Junior field. More information to follow.

Just to remind you of the **final INSET day- Friday 28th June 2024.**

The last day of school this term is Tuesday 23rd July and school finishes at 1:15pm. Years 1 to 6 children will all be expected to return on Monday 2nd September 2024.

### INSET Days so far for 2024-25 are:

Monday 16th September 2024  
Friday 25th October 2024  
Monday 6th January 2025

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

## Upcoming Diary Dates

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**3rd-14th June**

Y4 Multiplication Check

**10th-21st June**

Y1 Phonics Decoding Check

**17th-19th June**

Y2 Minsted Residential 



**17th-20th June**

Year Group Sports Days

**25th June**

PBS Parent Workshop

**28th June**

Inset Day

**1st-3rd July**




Stubbington Residential

**12th July**

End of Year Reports sent home to parents

**22nd July**

Year 6 Leavers Disco   
Year 6 Sleepover in the School Grounds (Springfest)



**23rd July**

Last day of term school finishes 13:15pm



I am pleased to report that attendance figures are improving. Thank you to all our parents who are working with the schools to understand the importance of regular attendance and seeking support where needed. New government statutory guidance comes into effect on 19th August 2024. The guidance sets out clear expectations for parents to work with schools to support children's attendance and to engage with support available where improvement is needed. Particular focus will be on persistent absentees – attendance is less than 90% which is roughly 19 days across an academic year/ 6 days a term. Penalty notices/fines for 10 unauthorised session absences within a 10 week rolling period are to increase from £60 to £80, if paid within 21 days or £120 to £160 – each parent/carer per child. Subsequent unauthorised absences of 10 sessions within 3 years will be subject to higher fines and/or prosecution.

Further information can be found here

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance/>

## thank you

**Welcome back to Miss McGuinness** who will join the year 3 teaching team for the remainder of this term.

We will be bidding our farewells to:  
**Mrs Bryant**, who will be the new Headteacher at Denmead Infant School! Congratulations again, on this position.  
**Miss Goodwin** who has made the exciting decision to go to university to study English.

**Thank you to the two of you for making such a difference to our children and schools!**

## Good Luck



Thank you to everyone who attended our first Earth Day Sale. By selling the children's decorated shells, bird boxes, sunflowers, bird feeders and garden lanterns, we raised £248.80 which has been used to purchase pond dipping equipment so the children can learn more about the creatures that share our environment.



Additional thanks must go to **Wickes** (Waterlooville) and to **ASDA** (Waterlooville) who provided some of the resources needed to litter pick, create bird boxes, bird feeders and plant seedling pots.

**ASDA's very own Community Champion, Jacqui Benham, also volunteered her time to help children make their contributions.** I think you will agree the schools were buzzing with excitement and the children have shown they are keen to ensure they become responsible citizens of the future.



## You're Invited!



There are two exciting opportunities happening in school this June for parents! Mrs Sexton will be alongside both these workshops to support.

**The Primary Behaviour Support Service (PBS)** will be running a parent workshop on Tuesday 25th June at 9am. This will provide an insight into the theory behind the behaviours we see and strategies we can use to support children to regulate back into their comfort zone. There will again be opportunities to ask questions and get personalised support.

**The Mental Health Team** will be running a parent workshop on Thursday 13th June at 9am. This will include ideas and strategies to support your child through anxiety with plenty of opportunity to ask questions and get personalised support.



**Well done to Year 6 children who have completed all their assessments.**

**Year 1** are currently busy segmenting and blending words so that they can share all reading skills in the phonic check.

**Year 4** are practising their times tables in anticipation for the Multiplication Check.

## Residentials

Year 2, and Years 3 and 4, are looking forward to their residentials this half-term and are hoping the rain stays away!



## Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Monday 10th June in school.



Last term we updated our school administration system to Arbor. Arbor is a user-friendly app that will support parents in managing their child's education and stay up to date with key communication. All parents have been sent a 'Welcome to Arbor email'. Please follow the instructions on this email and ensure you have signed up (remember to check your junk folder if you can't see it). Arbor is our main communication platform allowing us to send instant messages directly to parents. It is really important that all parents are signed up. If you have not downloaded the app, you will miss out on vital information sent out regarding your child and school updates. Please contact the school admin offices if you are having trouble signing in.

## 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 & Fridays
- Y3** - Thursdays & Fridays
- Y4** - Wednesday & Friday
- Y5** - Mondays & Tuesday
- Y6** - Monday & Friday

## Absence

If your child is unable to attend school, please call the school office on **02392 262078** by **9.30am** or email

**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. If you know your child is going to be absent from school due to going on holiday, please ensure a absence request form has been completed, these forms can be collected from the admin office.



'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>

