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Newsletter 1

New term

We have had a fantastic start to the new term. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome and coming to say hello. It has been a busy start with me getting to know the children and staff and to understand how things work at Springdale. Thank you for your patience and understanding as I take time to get know school systems and processes, as always if there is anything you would like to speak to me about you can either tell me on the gate or email the school enquiries inbox.

School photographer Wednesday 20th September

Children to come in school uniform and have PE kits to change into if it is their PE day.

Year 5 and 6 Parents E-Safety Workshop

On Wednesday 4th October, between 9.00 and 10.45, Patrick Flynn, the e-safety advisor will be hosting a workshop for year 5 and 6 parents to attend. There will be a prize available for the winner of a short quiz at the end of the event!

Parents Evenings

A form will be coming out shortly for you choose how you would like to access parents evening and to book a slot. We are having one face to face and one on line session.

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be open in school from Monday 6th November until Thursday 9th November. More details to follow.

Performance Poetry Competition.

The annual performance poetry competition will be held on Monday 23rd October. Children will be asked to prepare a performance poem, if they would like to and then the winners from KS1, Lower and Upper KS2 will compete against children from other schools.

Curriculum Overviews for the term

We are currently reviewing some of our curriculum subjects and will be providing updated overviews this term. The first subjects to be reviewed are Geography and History to ensure we have full curriculum coverage that ensures children are developing the knowledge and skills they need as they progress through school.

Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Club

From week commencing 25th September there will be a girls football club, it will be after school and finish at 4.30pm. A form will be sent out for you to express your interest, we have 20 places available in the first instance. Girls will need their football boots and sports kit to change into, they will also need a pair of trainers in case of poor weather moving them indoors. There is no cost for this. Any further information please contact Mr Cowen.

Awards assemblies

Each Friday we will be holding our new awards assemblies. Your child can be nominated for either: Star of the week, Kindness award or Headteachers award. As part of this award we will be inviting those parents to come along to assembly, you will receive a text message the week before to invite you to come along. You can choose to let your child know they have been nominated for an award or keep it as a special surprise if you are able to come. Children receiving the headteachers award will have hot chocolate Friday with Mrs Lowe the following week.

KS1 – 9.00am (lasts approx. 20 minutes)

KS2 – 2.40pm (lasts approx. 20 minutes)

Animal Man

Year 1 have the animal man on Thursday 26th October (pm). He will be covering animal classifications and their eating habits. He will share interesting facts and stories about the animals he brings whilst the children get hands on experience with them.

Parent Apps

SIMS Parent app – update pupil information, attendance, etc

School comms: School Gateway– all payments (Letter on website dated July 2023)

Teachers 2 Parents – Updates/ info (this will be phased out and all updates will go through the SIMs Parent App – notice will be given)

If you have any questions or issues accessing the apps, please contact: enquiries@springdaleprimary.co.uk

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 4 th October	ICT Workshop for parents in Year 5 and 6 (9.00 - 10.45)
Thursday 5 th October	Reception Parents Workshop – Ten Town
Tuesday 17 th October	Nursery Stay and Play session
Tuesday 17 th , Wednesday 18 th , Thursday 19 th October	Children in Year 2 and Year 6 – First Aid Training
Wednesday 18 th October	Reception Stay and Play session
Monday 23 rd October	Performance Poetry competition
Thursday 26 th October	Year 1 Animal man visit
Friday 27 th October	INSET
Wednesday 8 th November	Face to face parents evening
Thursday 9 th November	Online parents evening
Friday 17 th November	Flu Nasal Spray
Friday 8 th December	Hobgoblin Theatre performance
Friday 22 nd December	INSET
Friday 24 th May	INSET
Monday 22 nd July	INSET

2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

- INSET Day: Monday 4 September 2023
- Term Time: Tuesday 5 September 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023
- Half term: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023
- Term Time: Monday 6 November 2023 to Friday 22 December 2023

Spring Term 2024

- Term Time: Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
- Half term: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024
- Term Time: Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 22 March 2024

Summer Term 2024

- Term Time: Monday 8 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
- Half term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024
- Term Time: Monday 3 June 2024 to Monday 22 July 2024