

Springwood Heath Primary School

'Success through Caring and Learning'

Friday 20th October



Introduction



During our assembly this week, we discussed the poignant story of the tree at Sycamore Gap, which was sadly vandalized. This tree held significant value for many, and its desecration struck a chord with our children who were out-raged at the act. As part of the discussion, the children had the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas on how we could keep the memory of this tree alive. The creativity and empathy displayed by our children were truly inspiring including, a photographic memorial in its place, a new tree planted in its honour and art/photography competitions to remember the role that the tree played in many lives. This was a fantastic way to talk about loss and how we can remember people or things that were important to us.

Mrs Costello
Headteacher

Playleaders

We would like to introduce you to our new Y6 Playleaders. The play leaders are responsible for leading play and games on the playground at playtime and lunchtime and ensuring everyone has somebody to play with! We will have several play stations, led by playleaders, around the playground. We currently



have table tennis, basketball, skipping and other activities in the sports arena. We will soon have a speaker set up for music and dancing and plan to introduce board games/reading station. If anyone has any pre-loved board games/jigsaws at home they can donate that would be much appreciated. Please bring these to the Y6 door and leave with Mr Tucker.



Fireworks Themed Lunch



On Tuesday 7th November, the school cook will be hosting a special fireworks themed lunch in school. If you wish for your child to have this lunch, please let the school office know. The cost of the lunch is £3.04.

Children who usually have school dinners and free school meals will automatically receive this lunch (allergy dependent.)

SEND Coffee Morning

We will be holding our first SEND coffee morning on **Tuesday November 14th from 9.00-10.30**. Our SEND Team and Mrs Costello will be looking forward to welcoming you in for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. If you are a parent or carer of a child in our Enhanced Resource Provision, who has an EHCP, Planning for Progress, or you have SEND concerns for your child then please come along and say hello. This is a great opportunity for parents to come together. We plan on holding this event half termly moving forwards and are looking to gain feedback from parents on particular themes that we can explore for example: SEND transport, physio, SEND in the community, transition, high schools, EHCPs.



Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day



The week beginning 13th (to 17th) November is Anti-bullying week. The theme this year is 'Make a noise about bullying'. We will be celebrating and recognizing this in school. We plan to kick-start the week with an 'odd-socks' day on **Monday 13th November**. Your child may come to school in odd/unusual socks to mark this day along with their usual uniform.

Internet Safety Bulletin



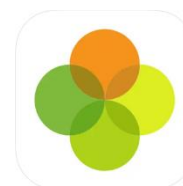
[Click here to read this week's guide - EA Sports 24](#)

Arbor Parent App

As a school we use Arbor as our school information system. In a bid to make school cashless, we will be moving to use the Arbor parent app for all communication, trip booking, school meal payments and clubs etc. More information will follow about this. Please download the app in preparation.

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Attendance

Reception	94.44%
Year 1	94.91%
Year 2	95.37%
Year 3	95.16%
Year 4	91.09%
Year 5	95.40%
Year 6	91.93%
Whole school	94.1%

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service.
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Friday 27th October	School closes for half term
Monday 6th November	School reopens for Autumn 2
Wednesday 8th November	Y6 Class Assembly – Y6 Parents invited 9am
Monday 13th Friday 17th November	Anti-Bullying Week (Odd Socks Day Monday 13 th November)
Tuesday 14th November	Y3/4 Dodgeball Competition
Tuesday 14th November	SEND Coffee Morning 9am
Tuesday 14th November	New to Reception 2024 Open Evening 4pm-6pm
Wednesday 15th November	Y5 Class Assembly – Y5 Parents invited 9am
Friday 17th November	Children in Need – Own Clothes
Wednesday 22nd November	Y4 Class Assembly – Y4 Parents invited 9am
Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November	Parents evening
Wednesday 22nd November	School Photograph Day – Individual and sibling groups
Monday 27th November	Assessment Week
Tuesday 28th November	KS1 Gymnastics Festival
Thursday 30th – Tuesday 5th December	Half Price Book Fair – School Library 3.20-4.00pm
Wednesday 6th December	SEND Kurling Competition
Monday 11th December	PTA Santa Grotto Day
Thursday 14th December	Y6 Volleyball Competition
Wednesday 13th December 2pm and Thursday 14th December 9.30am	Y1+2 Nativity (2 tickets per family will be provided for one performance)
Thursday 14th December 2pm	Reception Nativity (2 tickets per family)
Tuesday 19th December	PTA Christmas Pantomime Day
Wednesday 20th December	SEND Sports Festival
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas 1.30pm