

Fortnightly Newsletter 4th October 2024

Headteacher's comments

It has been a delightful few weeks watching the children learn. The children in Nursery have been sharing who is in their family. Reception have been busy learning about Owl Babies and I have seen some amazing letter formation in there! In Year One the children have been adapting and writing their own versions of Dear Zoo and I am amazed by what all the children have been able to create! In Year Two I have been really impressed by the improvement in their presentation! If you would like to find out more about what your child is learning in class, please take a look at the class pages on the school website. I would like to thank you all for your dedication to attendance and for recognising the importance of your child attending school on time. Spring Meadow's attendance now sits at 96% which is closing the gap towards the national average of 97%. Please keep it going!

Communication

Once again I would like to remind you about our policy regarding communication with the school staff. If you would like to discuss anything regarding your child please book an appointment with the class teacher as they need to ensure the children are safe and settled in class in the morning. If it is something the class teacher needs to know that day, please email into the office and the message will be passed across. Following on from this, I ask you to respect the staff's privacy and professionalism and ask that you do not speak to staff members about school outside of their working hours or contact them through social media.

Crossing patrol

Sadly we said goodbye to Martin, the SCP, on Monday. He has done a fantastic job ensuring all of the children cross the road safely over the last 11 years. He has even been commended for all of his hard work by Martin Purbrick, Executive director for Children, Education and Families. There is an advert currently out for his replacement and I will keep you updated as and when I know more. In the meantime, please ensure your child is crossing the road safely and you are extra vigilant.



Morning arrival

We are asking that you do not arrive to school more than five minutes before your child is due to start. This is due to increased traffic at these times and school are not insured for any accidents on site outside agreed opening times. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Council

Congratulations to our new school councillors. Their first assignment is going to focus on Road Safety week in November.



Friends of Spring Meadow (PTA) events

We have a few PTA events coming up and would really appreciate some parent volunteers. Without more volunteers, we may need to cancel some of these events. If you are able to help at any of the events in any capacity (setting up the hall in the afternoon, running a stall for 20 minutes, tattooing at the school disco, serving the juice etc) please speak to the school office and they will pass your number on to the PTA to join the Whatsapp group.

Upcoming events:

Monday 21st October: School disco

Friday 22nd November: Non-uniform day for tombola prize donations

Thursday 5th December: Christmas Fair

Mental health awareness day -10th October

A reminder that it is Mental Health awareness day next Thursday and we are asking all children to come in wearing yellow to raise awareness.



After school clubs

We are delighted that the school after school clubs have been so popular. There are still some spaces in Choir, Board games and construction if your child is interested. Please remember, children who are eligible for free school meals are entitled to one free club a term. There are also an array of different after school club activities run by Activeplay. The children absolutely love attending their wrap around care so please do have a look and see if there is anything your child would enjoy!

Snacks

Please can I remind you that children in Reception and Key Stage One should not be bringing snacks into school. Every child is provided with a piece of fruit in the morning for their snack. If you still feel your child needs something to supplement this it should be fruit only. If your child brings a packed lunch, they will be able to access this at lunch time only.

Foodbank

At Spring Meadow we are really recognising the impact of the cost of living crisis on our families and community. While we are able to issue Foodbank vouchers, we would like to see if we can help on a more immediate basis while they wait for the opening days of the Foodbank. Therefore, we are going to create our own Foodbank in school and would really appreciate any donations you can spare. The items need to be long life items such as pasta, tins, biscuits etc. If you would like to/ are able to donate, please hand any items to the office or send into school with your child's class teacher.

If you are a family who is in need, please do reach out to us as we may be able to provide some support or sign post you in the direction of support.

IRock band

The IRock band has been really popular this year which is an excellent opportunity for your children and the children love participating each week. If you would like your child to attend, please sign them up through their website: <https://www.irockschool.com/>

Online safety

In the modern day, we know that children spend a lot of time online. It is really important that adults around children know how to keep them safe online and are aware of what the children are watching. At Spring Meadow our children tell us they watch YouTube videos. As an Infant school, we would recommend children of these ages should be watching Kids YouTube as this has relevant filters to support safe watching. Please follow the link to get the NSPCC guidance. [Is YouTube safe? | NSPCC](#)

Dates for the diary:

7 th October	Prospective new parents tour @ 1400
9 th October	SEND Coffee drop in @1430
11 th October	Foxglove coffee morning @0900
16 th October	Buttercups parents lunch
11 th October	Prospective new parents tour @ 0900
23 rd October	Bluebells parents lunch
16 th October	Prospective new parents tour @ 0900
25 th October	INSET day- school closed to children
28 th October- 1 st November	Half term
4 th November	Children back in school

