

Springdale Spring Newsletter

24th May 2018



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Message from Mrs Hill

What a super start to the summer term we have had. The field is open for playtime fun and sports day preparation. School trips are well underway, and our Year 4 residential was a true success with kind weather and such well-behaved and engaging children of who we were so proud throughout their time away.

It is clear the behaviour of your children is exemplary, and this is often commented on by our visitors. This term Hamwic Officers and other Hillary Headteachers joined us to complete a review of our school developments, and we are very pleased with the outcome. We continue to have a strong successful school, due to the dedication of the staff, support and engagement from the parents and governors, and the positive attitudes of the children. We can all be very proud!

May I take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Springdale Team for their hard work coupled with your continued support at the Bingo fundraising event. It was a brilliant and fun social event that raised a staggering £521.16!

Please check PMX for a notification regarding the our GDPR policy which is available on our website.

After half term the whole school community will be involved in evaluating and generating our vision and values. We will be sending out a questionnaire that will allow us to collate your thoughts on your vision for your child's education at Springdale and the values that underpin them. We will be working with staff and children so that we begin the new academic year with a renewed and exciting sense of clarity and direction for the continued success of Springdale.

I would like to thank our new Parent Governor Jamie Homer for working on a new design for our Newsletter which I am sure you will agree looks fresh and vibrant!

This leaves me to wish you all a safe and fun filled half term, don't forget the sunhats and sun cream! We look forward to having a fabulous end to the year on your return. Kind regards

Susannah Hill

Staffing News

As we head into the summer half term holiday, it is with sadness that the school will be saying goodbye to Mrs Biwole, who has been a dedicated member of our busy office team. I am sure many of you have liaised with Mrs Biwole and would join me in thanking her for her support and professionalism in all that she has done to enable Springdale First School to run smoothly. Mrs Biwole will remain in her capacity as Clerk to the Governors.

We are also saying goodbye to a devoted member of our lunchtime and breakfast team, Mrs Silba. We wish them both the very best!

With every goodbye comes a warm welcome. The school is really pleased to announce the successful appointment of Mrs Davis who has joined the office team.



Well-Being for all

As the summer nights draw out and children can enjoy playing outside in the cool of the evening, we would like to signpost you to a helpful link that will help parents of older children to reflect on their growing independence and safety.

Please see the link below for the latest information from the NSPCC for parents about letting their children out on their own.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/research-and-resources/2015/out-alone/>

The NSPCC Talk Pants Campaign

Next half term we will be empowering children to ensure they stay safe, through the well respected and used Talk Pants Campaign. A letter will follow regarding our approach to this which is planned by the NSPCC who also support us by coming and delivering age appropriate assemblies to KS1 and KS2.



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★ Star Pupils

At Springdale, we value every child's efforts and determination to achieve their best both academically and socially. This is celebrated every Friday morning through our Golden Award Assembly where children who have been identified by their teacher for their excellence receive a certificate and sticker and where possible share their work in front of the whole school. We are proud of these children and would like to share their success with parents in our Newsletter



Robins:

Isla E, Oscar B



Wrens: Abigail F, Sennen C-B, Joshua W, Bethany S



Kingfishers: Phoebe W, Amber S, Vihaan R, Theo B. All Kingfishers on the Y1 Trip



Puffins: Libby B, Thomas D
All Puffins on the Y1 Trip



Goldfinches: Will C, William S



Skylarks: Grace T, Holly B



Lapwings: Ben L, Freddie J, Sebastian G, Ava W



Avocets: Maisie P



Sparrowhawks: Madeline F, Heidi H, Sammy W, Emilia S, Michael S, Olivia P-E, Pippa B – Y4 Football Team



Kestrels: Matthew W, Isabelle F, Lewis H, Oscar P – Y4 Football Team

Friends of Springdale News

Logo Competition

The School Council were faced with the difficult task this week of selecting the winning entries from all the fabulous designs submitted by the children. After much deliberation and discussion we think you will agree that they have made a fantastic choice. An enormous well done to Tiggy W in Goldfinches for her bold and eye catching design. Tiggy's design will now feature on all correspondence that you receive from the Friends of Springdale team. A big well done to our two runners up, Matty A in Avocets and Madisson S in Sparrowhawks.

