



Springfield School Newsletter

6th September 2018

Head Teacher's News

Welcome back to the start of new school year. I hope you all had a good summer and are ready for the Autumn Term. It was good to see a good number of families at the Friends of Springfield School Summer Party and I am glad we were lucky with the weather.

To avoid confusion, the Bronze Barrow site is the primary site shared with Madley Brook mainstream primary school and is referred to as 'BB'. When we talk about the Wood Green site, this is our secondary site on the same site as Wood Green mainstream secondary school and is referred to as 'WG'.

At the end of last term we said Goodbye to a few members of staff – Teacher Val and TA Lynn have headed off on retirement and Teacher Cath has started her maternity leave. A big thank you to Teacher Carol Shyrane for supporting the Nursery / Reception class with Val. At the end of this week, Assistant Head Topaze also starts her maternity leave. Congratulations to Teacher Sam on the birth of her daughter Jessica in the holidays.

Several of our teachers have also changed the Key Stage that they are working in, please see the next page for this information and to see who the line manager is for each class.



The Value for the 1st half of the Autumn Term is Respect.

We are pleased to be welcoming 14 new pupils to the School. They are all at our primary site and we look forward to getting to know them and working with their families. So a big hello to Jack, Zara, Isobel, Crew, Scarlett, Luca, Jude, Kyle, Bailey, Lincoln, Oliver, Beatrice, Leeroy and Katie.

We are also pleased to welcome new Teacher Anthony Buckle who is working in Key Stage 2 on the primary site. Congratulations to Teacher Nic Evans who got married in the holidays and is now Mrs Nicola Reeves.

On **Wednesday 19th September**, parents / carers are invited to come in straight after school to meet your child's class team and to meet other parents.

Attachments – Hill End Bat Walk Flyer

Emma



Creating Opportunities

Friends of Springfield School [FoSS]

Parents, staff and governors are automatically included as a Friend of Springfield School. A Friend of Springfield School is also anyone who supports the school either on a voluntary basis by fundraising / offering financial support.

The Friends Committee is a group of supporters who:-

1. provide financial support to Springfield School to enhance the educational experiences of the pupils as a registered charity,
2. organise events that provide social opportunities for the families and the chance to develop mutual support
3. raise the profile of the School and special needs in the local community.

It's also a great way to be involved with the school and meet other parents.

New and current parents please get in touch if you would like to join the committee or help in any way. Also check out the Friends of Springfield School Facebook Page.

We are in the process of updating our school website and there will be a link to the new Friends Facebook page. We add news items relating to activities the pupils have been doing as well as events so do have a look to see what is there at www.springfield.oxon.sch.uk

Class Line Managers

Phase of education	Line Managers	Teachers
<u>Nursery and Reception</u>	Emma Lawley	Nicola Dullaghan, Sue Calcutt
<u>Key Stage 1 classes</u>	Emma Lawley	Jo McGill, Nicola Reeves, Claire Colmer and Donna Roberts
<u>Key Stage 2 class</u>	Becs Bradley	Jade Hewlett
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<u>Key Stage 3 classes</u>	Becs Bradley	Kate Bristow, Tim Walker, Beckie Hatt
<u>Key Stage 4 classes</u>	Becs Bradley	Zoe Dobson, Berit Holsen-Dodds

The Friends of Springfield School Sponsored Walk and Wheel on Sunday 30th September 2018 at the Cotswold Wildlife Park.



The Wildlife Park has very kindly agreed that each child being sponsored will get in free with a carer. If you are making it a family day out, then other family members will have to pay entrance. Hopefully you can encourage as many people as possible to be sponsored and to do the sponsoring!



Please let the office know if you would like another sponsor form or you can ask people to make a donation at

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/walkandwheel2018

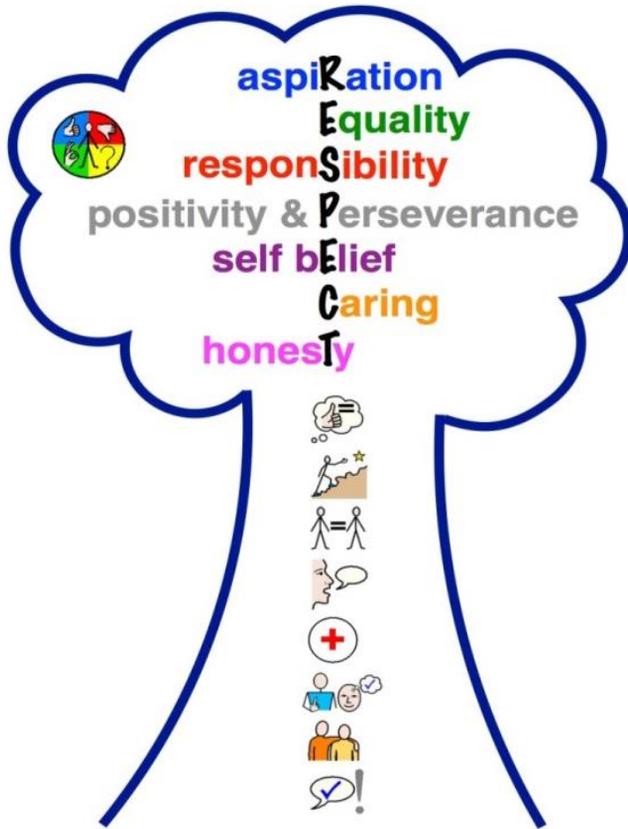
The park opens at 10.00a.m and the official start time is 10.45a.m.

