



Springfield School Newsletter

April 2018

Head Teacher's News



I hope you all had a good Easter break and I think we are all now ready for some summer warmth.

Since the last newsletter we have said goodbye to TAs Julie Radford and Aine Martyr; lunchtime supervisor Simon King and Admin Chloe Bartlett. We are also saying goodbye to TA Daisy Merriman this week.



Welcome to Christina Waddilove as a lunchtime supervisor. I am pleased to say we had a successful round of recruiting new TAs and are welcoming six new TAs to the school, they are Emma Willis, Renira Scott, Courtney Wright, Claire Murray, Lisa Hutt and Jasmine Ashman. We are also welcoming Beth Smith as Admin in the Bronze Barrow office.

We are welcoming another new pupil, Darcey Ware is joining Val and Carol's class.

Many thanks to Chris Goddard for helping with the premises and welcome to Roisin Collins who will be working in the summer term.

Congratulations to Louise Jones on the birth of Jacob William on 9th March.

Congratulations to Cath Fairfield and Topaze Skerrett who are both expecting babies in September. Good luck to TA Gemma Sykes as she starts her maternity leave. At various points during the summer term we will be wishing good luck to TAs Chloe Woolford and Felicity Sheperd and teacher Sam Orpwood as they will be heading off on maternity leave.

From the beginning of term our school lunch provider at the primary site is changing to "Caterlink". Parents will be emailed the menu, which will also go on the website.

Emma



**The Value for the
1st half of the Summer
Term is Equality**

Creating Opportunities

Governors



Since the last Newsletter there have been two governors' meetings where in addition to the discussions around joining a Multi-Academy Trust we have:-

- Monitored the budget and started to plan the budget for 2018-2019
- Approved the SEN Report
- Reviewed the School Improvement Plan and the School's Self-Evaluation Form and
- Reviewed several policies.

Some governors have also completed visits to different classes with a focus on feedback to pupils and assessment.

We are pleased to welcome another new Governor on board. Carol Hunkin is a new co-opted Governor. Carol is familiar with the school as her son was a pupil with us several years ago. She has also previously been a governor so is familiar with the role and what is required.

At the next meeting the Governors will be approving the budget for 2018 – 2019. as most of you will be aware from the local and national News, funding in schools is a 'hot topic' and along with many other schools we are in the position of having an extremely tight budget and we have great difficulty in making it balance.

The priority for the Senior Leadership Team and the Governors is maintaining the level of staffing that we have. There are going to be some difficult decisions in the future about what we can provide regarding activities and resources and we will work closely with the Friends of Springfield School to bring in as much fundraising as we can.

Springfield Multi-Academy Trust [MAT] Consultation

As you are aware from the letter in March, we are starting the consultation process about joining The Gallery Trust which is a local MAT. Emma is meeting with The Gallery Trust at the beginning of the term and governors will be meeting to finalise the consultation information which will then be sent to all staff, families and other stakeholders. It is really important to the governors that we receive your feedback as all responses will be considered in the decision making process.

Madley Brook MAT

Some of you will be aware that Madley Brook School have just converted to join the River Learning Trust. Katherine Spencer [Head of Madley Brook], Emma and the River Learning Trust have spent a great deal of time discussing the Bronze Barrow primary site and how this works with two schools sharing one building. Everyone concerned has been adamant that the co-located site will continue to work well together and agreement on how this will be done has been secured.

Who are the 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 of 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.

We are pleased that a new parent has joined the committee, along with two members of staff. We are looking at having further representatives from different classes and aim to encourage some more new parents on board.

It is an exciting time to support the committee. You do not need to attend every meeting but we would love some more help. We want to finalise the events for the year and you may have the idea that we have not thought of yet!!!

Following meetings are on Monday 4th June and Monday 2nd July 2018.

Date for your diary – Saturday 21st July 2018 – Friends of Springfield School Summer Party – all families and staff welcome for a picnic and fun in the garden at the secondary site.

Our next 'Friends' meeting is on Monday 30th April at 7.00pm at The Windrush Pub in Witney

Transport Consultation

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION ON A NEW POLICY FOR FUNDING HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT.

It closes on 30th April 2018.

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/HometoSchoolTravelandTransport/consultationHome>

It is essential that the LA have as many responses as possible so that there is a really clear and genuine indication of how this will affect so families and young people with SEN.

Please also consider writing to your local MP about and any Councillors you know about this consultation and your views.

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



Dates for your diary

- ★ **Monday 7th May 2018** - May Bank Holiday – School closed
- ★ **Friday 25th May 2018** - Finish for May Half Term Break
- ★ **Monday 4th June 2018** - Start of 2nd half of Summer Term
- ★ **Monday 4th June 2018** - FoSS meeting 7.00p.m.
- ★ **Monday 2nd July 2018** - FoSS meeting 7.00p.m.
- ★ **Saturday 21st July 2018** - FoSS Summer Party
- ★ **Wednesday 25th July 2018** - Finish for the Summer holidays

**There is an events calendar and full term dates on our website.
Visit www.springfield.oxon.sch.uk**

Help Needed

Does anyone have or know of someone with a mini-digger / excavator?

We are looking at improving the use of the sensory garden at the primary site and are re-designing and developing the current pond area. The use of a mini digger could save many hours of shovelling!! If you can help them please leave your name and number at the primary office for the attention of Claire Smith.