

# Where we all matter



## NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> of November 2017



### MESSAGE FROM Mrs LEACH

The children have continued to have a busy and exciting time in school. I know that many Year Three parents enjoyed coming in to see the, "Stone Age Museum," and we are looking carefully at other opportunities for parents to see their child's learning in this way.

You will find a link to our new website below. We have added information about the children's learning over the year with more detailed information about each topic being added as they begin. We hope this will be useful to parents and would welcome any feedback.

**Hairstyles:** Recently more extreme hairstyles are becoming prevalent in school. In particular, "undercut" styles where the sides are very short while hair is left longer on top have become fashionable. In some instances, the sides have been very closely shaved and longer hair is flopping in the child's eyes. In school, shaved hair is not considered appropriate so please be mindful of this. Similarly, zig-zags or other designs, shaved into hair are not appropriate. Some parents find that having such a style at the start of the summer holidays is a good compromise as the hair has grown out by the beginning of term.

Some girls are wearing bows of ever increasing sizes which can be rather a distraction. Please stick to smaller bows and hairbands for school with the more fancy items being saved for home or parties. Many thanks for your support with this.

**Christmas is coming!** Please look out for ways to support our Christmas Fair as well as for information about the Christmas events which will be taking place.

### PASTORAL INFORMATION

#### Anti-Bullying Week - Monday 13th - Friday 17th November 2017

**All Different, All Equal**

Next week is Friendship Week at Springdale.

Based on the National Anti-Bullying Week, we will be thinking about how we are 'All different, All equal.' This will empower our children to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique. It will also help them to understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, and able to be themselves, without fear of bullying.

Parents and carers are encouraged to talk to their children about difference and equality.

Throughout the week your child/children will participate in a range of lovely activities some of which will be across the year groups.

To help reinforce the message that we are all different, all equal, we are asking children to come into school each day next week wearing different socks on each foot.

More information on anti-bullying week can be found at

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

*If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children, please contact the school to speak to **Ruth Leach (Designated Safeguarding Lead)**, **Debbie Budden (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)**. The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.*

NEWS & EVENTS	
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February There will be one further day later in the school year.
<b>NEW WEBSITE</b>	We have revamped our website and it is now live. We hope that you will find it informative. Please bear with us over the next few days should we have any teething issues (such as broken links). We will resolve any issues as soon as we become aware of them. To visit the website, please go to <a href="http://www.springdale.poole.sch.uk">www.springdale.poole.sch.uk</a> .
<b>CHILDREN IN NEED</b>	On <b>Friday 17th November</b> we are asking the children to come into school wearing spotty clothing in exchange for a suggested minimum donation of £1. This could be anything from a spotty hat or hairband to a spotty dress or tracksuit. There is no need to go out and buy something new to wear on the day. <b>Spotacular Sale:</b> This year once again, we are turning Springdale children into Spotacular entrepreneurs! Each class has been given £5, with the challenge to turn this money into much more by selling items they have made. Gates will open at 2:30 for any parents who want a browse before the end of the school day. The sale will end at approximately 3:30-4pm. We do hope you can join us for refreshments and the opportunity to raise money for Children in Need.
<b>FRIENDS OF SPRINGDALE</b>	Please let Mrs Leach or the office staff know if you would like to join the Friends of Springdale group. With the Christmas Fair coming up, the group is always grateful for an extra pair of hands!
<b>BINGO NIGHT</b>	We had another very successful bingo night, raising an impressive £458.87! Thank you to those who helped organise this event and to those who attended.
<b>PROSPECTIVE PARENTS 2018</b>	We have an open morning for prospective parents on <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> . Please spread the word! Please call the office to make an appointment for the open morning.

