

Where we all matter



NEWSLETTER

18th of January 2018



MESSAGE FROM Mrs Hill

What a wonderful welcome I have received from everyone at Springdale First School. The children have enabled me to feel most at home! They have such super manners, asking me if I am having a good day and showing great patience as I try to learn so many new names. They are showing such kindness helping me to learn all about their school. I am also so thrilled to have joined such a dedicated team of staff and Governors – who are also being very patient, helpful and welcoming during my new learning.

These first few weeks I have been enjoying learning about all the different aspects of Springdale school life. As you can imagine, there is so much to learn - from teaching, learning and behaviour systems to IT, office systems and governance to name just a few areas. Taking time to talk with staff and children, Friends of Springdale representatives, meeting the lunchtime team, members of the Hamwic Education Trust, Hillary Trust Headteachers and our extremely supportive Chair of Governors has enabled me to learn so much every day. It has been lovely meeting and greeting on the school gates when I am able to do so, slowly becoming familiar with our families and children.

We certainly have a busy term ahead of us and I am thrilled to have been selected to carry the Springdale 'baton' on from Mrs Leach.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome, I wish you a very successful term.

Kind regards
Mrs Hill

PASTORAL INFORMATION

Site Safety

When a new Headteacher begins their role, one of the first things they familiarise themselves with is Health and Safety procedures. Safeguarding your children is our highest priority. Being clear about security measures and procedures, alongside running through the emergency procedures ensures that the school is prepared should anything occur.





Although strong systems are already in place, there has been cause for staff to discuss the security of the school after 'hours'. As a result we have tightened site safety further. Information was sent out last week regarding new arrangements for pick up from clubs, and meeting teachers after 3.15pm. Thank you for following our new procedures.

Staying well during the Winter Bugs

I bet everyone knows someone who has had the awful winter flu / heavy cold that is particularly nasty this season. Hopefully, you have all been lucky enough to avoid it. As adults we are clear about how to minimise the chances of falling victim to it! So let's help our children too. Having a balanced diet - fresh fruit and vegetables, keeping healthy by exercising, having fresh air and getting enough sleep are key ingredients for staying well. A reminder to wash hands properly after toileting and before eating is essential and often needs careful supervision to ensure they have done it! We will do our part here to remind them. With the delicious healthy hot school meals I have been seeing and smelling - your children are certainly gaining many daily nutrients they need in order to keep them strong and in their best element for their learning.

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

REMINDERS & REQUESTS

<p>PARENT HELPERS</p>	<p>The Foundation Stage team would like to appeal for parent helpers (your child does not need to be in Foundation Stage to help out in that year group). If you are able to help, please come to the school office and you will be given a pack and an induction will be arrange. You will also be required to get DBS clearance.</p>
<p>DONATIONS FOR OUR GARDENING AREA</p> 	<p>Foundation Stage are trying to improve their outdoor learning environment and would like to create a little gardening area so that the children can grow their own produce. They would like to make planting beds by using concrete breeze blocks that can then be filled with soil.</p> <p>We are asking any parents who work in construction and/or have the means to get hold of some concrete blocks if they would be able to donate some to the school. If you can help, please let the office staff know. Thank you.</p>
<p>SCHOOL LUNCHES</p>	<p>Thank you for your patience as we got ourselves up and running with the new online ordering system at the end of last term. We did encountered several teething issues and would like to thank all the parents for their feedback and cooperation.</p> <p>Should you have any queries regarding hot school meals, you can either email the school office (office@springdale.poole.sch.uk), call or come in to see Mrs Biwole.</p>
<p>COLLECTING AND DROPPING OFF</p>	<p>If bringing or collecting your child to and from school, you should only use the Springdale Road (office) entrance after 8:55 am and before 2:55 pm as the school gates will be locked. All other times please use Lewesdon Drive or Gladelands entrance.</p>
<p>NITS</p> 	<p>Please be aware that we have had a report of head lice in the school. We ask that you remain vigilant and check your child's hair weekly for nits and get rid of unwelcome residents if found. Please follow the instruction on the package and apply any follow up treatment to keep on top of the problem and prevent a further outbreak and with it the spread of head lice in school.</p>
<p>PLAY AREA</p> 	<p>Please be reminded that the outdoor play areas in school are not to be used after or before school as there is no supervision during those times.</p>
<p>SAFE PARKING</p> 	<p>Once again, there have been incidents of drivers double parking, driving up on the pavement or forcing other drivers to drive on the pavements. These actions are not only inconsiderate and incredibly dangerous but they are also illegal.</p> <p>Please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Leave home in plenty of time and be prepared to park further away from school and walk. It's often quicker and safer than trying to park near school! * Do not stop on the zig zags at any time, even to drop off, as this is illegal and dangerous. * Leave parking spaces quickly as this helps traffic flow. * Park with consideration for others to make best use of the limited space available.

