



Springfield Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our X (formerly twitter) page is showing some of the exciting events that have taken place at Springfield and what is to come.

Pentagon Play UK and ESP playground specialist architects have been extremely impressed with the feedback on their playground designs from our school counsellors. Next week, I will be teaching the counsellors about budgets and we will agree a playground design that is within our budget!

Our children and wider community have been very concerned and empathetic with children across the world, who are being severely impacted by war and conflict. Please support our cake sale next Friday, where 100% of the money raised will be donated to UNICEF. We will provide foil/food bags for those who wish to support the fundraising, but take home the cakes as they are fasting. Please give generously to this and our upcoming foodbank.

Can I remind all parents that we gave details of educational visits and their costs in September to support families to budget for these. Please remember to check your ParentPay account and make the necessary payments for your child's trips.

Remember we break up on Friday 22nd March and return on Tuesday 9th April.

Ms S Taylor
Headteacher

Attendance up until 08.03.24

| Whole School | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 2021/ 2022 | 2022/ 2023 | 2023 to date |
| 95.2 | 93.8 | 95.1 |

Our attendance target is 96% minimum

| Class | % |
|-------------|-------|
| Nursery | 89.8% |
| R Inkpen | 90.1% |
| R McKee | 95.6% |
| 1 Donaldson | 94.0% |
| 1 Murphy | 96.0% |
| 2 Bloom | 92.8% |
| 2 Hoffman | 95.2% |
| 3 Fine | 95.4% |
| 3 Wilson | 97.2% |
| 4 Morpurgo | 96.5% |
| 4 Pullman | 97.6% |
| 4 Rauf | 97.5% |
| 5 Blackman | 96.4% |
| 5 Zephaniah | 97.2% |
| 6 Gavin | 97.6% |
| 6 Hardy | 95.9% |
| 6 Naidoo | 97.5% |

Fasting Reminder

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you have given consent for them to fast, please ensure you let the office know in the morning if your child will not be fasting. This is to ensure that a meal is prepared for them and ParentPay is updated accordingly. Can you check your ParentPay account balance over the weekend and let the school office know if you notice any errors as soon as possible so amendments can be made.

6 Days of Giving

We have learned from our Muslim friends and families that Ramadan is a time to reflect on how fortunate we are, and to remember and give charity to those less fortunate than ourselves.

In the spirit of giving to others (sadaqah) we would like to set a foodbank challenge to support our 10 good deeds this academic year.

Therefore, from Friday 15th March to Friday 22nd March, we are asking children to gift an item to our food bank collection each day:

Springfield's six days of giving (sadaqah).

The items should be non-perishable (canned goods, pasta, rice, lentils etc) and within their use-by date. Every little helps and so whatever you can donate will be greatly received.

Leave In Term Time Fines

We would like to remind parents that leave in term time is not authorised and fines will be issued by Birmingham City Council for parents/carers who take their children out of school. We have been advised by Birmingham City Council that Leave In Term Time fines will be increasing from £60 per child per parent/carer to £80. We have also been advised that ALL adults in the same household can be fined. If fines are not paid in 3 weeks, this will increase to £160.

Charity Cake Sale



We will be holding a Charity Cake Sale for children throughout the day on Friday 22nd March to raise money for children affected by war. Shop bought donations are welcome if you would like to contribute. Anything that is not sold during the day will be available for parents/cares to buy at the end of the day from the playground.

Sports for Champions

Cricketer Ami Campbell, who currently plays for Worcestershire County Cricket Club, will be coming to Springfield on Thursday 18th April to talk to us about her career as a cricketer, to fundraise and to run Springfield's own fitness circuit challenge for our children.

Your child would have brought home a sponsorship form last week to raise funds for this amazing opportunity as well as other exciting opportunities at school.

Please encourage your child to research her career before she arrives.

Dates For Your Diary

19.03.24 – Freshwater Theatre Workshop – Year 2

22.03.24 – Charity Cake Sale

22.03.24 – Break up for Easter Holidays

09.04.24 – School re-opens for all pupils at 8.45am

18.04.24 – Sports for Champions – Ami Campbell

06.05.24 – Bank Holiday – School is closed

13.05.24 – **16.05.24** – Y6 SATs Week

15.05.24 – Year 3 Egyptian Workshop

27.05.24 – Bank Holiday – School is closed

Attendance

Children who have 100% attendance for the whole year and do not take more than the one authorised day for religious observance will be treated to a day out at the end of the academic year.

Please speak to Miss Stringer or Mrs Hussain a member of staff if you need help to ensure that your child attends school daily.