REMINDERS & REQUESTS	
<b>PARENT HELPERS</b>	Foundation Stage are keen to hear from any parents in school who may be able to spare a few hours a week and help in Wrens and Robins. If you are able to help, please let one of the Foundation Stage teachers know. Thank you.
<b>SCHOOL LUNCHES</b>	*If you have ordered a hot school meal for your child in Foundation Stage, please do not send in a packed lunch as this will be sent home. If you feel your child is not getting on with hot school meals, please come into the office and discuss this with Mrs Biwole.  *If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure it does not contain nuts or sweets.  *We are in the process of setting up an online ordering system for next term's hot school meals. A bulletin containing information to this effect will be coming home over the next couple of weeks.  *A bulletin has been sent out about lunch on Party Day (Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December). Please return your form by Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.
<b>COLLECTING FROM CLUBS</b>	Please be advised that only parents collecting from our Springdale After School Club may collect from the top playground. For any other groups such as French, Blast Sports, G-Stars, Code club, please use the Gladelands gate.
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	We are looking for a real Christmas tree for the hall, if anybody is able to fund or obtain discounts from a supplier, please contact Mrs Stafford as soon as possible for further details.
<b>DOGS</b>	Please be reminded not to bring dogs inside the school premises. Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November – Friendship Week – All Different, All Equal (Children to wear odd socks)

MONDAY	13	
TUESDAY	14	
WEDNESDAY	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y4 choir rehearsal at Parkstone Grammar School – morning</li> <li>• Autumn disco Wednesday, 15th November for years 2, 3 and 4, 4:30 - 6 pm.</li> </ul>
THURSDAY	16	
FRIDAY	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children in Need</li> </ul>

### Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> November

MONDAY	20	
TUESDAY	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prospective (2018) parents open morning (9 – 11.15 please call to book a slot)</li> </ul>
WEDNESDAY	22	
THURSDAY	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INSET DAY – No children in school</li> </ul>
FRIDAY	24	

### Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November

MONDAY	27	
TUESDAY	28	
WEDNESDAY	29	
THURSDAY	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y4 choir children performing at the Lighthouse Theatre - evening</li> </ul>
FRIDAY	1	

### Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December

MONDAY	4	
TUESDAY	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 2 &amp; 3 performance to parents (Skylarks and Lapwings) 9.15 am</li> </ul>
WEDNESDAY	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 2 &amp; 3 performance to parents (Goldfinches and Avocets) 9.15 am</li> <li>• Christmas Fayre 4.30 - 6pm</li> </ul>
THURSDAY	7	
FRIDAY	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletter out</li> </ul>

### Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December

MONDAY	11	
TUESDAY	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 4 rehearsal at United Reformed Church (During school morning)</li> <li>• Year 4 carol service at United Reformed Church - 6 pm</li> <li>• FS &amp; Year 1 performance to parents (Robins and Puffins) 9.15 am</li> </ul>
WEDNESDAY	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FS &amp; Year 1 performance to parents (Wrens and Kingfishers) – 9.15 am</li> </ul>
THURSDAY	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Party day and Christmas lunch – Children may wear party clothes</li> </ul>
FRIDAY	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Jumper Day</li> <li>• Children to be collected at 1.15pm</li> </ul>

#### 2017/18 Academic Year

**Autumn Term:** Monday 4 September – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

*Half term week: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017*

INSET DAYS: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Last day of Autumn term: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (*Children to be collected at 1.15 pm*)

**Spring Term:** Tuesday 2 January – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

*(Half term week: 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018)*

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January & Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Last day of Spring term: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March (*Children to be collected at 1.15 pm*)

**Summer Term:** Monday 16 April – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

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*(Half term week: 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018)*

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**Christmas** – Mon 25, Tues 26 December 2017

**New Year** – Mon 1 January 2017

**Good Friday** – 30 March 2018

**Easter Monday** – 2 April 2018

**May Day** – 7 May 2018

**Spring Bank Holiday** – 28 May 2018

**Summer Bank Holiday** – 27 August 2018

#### INSET Days for Academic Year 2017/2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018