

SPRINGWOOD FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



"Believing is Achieving"

November 2024

Message From Mrs Livingstone

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term break. I cannot believe that we are already in November and the countdown to Christmas is on! Remember to wrap up warm for Bonfire Night. The staff will be reminding the children in school how to keep safe, please do the same at home. Please see the attached diary dates for events coming up this half term. Any amendments or updates are in red.

Springwood continues to strive for 95% and above attendance. Autumn 1 saw the Infants achieve 97.5% and the Juniors 96.7%. Keep aiming high! We will continue to celebrate good attendance collectively as schools. I know the children have enjoyed winning Gill the Squirrel if their class have had the highest attendance over the past week – Ants class have won her twice, achieving 100% one week!!

It has been great to see so many children taking part in our After School Clubs, I am hoping to extend this offer out in the New Year, so please watch this space for details.

Best wishes to you all



Upcoming Diary Dates



12.11.2024

Individual Photos



15.11.2024

Children in need (Non uniform)



25.11.2024–28.11.2024

Parent consultations

29.11.2024

Inset day



11.12.2024

FOSS jingle jangle

11.12.2024

Anxiety workshop for parents – 9am



18.12.2024

Christmas dinner day

19.12.2024

Christmas party day



Celebration Assembly

Parental Invites for Celebration Assemblies will commence this week. The focus for the assemblies will be on the School's Value – Trying Your Best and Being Proud. If your child has been nominated, you will receive a text invite to celebrate their achievements.



Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be on November 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th from 3:15 to 5:45pm. These consultations must be booked through **Arbor** so please ensure you have registered.

When making your booking you have the option to have a telephone consultation.

If you require this, it **must be stated in the note section** along with the telephone number you wish to be contacted on. All teachers from the Year Team, will be part of the consultation.

Inset Days

Our **INSET Days** are:

Friday 29th November 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 27th June 2025

Closed

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Should you wish to join (**Year 4 parents only**);
the Remembrance Service will be held in the Junior Hall from 2:15–3:00pm on 11th November 2024.

I would like to continue to extend my gratitude to any servicemen and women within our families by inviting them to wear their uniforms with pride and join us as VIPs. Please advise the admin team if you would like a VIP chair reserved by Thursday 7th November 2024.

Tours and School Applications

There are continued School Tours for EYFS and Y3 for the next academic year (2024-25). If you have friends or family looking to start in EYFS or Year 3 in September 2025, please let them know that I am keen to show them around our wonderful schools.

Prospective parents must book an appointment through the admin office. The dates for tours are on:

Tuesdays 9:30–10:30am

Thursdays 3:30–4:30pm

Applications for admission to Year R can be made online from 1st November 2024 and the deadline is **15th January 2025**.

Applications for admission to Year 3 can be made online from 1st November 2024 and the deadline is **15th January 2025**.

Be sure to get your applications in on time to avoid disappointment.



There are so many really good resources out there for parents/carers about how to help keeping children safe online, but it can quickly become really overwhelming. Internet Matters has a great resource for parents called My Family's Digital Toolkit. This is a personalised resource which gives age-specific advice, advice to deal with specific concerns, recommendations for digital tools to support children's interests and more. The toolkit is free and you can find more details: [My Family's Digital Toolkit - tailored online safety advice | Internet Matters](#).



Parent Communication



A polite reminder that when a member of staff is not able to speak to you immediately face-to-face due to school commitments, or a longer conversation is deemed necessary or appropriate, then a request for an appointment can be made to discuss the matter either in person or by telephone at a later date. The school will aim to arrange that meeting within 5 working days. Outside of teaching hours, all staff have additional duties which they perform either before school, during break/lunch or after school so availability of staff outside of teaching hours should not be assumed. Please follow the link to find out further information on our Parent Communication Policy: [parent-communication-policy-november-23.pdf](#).

Medical/dietary requirements



Please keep the school fully informed of any medical/dietary conditions/changes and ensure your child's asthma inhaler/Insulin/EpiPen etc. is in school and in date.

Furthermore, please keep the your child's Arbor information 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.



School Dinners



Please ensure that Junior dinner money is paid in advance for the week through our Scopay system. The cost of school dinners from 31st October will be £3.20

All children in Reception, Year 1 or 2 currently receive a free meal this is called Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) and you do not need to apply for meals. If, however, you are a low-income family, and meet the qualifying benefits detailed below, you can help your child's school by submitting a free school meals application to be assessed. Eligibility brings extra funding into the school which means more resources for your child and the school. Please click on the link to check if your eligible <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/apply>.

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