

Fortnightly Newsletter 22nd November 2024

Headteacher's comments

We are well and truly getting into the busiest part of the term. The school has been so busy with play practices, singing assemblies, parents lunches and coffee mornings. We really appreciate the parental engagement we are getting as it is so lovely to see so many of you engaging with the school. There are many dates for the diary so please do read the information below carefully to ensure you don't miss anything!

Walking safely to school / Road safety

Please remember to keep your children close when walking to school. This includes when you enter the school grounds as there are cars and taxis travelling down to the office area and the school car park.

Colder weather

As the weather has really taken a turn, please ensure your child is prepared with weather appropriate clothing such as coats, hats and gloves. Please also ensure these are clearly named. As it gets colder, please also be mindful of any icy patches and stick to the school paths as these will have been appropriately gritted.

School closures

As the weather starts to turn colder and there is a chance of snow, I wanted to reassure you that we would only close the school if we were unable to operate due to lack of staffing or there was a health and safety risk. If the weather is severe and we are forced to close the school, school will send out an in-app message to all parents and please refer to the school website.

Christmas Fair- Thursday 5th December 15:30-17:30

It is not long now before the Christmas fair. We are so grateful for all of the tombola donations and teddies. Below is some further information about the Christmas fair:

Sweet cones

Today, your child will come home with a Christmas sweet cone. If you are able, please can you fill these with sealed sweets and return via the class teacher by Friday 29th November.

Visit to Santa

If you would like to book your child's visit to Santa at the Christmas fair you will need to pre-book a session. The sessions are five minutes per family and start at 15:30 with the last slot at 17:20. It will cost £3 per child. Next Thursday (28th November) and Friday (29th November) there will be a stall outside the front office at the end of the school day, where you can pay and sign up. If you are unable to attend in person, please send in a note to the school office with the correct money and you will be given a slot. The deadline will be Friday 29th at 1530.



Allergies

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school, no nuts should be in packed lunches.

Foodbank

A reminder that the school has its own foodbank and if you are struggling, please do come and speak to the office in confidence and they will help ensure you and your family have food.

Site staff

Next week, Mr Peachey is taking some well-deserved annual leave. He will still be opening and closing the school but in the meantime, we have our site assistant, Mr Harding, supporting us with car park duties and general maintenance.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone who is ensuring that their child has good attendance. The school currently sits at 94% attendance which is an increase from last year. But, this is still below the national average of 95.1%. Attendance in school daily is so important for your child both academically but also socially.

Staff vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a school cleaner. If you are interested, please see the school website for more details.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

If you are struggling with managing your child's behaviour at home please be reminded about the access we have to our family advisor, Michelle West. Her contact details are below.

Christmas decoration morning

You are invited to come and create Christmas decorations with your child on the morning of 2nd December 0900-1030. This will be in your child's class and you will need to drop your child off in the morning and wait on the playground while the class are registered. Following this you will be invited in through the class doors to engage in some lovely Christmas decoration activities to be used to decorate the school.

St Mary's church visit- Monday 9th December

The school children will be walking to St Mary's church in Ely on the morning of 9th December to partake in Christmas singing. We would really appreciate any parent volunteers to support us with this. If you are able to come, please let the school office know.

Art Competition

Congratulations to **Lizzy** and **Sasha** who won the Yopa Estate agents *Christmas Dream House* competition, we hope you enjoy the arts and crafts set. Yopa received 41 wonderful entries from all ages here at Spring Meadow, they very kindly donated £41 to the school. A massive well done to everyone who entered.



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Dates for the diary:

27 th November	Foxglove parent lunch
2 nd December	Christmas decoration day with parents in the morning
6 th December	SEND coffee drop in 1430
9 th December	Main school walk to St Marys church for Christmas singing
9 th December	Reception Dress rehearsal nativity to school @ 1400
10 th December	Reception nativity to parents @ 1400
11 th December	Reception nativity to parents @ 1400
12 th December	Christmas lunch (Pupils only) Christmas jumper day
16 th December	KS1 carols with parents @ 1400
17 th December	Reception Christmas party afternoon
18 th December	Year 1 Christmas party afternoon
19 th December	Nursery Christmas sing along @ 0915
19 th December	Year 2 Christmas party afternoon
20 th December	Last day of term



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9AM - 10:30AM

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