



February 2020

January has been a busy month with a range of activities across the School. Key Stage 2 have been enjoying their Theme on Clowning Around as you can see from a few of the photos of Angus and Arezu's class assembly.

We have been lucky that the weather has not been too cold so fingers crossed that Spring is on its way.



Attachments

Family Disco Flyer
Bottle Tombola Flyer

Previously sent out

Term Dates 2020-2021
Thomley Hall Flyer
Application for Waitrose support

FoSS [Friends of Springfield School]

We had a good Friends meeting in January and have set three dates –

- **Family Disco – Friday 27th March – 6.00 – 8.00pm** – please come and join us for the free event.
- **Bingo – Friday 12th June** – more details to follow.
- **Family Picnic – Saturday 11th July** – more details to follow.

We are also one of the charities for Duncan Enright - Mayor of Witney, who is holding a Fundraising Dinner on 29th February 2020. The details about this were sent out via parentmail in case you or anyone you know wants to buy tickets and attend.

To support the fundraising for this, the Friends are running a bottle tombola. We are asking for drinks bottle donations to be sent to school Thursday 27th February which will be a non-uniform day. Thanks for your support.

The next FoSS meeting is on Wednesday 4th March at 7.00pm at the Windrush Pub, Burford Road, Witney. Please do come along if you would like to support the Friends.

Please do let us know any ideas you have or if you would like to be more involved in supporting the School by emailing – friends@springfield.oxon.sch.uk

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Staffing Updates

Teachers -

- We have said goodbye to Nic Reeves as she starts her maternity leave and look forward to meeting her baby soon. Welcome to Helen O'Brien who is covering Nic, 4 days a week until the summer.
- Zoe Dobson, one of our KS 4 teachers is leaving at Easter to take up a part-time position at Abingdon and Witney College. We wish her well in her new venture and look forward to continuing to work with her as our pupils move on to college.
- We are currently advertising for some permanent full-time teachers.

TAs -

- We are saying goodbye to Zach Cleden-Radford who is leaving at half term to move to Australia to be with his girlfriend Jess [who was a TA at Springfield until last year]. We wish them both lots of happiness.
- Welcome to Karen Horn and Laura Webster who are job sharing in Jen and Jasmine's class

Pupils -

- Mair Lewis and her family are moving out of Oxfordshire at half term so we sadly will be saying goodbye to them. Mair's Mum Laura has supported the Friends of Springfield and worked as a supply TA in many classes so thank you to her and good luck for the future.

Governors

At the meeting on 6th February, we welcomed new parent governor Anthony Russell.

We reviewed the budget, recruitment, Teacher appraisals and the Induction Policy.

Sickness

Unfortunately it continues to be the time of year when we have quite a lot of sickness and diarrhoea across the School.

If your child has sickness and / or diarrhoea then please remember that they need to be 48 hours clear of this before they can return to school.

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Please do look at the school website, which we are in the process of updating [particularly some of the photos!].

If you click on 'Families' and then 'Useful Links / Information' you will see the links and downloads below that you may find useful for using at home.



USEFUL LINKS / INFORMATION

Communication Low Tech Symbol Boards

Below are some low tech boards that parents / carers may find useful to use with their child at home to support communication and understanding.

Basic needs symbols low tech board



Colour symbols low tech board



Feelings symbols low tech board



Now and next board



Play symbols low tech board



Transport symbols low tech board



Practice the signs of the week at home

Sign of the Week Spring 2020



E-Safety

At Springfield School we are committed to promoting e-safety and helping our pupils enjoy using the internet, social media and online games as safely as possible. We use the schools resources provided by Parent Info (a collaborative project between Parent Zone and CEOP). For further information please go to: www.parentinfo.org

Or visit CEOP at: www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

Or Parentzone at: www.parentzone.org.uk

Anti-Bullying

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has extensive advice and information for parents and carers including an online interactive Anti-Bullying tool for parents

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents>

Details of independent organisations which may be useful to parents are available at

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/anti-bullying>

Places to go

Play parks in and around Witney



Activities in West Oxon



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If you click on 'Families' and then 'Curriculum' you will see the links and downloads below that you may find useful for using at home.

Please see links below that provide further information on curriculum documents and supporting your child.

Sharing a book with your child booklet	Maths Number Parent Carer Information
Maths Framework 2014 Final	Maths Time Parent Carer Information
PE Rota Jun2015	Maths Money Parent Carer Information
PSHCE Rota Jun2015	Maths Measurement Parent Carer Information
Letters and sounds pronunciations of the 44 phonemes	Maths Geometry Parent Carer Information
Phonics play – interactive resources and some parental support	Maths Data Parent Carer Information
Phonics play free resources and support	Maths calculation Parent Carer Information
Alphabet and phonics songs	
Alphablocks phonics	
Variety of downloadable resources of activities	
English resources – handwriting, rhyming, phonics and other activities	

Dates for your



- **Friday 14th February 2020** – Break up for half term holiday at usual time
- **Monday 24th February 2020** – Start of second half of Spring Term for all pupils
- **Friday 27th March 2020** – Family Disco
- **Wednesday 1st April 2020** - Parents and Carers Evening
- Conversion to join the Gallery Trust
- **Friday 3rd April 2020** – Break up for Easter Holidays at usual time
- **Monday 20th April 2020** – Start of Summer Term for all pupils

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