Mrs Hill presented all three with their certificates in Assembly today.



Tiggy W in Goldfinches (Winner)



Matty A in Avocets (Runner Up)



Madisson S in Sparrowhawks (Runner Up)

Quiz Night

This was another entertaining and bustling evening which revealed the competitive nature of both parents and staff. Thank you to all who helped organise this event and challenged our thinking during the night. The winning team was 'Must Try Harder' and the final amount raised will be shared after half term.

Goadsby Sign for the Summer Fair

We are looking for parents to volunteer to have a Goadsby sign outside their house to advertise for the summer fair. If you are willing to do this, please could you email the office (office@springdale.poole.sch.uk) or pop into the office before Weds 6th June to let us know. Thank you.

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Reminders & Requests

Gate closures

To ensure we provide the highest education for your children, enabling them to thrive during their time at school, we would like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.30am and will close promptly at 8.45am. This allows children to settle quickly and teachers to make the most of their teaching time. The prompt closing also ensures the site is secure as quickly as possible.

Should you arrive after the gates have been locked, please come to the office so that your child can be marked late in the register.

Thank you for supporting us and your child by being prompt.

Lost Property

We have now relocated the lost property box to the Year 1 corridor, rest assured it has not been lost!

Key Stage 2 Children

Those children who have permission to leave the classroom at the end of the school day to meet their parents in the lower playground or the school gates for example, need to be reminded that they follow the expectations agreed with their parents and teachers.

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

Year 4 Leavers Celebrations

We are making some exciting changes to the way in which the children and their families bid a final farewell to Springdale. We are delighted to announce that this year the children will be writing, doing the choreography and presenting their own 'leaving performance'! Families will all be offered the opportunity to see the show on two dates and will be allocated 4 tickets in total. There will also be an opening night celebration and an after show party! More information will follow after half term.

Please remember to visit the website for dates as it is frequently updated.

- ⇒ **Friday 25th May** – Donate a Teddy or Cuddly Toy
- ⇒ **Tuesday 5th June** – FS trip to New Forest Wildlife Park
- ⇒ **Tuesday 5th June** – World Environment Day
- ⇒ **Friday 8th June** – Bring a Bottle for the fair
- ⇒ **Saturday 9th June** - Corfe Mullen Carnival (F.O.S Stall)
- ⇒ **Tuesday 12th June** – Avocets trip to Nothe Fort
- ⇒ **Wed 13th June** - New FS Parent Information Evening
- ⇒ **Friday 15th June** - Sports Day – All Years
- ⇒ **Friday 15th June** – Fill a Jar for the fair
- ⇒ **June and July!!** Ice Cream Fridays (Curtesy of F.O.S)
- ⇒ **Monday 18th June** – Class Photos
- ⇒ **Tuesday 19th June** – Lapwings trip to Nothe Fort
- ⇒ **Thursday 21st June** – Music concert to parents 9.15am
- ⇒ **Friday 22nd June** - Reserve Sports Day – All Years
- ⇒ **Thursday 28th June** - New FS pupil sessions
- ⇒ **Friday 29th June** - Summer Fair — 4:30pm – 7:00pm
- ⇒ **Monday 2nd July** - INSET DAY (No children in school)
- ⇒ **Friday 6th July** - Transfer Day
- ⇒ **Friday 6th July** - New FS pupil sessions
- ⇒ **Monday 9th July** - Celebration of Learning 5.30 - 7pm
- ⇒ **Weds 18th July** - 6.30pm Y4 Leavers performance
- ⇒ **Thurs 19th July** - 1.30pm Y4 Leavers performance
- ⇒ **Thurs 19th July** - Year 4 Leaver's after show party 3pm (children only)
- ⇒ **Wednesday 25th July** – Last Day of Term
School closes at 1.15pm



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