FRIENDS OF SPRINGDALE

* Thank you all for your amazing support with the Christmas fair. A special thanks to all the Friends of Springdale (F.o.S.) helpers who gave up their valuable time to make the fair a great success. We so far have raised over £2000 and are still waiting for match funding to come in hopefully taking the grand total to nearer £3000. Some of the money has already been spent on virtual reality headsets for the ICT suite and we will keep you posted as to how the remaining funds will be used to purchase valuable resources for the school.

* Dates for your diary:

-Friday 2nd March 2018 - Family Bingo night

-Thursday 22nd March 2018 - Easter Egg hunt.

More details to follow.

* As well as this new "friends of springdale" section to the school newsletter, we will also be revamping the notice boards to be found at the Lewisdon Drive and Gladelands Way entrances. Look out for the bunting! All F.o.S. communication will be available on these boards. We also have a F.o.S Facebook page. If you would like to be added and get involved in future fundraising events for the school please find us and we will add you to this private group.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Anny and Jo



NEWS & EVENTS

INSET DAYS

Friday 9th February

There will be one further day later in the school year.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday 2nd March

Last year, our Family Bingo Night organised by the Friends of Springdale proved to be very popular and great fun, whilst raising funds for the school. Look out for more information over the next few weeks and make sure you book your tickets quickly to avoid disappointment!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Thursday 22nd March

We will be making the most of our lovely school grounds again for this popular Easter event. Please look out for a bulletin with more information over the next few weeks.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Week commencing 22nd January

MONDAY	22	
TUESDAY	23	
WEDNESDAY	24	
THURSDAY	25	• Crazy Creatures (Foundation Stage and Year 4)
FRIDAY	26	

Week commencing 29th January

MONDAY	29	
TUESDAY	30	
WEDNESDAY	31	
THURSDAY	01	
FRIDAY	02	• Monkey World talk - Year 4

Week commencing 5th February

MONDAY	5	
TUESDAY	6	
WEDNESDAY	7	
THURSDAY	8	
FRIDAY	9	

SPRING HALF TERM WEEK

Week commencing 19 th February		
MONDAY	19	
TUESDAY	20	
WEDNESDAY	21	
THURSDAY	22	
FRIDAY	23	
Week commencing 26 th February		
MONDAY	26	
TUESDAY	27	
WEDNESDAY	28	
THURSDAY	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Stage Nurse visit - Weigh and Measure • World Book Day
FRIDAY	02	
Week commencing 5 th March		
MONDAY	5	
TUESDAY	6	
WEDNESDAY	7	
THURSDAY	8	
FRIDAY	9	
Week commencing 12 th March		
MONDAY	12	
TUESDAY	13	
WEDNESDAY	14	
THURSDAY	15	
FRIDAY	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Reports sent home (Years 1,2,3,4)
Week commencing 19 th March – Parent Consultation Week		
MONDAY	19	
TUESDAY	20	
WEDNESDAY	21	
THURSDAY	22	Easter Egg Hunt
FRIDAY	23	
Week commencing 26 th March		
MONDAY	26	
TUESDAY	27	
WEDNESDAY	28	
THURSDAY	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Break – School finishes at 1.15
FRIDAY	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Friday
EASTER BREAK		

2017/18 Academic Year

Autumn Term: Monday 4 September – Friday 15th December

Half term week: 23rd – 27th October 2017

INSET DAYS: Monday 4th September & Thursday 23rd November

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

Spring Term: Tuesday 2 January – Thursday 29th March

(Half term week: 12th – 16th February 2018)

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 2nd January & Friday 9th February

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

Summer Term: Monday 16 April – Wednesday 25th July

Monday 16 April – Wednesday 25th July

(Half term week: 29th May – 2nd June 2018)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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 4th September 2017

Thursday 23rd November 2017

Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Friday 9th February 2018