

Springwood Heath Primary School

'Success through Caring and Learning'

Friday 27th October



Introduction

As we come to the end of this long and exciting half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful journey we've undertaken together and share my immense pride in the progress and achievements of all of our children.

I am delighted to inform you that our children have made remarkable strides in their academic and personal development. Their commitment to learning and their positive attitudes have been truly inspiring. It is heartening to see them engage with their education and strive for excellence. One of the significant highlights of this term has been the positive changes we've made to our curriculum. It is truly gratifying to witness how our children are not only adapting but also thoroughly enjoying this enriching learning experience. This demonstrates their resilience, adaptability, and zest for knowledge, and we couldn't be happier with the results so far.

Our children have been a joy to work with, and spending time with them has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my role. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and unbridled curiosity remind us all of the true essence of learning. It is a pleasure to watch them grow and evolve into well-rounded individuals.

I must also express my deepest gratitude to all of you, our parents and guardians, for the warm welcome and unwavering support you've extended to me as the new headteacher. Your trust and involvement in your child's education are invaluable to our school community. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for our children, and I am excited to continue this journey with you all.

I wish you all a well-deserved rest during the upcoming break. May it be filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments with your loved ones and I eagerly look forward to the exciting things that await us in the next term.

Mrs Costello
Headteacher



School Council Competition

On Wednesday this week, our brand new School Council had their first meeting. One of the School Council's excellent suggestions is to hold a competition for all children in school to create a new design for our school Lambanana. Having talked with others, we would like the design to be based around our school values of inclusion, diversity, positivity and acceptance.

The Council representatives from each class will then choose a finalist and then the whole School Council will pick a winner from the 7 class submissions. We are delighted to say that the PTA have kindly offered to supply the paint and we have an artist who has volunteered to paint the new design on to our Lambanana.

The children will come home today with an template of a Lambanana so that they can draw a design and enter the competition if they would like to. We really look forward to receiving all entries!



Internet Safety Bulletin



[Click here to read the Five Nights at Freddy's Parents' Guide](#)

Arbor Parent App

Don't forget to download the Arbor Parent App. Bookings are now live for Breakfast Club and the After-School Clubs for after half term. We will no longer be accepting cash for these clubs. Shortly after half term, we will also move to paying for school lunches on the app.

[Click here to download the android app](#)

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Reminder - 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.

Reminder- 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.)

Reminder - 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.



Attendance

Reception	%
Year 1	95.71%
Year 2	98.23%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	89.03%
Year 5	94.1%
Year 6	94.6%
Whole school	94.56%

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 "CLASSIFIED 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
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
Wednesday 20th December	Y6 Enterprise Day – More details to follow
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas 1.30pm