



Springfield School Newsletter

December 2016

Head Teacher's News

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Dates for your diary

- ◆ **Wed 14th Dec 1.30pm**
Whole school Christmas Performance
- ◆ **Fri 16th Dec**
finish for Christmas break:
WG 1.00 and BB 1.15pm
- ◆ **Tues 3rd Jan 2017**
INSET Training Day. School CLOSED to all pupils
- ◆ **Wed 4th Jan 2017**
first day of the Spring Term for all pupils.

Wow! I can hardly believe we're into the last few weeks of term! It's been a jam-packed few months and the children have been working really hard. These next few weeks will be no less busy but full of Christmas cheer and we're all looking forward to it.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Christmas Performance on Wednesday 14th December in the hall at the Bronze Barrow Primary site. The performance starts at 1.30pm but from 1.00pm you can have coffee and mince pies with some of our governors. For a bit more festive jollity please do come along to the joint Christmas Fayre on Saturday 10th December. It starts at 12pm and is in the Bronze Barrow hall.

Please do also note the times on the left showing when each site finishes on the last day of term and the first day of term for the pupils in January.

In September we welcomed Teachers Claire and Sam back from their maternity leaves. I am pleased to say that we have recruited a new Assistant Head Teacher, Rebecca Bradley who will be starting in January. This position is the vacant one we had last year. Rebecca will be based at our Wood Green Secondary Site and will be sharing Angus' class, teaching on a Monday and Tuesday. Adie Martin will be continuing to cover some of Topaze's leadership days until her return from maternity leave in February.

In October we said goodbye to TA Mike Skinner who has moved on to work with the Ambulance Service. April Butler who has recently been a lunchtime supervisor has left to work at Abingdon and Witney College. We are also bidding a fond farewell at Christmas to two Lunchtime Supervisors. Jane Griggs has worked at Springfield since 1996 and Carol Buckingham since 1997.

I also wanted to let you know before the news is widely spread, that Juliet Foster will be leaving at Easter as she is retiring from the NHS. Juliet has been at Springfield for 22 years and will be greatly missed.

Many thanks to everyone for all their support since September. Please do inform the school if you know of anyone who may wish to volunteer at Springfield or do some supply work with us.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy

New Year.

Emma Lawley



The Friends of Springfield School

The Friends are 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.

We meet approximately once a month to plan events and enjoy a catch up over a glass of wine. We'd love to have a few more members! **Our next meeting is on Wednesday 18th January at 7pm in the Bronze Barrow library.** Please do come along or if you'd like more information email lisa.benson@springfield.oxon.sch.uk



It was great to see a good turnout at the Friends first Family Disco in November. We hope you enjoyed the evening. We have had some very positive feedback and hope to arrange another event like this in the near future.

Oily Cart

We have used some of the money raised for the school to have another visit from the Oily Cart Theatre Company and we have some new equipment in one of the primary playgrounds. The wheelchair accessible roundabout is definitely a favourite!



Christmas Fayre
Saturday 10th December, 12.00 – 2.30pm
At the Bronze Barrow

For this year's Christmas Fayre we are asking for donations of:

- DVD's (no videos thank you!)
- Teddy Bears (previously loved ones in good condition are perfect)
- Wine & any other alcoholic drinks
- There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 9th December in exchange for tombola items.

Please send your donations in during the week starting Monday 5th December.



Extra hands are always needed on the day! If you are available to help at the Christmas Fayre please email Millie/Denise in the school office on: swg.7012@springfield.oxon.sch.uk

Thank you!



Information for parents / carers

We're supporting



Thanks to everyone who participated in the non-uniform day and helped to raise money across both sites and schools. The total raised was £475.70.



School Closure Information

In the event of adverse weather conditions please note the following details:

The whole School will be closed for the following reasons:-

- The roads become impassable (or unsafe to use) for any reason
- The Transport operators decide not to send out their buses/taxis
- An appreciable number of staff are unable to travel to work

Specific Springfield sites may be closed for the following reasons:-

- An appreciable number of staff are unable to travel to their school site
- The heating system fails at a particular school site
- The site is unsafe due to heavy snow or other circumstances



Parents and carers are asked to listen to Radio Oxford (on 95.2 VHF/FM) or Heart FM (on 102.6 VHF/FM) who broadcast lists of school closures from 7 a.m. You can also look at the Radio websites and the county website - www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

We will also put information on our School website as early as possible - www.springfield.oxon.sch.uk

The radio stations only announce school closures for the day. However in severe conditions their websites may state if a school is closed for more than one day.

Safety is the key factor when making a decision about opening the School and this involves safety on the roads, at the site and how many staff can get to work.

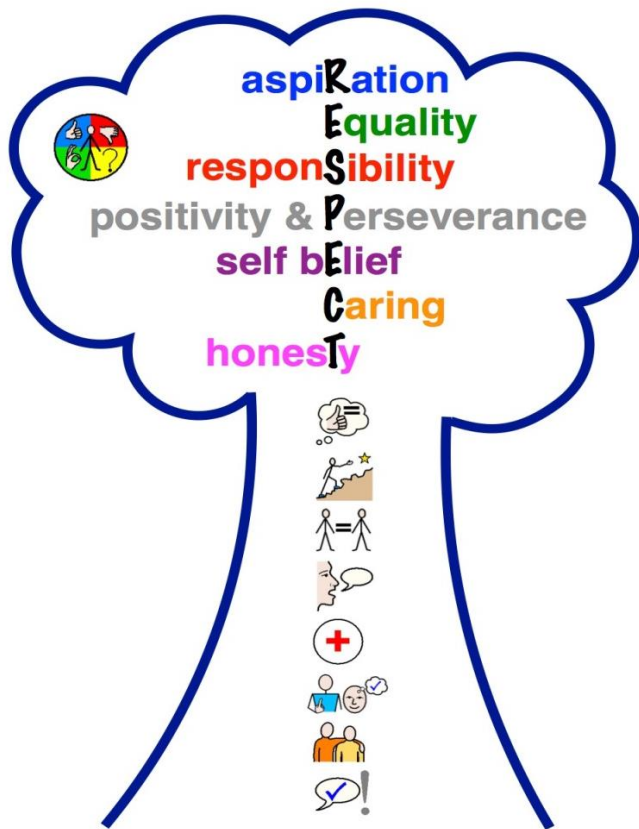
If severe weather continues over several days then after the first day we will consider whether we can open for a shortened day or whether to open only one of the sites. In such a case the school may not be able to be open for all pupils.

Any changes to usual opening procedures will be based on how safe it is. On these occasions it is most efficient to contact parents through 'parentmail'.

To ensure you get Parentmail messages, please let the office know if your email address has changed. If you have not yet signed up for 'parentmail' then please consider doing this. It's easy to do, just email the office on office.7012@springfield.oxon.sch.uk and let them know you want to sign up for Parentmail.



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Values for the Year

The Values Tree on the left identifies the specific values that are promoted across the whole school community.

Before half term we covered Respect and we are currently working on Positivity and Perseverance.

Below are the whole school values for the rest of this academic year -

Spring 1st Half Term
Responsibility

Spring 2nd Half Term
Aspiration and Self-Belief

Summer 1st Half Term
Equality

Summer 2nd Half Term
Caring and Honesty

School Website

We are in the process of re-designing our School website. Please do continue to check the website for news items and for information on activities outside of school hours. We will let you know once the new website is up and running as there will be more information for parents, staff and other professionals to access.

If you have not already done so, then please can you return the permission slip related to use of photos and videos both within the school and beyond.