We know that some families will not know many people so having a start time means we can walk and wheel together. We hope the weather will be kind to us so if you would like to bring a picnic, we can all aim to eat around 12.00.

The circuit is approximately one mile but obviously you can go around as many times as you like!

We will be sending out a slip for you to return if you are able to join us and we will then send you some specific tickets for the entrance.

Values



The **Values Tree** identifies the specific Values that are promoted across the whole school community.

These Values cover the areas of Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural [SMSC] development and the fundamental British Values of:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) is at the heart of our school which emphasises the difference between right and wrong; respect and tolerance for differences in a very diverse and modern Britain.

Staff are expected to support children's personal, social and emotional development by helping them to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others; to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.

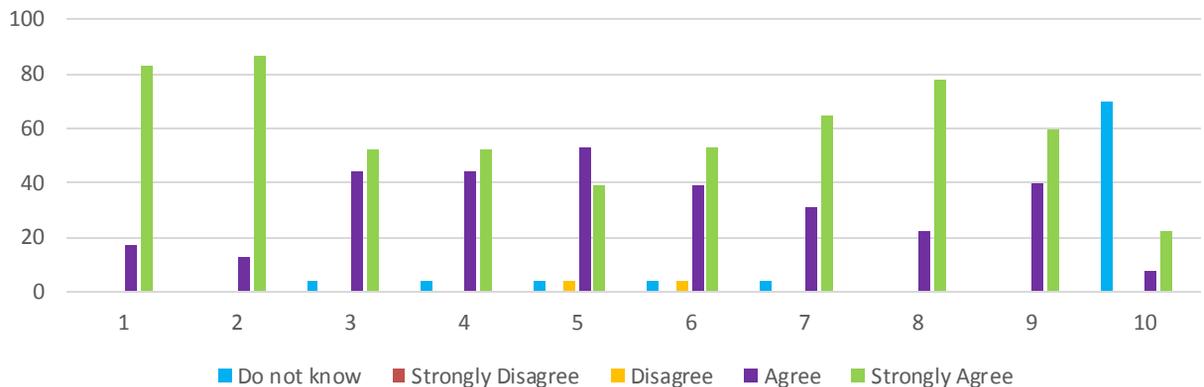
We recognise that such development is most successful when those values and attitudes are promoted by all the staff and provide a model of behaviour for our pupils.

Parent / Carer Survey Responses 2017 - 2018

Thank you to all the parents / carers who completed the survey at the end of last term when we asked you to indicate agreement or disagreement with the 10 statements below.

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| 1 | My child is happy at school | 6 | The school responds well to concerns raised |
| 2 | My child is well cared for | 7 | The Annual Review meeting provides a valuable opportunity to discuss my child and their progress |
| 3 | My child feels safe at school | 8 | The School is well led and managed |
| 4 | My child makes good progress at school | 9 | The School supports parents / carers |
| 5 | The school has high expectations of behaviour | 10 | The School deals effectively with bullying |

Springfield School Parent Survey Responses 2018



It is very good to see that the responses were predominantly agree and strongly agree with most statements. Thank you to the parents / carers who also added some comments related to the statements. The Governors will be reviewing the responses at their September meeting along with the Senior Leadership Team. The information from this survey along with a range of monitoring across the school during the year, helps to inform the priorities for our School Improvement Plan. Once this has been finalised, it will be shared with parents and put on our website.

Naturally, we would like to increase the number of responses indicating that parents / carers strongly agree with the given statements. The four statements to focus on are being safe; making good progress; high expectations of behaviour and responding to concerns. It is key to remember that the responses are very positive and that the focus on these areas is to move from good to outstanding.

Springfield Term and Holiday dates for 2018 – 2019

Inset Staff Training Days – School closed for pupils on both sites

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Wednesday 5th September 2018

Monday 29th October 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Tuesday 8th January 2019

Autumn Term 2018	
1 st Half of Term	<u>Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th September Staff Training Days</u> Thursday 6 th September to Friday 19 th October
Autumn 2018 Half Term Break	Monday 22 nd October to Friday 26 th October
2 nd Half of Term	<u>Monday 29th October Staff Training Day</u> Tuesday 30 th October to Friday 21 st December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 24 th December to Friday 4 th January
Spring Term 2019	
1 st Half of Term	<u>Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th January Staff Training Days</u> Wednesday 9 th January to Friday 15 th February
Spring 2019 Half Term Break	Monday 18 th February to Friday 22 nd February
2 nd Half of Term	Monday 25 th February to Friday 5 th April
Easter Holiday	Monday 8 th April to Monday 22 nd April
Summer Term 2019	
1 st Half of Term	Tuesday 23 rd April to Friday 24 th May Monday 6 th May – May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Summer 2019 Half Term Break	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May
2 nd Half of Term	Monday 3 rd June to Wednesday 24 th July