

#### SHINE today for a brighter tomorrow

# Message from Mrs Lowe – Headteacher

I would like to personally thank you for the warm welcome you have given me since joining Springdale. It has been a very busy term getting to know the staff and children, which has been very enjoyable! We have already begun to make some changes to both the environment and to the curriculum.

We have undergone a lot of site work to begin to create a wonderful learning environment for your children. So far we have refurbished 8 KS2 classrooms, 2 corridors and the KS2 toilets should be ready after Christmas. The environment makes such a positive difference to children's attitudes and wellbeing, they have loved seeing the changes and going back into their new classrooms. We will be continuing to improve the environment across the rest of the year.



We have also really enjoyed inviting families in for lots of events this term too, the children have been brilliant and given some wonderful performances. It has been lovely to see so many of you attending the weekly award assemblies in which we have celebrated lots of children for their wonderful achievements both personally and academically. By the end of the year every child should have had the opportunity to be given an award in assembly as we track the awards.

I would also like to thank the Friends of Springdale PTA for their fantastic efforts in organizing

events for the school community. The children really enjoyed their Halloween disco! The Christmas fair was a wonderful experience for all and a joy to see the children's happy faces. They were also very excited to receive their personal Christmas gift too! It is so important to have a supportive PTA to work with us on creating memories and experiences for children, we really do appreciate the time they give to volunteer and the efforts they go to.

We are really looking forward to seeing what the next term brings and welcoming the children back in 2024!





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# Mud Kitchen

A very big thank you to Arthur's parents, Maisie and Jake, who have kindly made and donated our fabulous new mud kitchen. Nursery have already had lots of fun cooking and making mud pies. We look forward to the children's creations over the coming years.







# KS2

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** – We return to school, the back gate will be open to allow access to the KS2 playground only if this entrance is more convenient for you.

### Dates for next year:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - School re-opens for Spring Term 2024 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – E Safety Workshop for parents – times to be confirmed. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – school re-opens after half term Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – School closes for Easter Holidays Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – INSET DAY school closed to pupils Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - INSET DAY school closed to pupils.