



Message from Emma

- It was good to see some of you at the Coffee Morning in April, I hope to do another one before we finish for the Summer.
- Despite the rain we enjoyed a picnic to celebrate the King's Coronation at the beginning of the month.
- If you have not already done so then please do take a couple of minutes to complete the Families Survey that was sent out. We really do value all of your feedback. The deadline is midday on Monday 22nd May.
- I appreciate it is frustrating that swimming and some activities have had to be cancelled in recent weeks either because of an issue with the pool or due to staffing. We have a lot of staff absence across the school at the moment which means we have to look at all options to try to ensure that all pupils are in school and we can often only make these decisions on a daily basis when staff and pupil absence is confirmed. These decisions are not taken lightly and we do all we can to continue activities however, the priority is safe staffing levels on some days.

Staff Updates

- As you know from the letter from the Gallery Trust, a new Head has been appointed for September 2023. We are really pleased that Kate Campbell will be joining Springfield and look forward to seeing her on a couple of visits after the half term break.
- Teacher Kate Bristow is leaving at the end of the Summer Term to take on a new venture with the Witherslack group who have provision for young people with SEN. Kate will have been at Springfield for an impressive 26 years!
- We currently have an advert out for a full-time teacher and a teacher to cover Maternity Leave. This is on our website, in case you know anyone who may be interested.
- Many of you will know Carol Willoughby who worked at Springfield as a TA and then as a Senior TA. Carol left Springfield during the Covid Pandemic so did not have an official goodbye. However, we are pleased that she returned this year to mainly do supply work in Claire's primary class. Carol is now officially retiring at half term so a huge thank you to her for over 20 years of support, hard work and good humour.
- A Parentmail was sent with a message about one of our Specialist School Nurses Andrea, saying that she is leaving Springfield next week as an unexpected opportunity came up to be the lead nurse at another school and this change has happened very quickly. Andrea wanted to pass on that it has been a huge privilege to care for your children and she has so many memories of them to take with her.

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Website

Please do check out the new signing resources from the Speech and Language Therapists that are on our website. They are under Families – Learning at home and Curriculum. The image on the right shows what is available. You will also find our weekly signs there.

Wheels for All

Attached is a flyer about this Saturday session that some of our pupils attend and enjoy.

Signing Training Info

Below is some information from the Speech and Language Therapists that they put together for signing training for families.

[Signing Training Presentation April 2023 SaLT](#) ↓

[Signing Tips 2023 SaLT](#) ↓

[Oxfordshire Signing Booklet – General Signs](#) ↓

[Oxfordshire Signing Booklet – People Signs](#) ↓

[Oxfordshire Signing Booklet – Common Objects Signs](#) ↓

[Oxfordshire Signing Booklet – Food Signs](#) ↓

[Oxfordshire Signing Booklet – Action Signs](#) ↓

Dates for your



- **Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June** – Half Term Break
- **Friday 21st July** – break up for summer holidays – Wood Green at 12.55pm and Bronze Barrow at 1.15pm
- **Wednesday 6th September** – first day of the Autumn Term for pupils

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