

Springdale Spring Newsletter

7th September 2018



Imagine, Believe, Achieve

Message from Mrs Hill

It has been lovely seeing all your children so keenly coming through the school gates this week. Shiny new shoes, smart hair and uniform, smiley faces, coupled with great organisation from you for bringing all the right things to school, THANK YOU!

The children have all settled in really well, making new friends, learning new routines, and classroom layouts. They have also started our new Personal, Social, Emotional curriculum programme called 'Jigsaw'. This is a fabulous scheme that explores lots of different aspects of PSHE, such as relationships, changes, being me! The children will be creating a Jigsaw Class charter – an agreed code of behaviour for their class, which sits alongside our Golden Rules.

To find out more about your child's specific learning this year, we have planned **Parent Information sessions**. Each year group will have a morning session and an evening, to enable you to come. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are particularly excited to share with you our new Springdale **Vision and Values**, following on from the parent survey last term where your responses were super. We are proud to have created a Vision and a set of learning Values that reflect just what Springdale is all about; that allows for aspirational thinking and high quality learning behaviours that will enable your children to have a strong set of skills that will serve them well in their next step of education and adult life.

We are forever grateful and appreciative of the voluntary role that the Friends of Springdale undertake at the school. They organise fantastic social events and help raise much needed funds for the school. A big thank you as well to the families that embrace the Friends of Springdale activities and give generously throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new teachers to Springdale: Matthew Cameron (Assistant Headteacher), Lucy Clarke and Kerry Mullett. Thank you for making them feel so welcome.

We wish everyone a wonderful term ahead.

Warmest regards Mrs Hill

Well-Being for all

May I take this opportunity to thank both staff and parents for managing the many changes that have happened over the summer. We had some major roofing work carried out to remove combustible materials, alongside updating our emergency fire lighting.

We have also had internal room changes, where Mrs Martin (Pastoral Support) and myself have come in to the main school. This makes it easier to meet with parents compared to the bungalow. As a result the staffroom has moved, we have been able to create an ELSA room in the bungalow, and created a safer school site. Following a recommendation from our safeguarding audit, the school has made changes to our procedures for access to the school, which has resulted in the closing of our school site to parent traffic.

Thank you for your patience whilst these changes embed, and tweaks are made as we learn from some lessons. As a parent of children whose schools are on major artery roads that are double yellow lined, I fully appreciate that closing the open access to our wrap around care, on-site parking may cause additional morning pressures. However, I know you will agree that keeping your children and our staff safe has to be our priority. Therefore can I request also, that you refrain from using the top driveway as a turning point as this can create a traffic hazard as staff are delayed in turning in to the drive. Thank you so much for your support with this essential change.



Parent Forum

Please come to my Parent Forum where I will be sharing with you our main areas on our School Development Plan, revisit our new Vision and Values and talk through our Parent Questionnaire responses and actions. You will receive a copy of our results prior to the Forum, in order to digest. Time: **Thursday 27th September 9am** in the Sports Hall – refreshments available!



We all matter at Springdale First School

Friends of Springdale



The Friends of Springdale Team are happy to announce that with your help we raised the amazing grand total of **£11,026.64** the last academic year. If you are interested in joining the fantastic work they do, please see their "Friends of Springdale" Facebook Page.

The FOS team are busy planning fun events for this academic year.

The first event is planned for **Saturday 29th September 2018**. This will be a **Family Sponsored Event**, when we can all walk, run, cycle or scoot from Sandbanks to Branksome and back, meeting back on the beach at Sandbanks where you could enjoy picnics and games. This will be an opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family and to welcome the new Reception children and families to Springdale events, whilst of course raising much needed funds for the school and the Adventure Playground planned for the future.

Sponsorship forms will be sent out via book bags next week.

From the Friends of Springdale

ELSA

Mrs Martin and Mrs Samways are the trained ELSA's (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) at Springdale First School.

ELSA covers all aspects of emotional well being, including:

- Friendship and social skills
- Self-esteem
- Loss and bereavement
- Anger management
- Recognising emotions in themselves and others

Please contact Mrs Martin or Mrs Samways if you would like any advice or think your child would benefit from support, especially if family circumstances have created change.

★ Golden Awards

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

Kingfishers: Oscar B, Bay

Puffins: Louise F, Camille

Goldfinches: Rosabelle,

Skylarks: Skye

Lapwings: Lucas V, Isobel B

Avocets: Sophia M, Olivia C

Sparrowhawks: Oscar

Kestrels: Edward, Lucy