







Newsletter

July 2021



<p>Message from Matthew</p> 	<p>What a year it has been!</p> <p>I am proud of how the school community have come together to support each other and trying to ensure that the school has continued to flourish in spite of the pandemic that we are in.</p> <p>I am particularly proud of how the teaching staff have adapted and responded to a new way of working, and their commitment to the pupils' mental well-being as well as their education in both the school and college.</p> <p>We continue to be a growing school, and are coming into the final year of our expansion. We will have an additional secondary class in September to accommodate the growing numbers of pupils who need a placement with us. We will also have a full complement of students at college and I will be excited to see how they will utilise the facilities that are on offer there.</p> <p>On a final note, with all of the current racism aimed at some of the members of the England football team, I wanted to highlight the school's commitment to tackling racist behavior. We are proud of the diverse community that we serve. There is no place for racism, or any form of discrimination, in any part of our school or the society we serve. We celebrate diversity and encourage our pupils to be proud of who they are.</p> <p>I wish you all a happy and healthy summer break and I wish all our leavers every success.</p>
<p>Message from Eddie McCudden</p> 	<p>As we come to the end of one of the most difficult years at Springhallow School I would like to thank you all, on behalf of the Governing Body, for your wonderful support since I wrote to you all in March and welcomed you back to school.</p> <p>I have been lucky to visit both the school and college many times since March and look at the great things we have achieved together since then; we now have a garden at the college and plans for an outside teaching space, a fantastic new Life Skills room assembled by the teaching staff, and we have extended the play space with new equipment at the main school but most of all we have been able to return to continuing your education and I would like to thank Matthew, teaching and support staff personally, but most of all I would like to thank you all for your commitment, we couldn't have done it without you.</p> <p>As your Chair of Governors, I meet with Matthew and Ian, your Vice Chair of Governors, every two weeks and we have been discussing and planning how we will be preparing for the September Term and to normality. We have some new Teaching Staff joining us, I was proud to be part of the interview process with Matthew and Katie. I have been lucky to work with BEE (a company who are helping us with work placements at College) in preparing our Post 16 students for work. Even your Governing Body are having training in September to ensure that we have the right skills to help Matthew and the teaching staff with their work in providing your education.</p> <p>So finally, can I wish you all a well-earned rest for summer and I really look forward to seeing you all in September when we return to school and college to even greater and better times.</p>
<p>Parent sessions</p>	<p>We are very lucky to have such committed therapy team offering us advice and support. Part of this provision is to maximize support for parents and carers to meet their children's therapy needs within the home.</p> <p>In the new term, we will be asking you what types of sessions you would like and how you would like these delivered so watch this space!</p>

Student Council	<p>This year, the student council has worked really hard to help make the school a better place. Projects have included surveying the students about their mental well-being upon return to school and college, purchasing new playground equipment and a small group of them spoke at a recent group for parents. They have all represented their classes successfully and have been great advocates for the school.</p> <p>A new student council will be elected in September to continue this amazing work!</p>	
Therapy Support – Skill of the month	<p>Play outside!</p> <p>1/ Outside is a great time to play people games. People games involve at least 2 people but no toys, e.g. Chase, tickles, peek-a-boo</p> <p>2/ To get the most from your people games, remember to make them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repetitive (use the same actions, song, and words to introduce the game) • Create opportunities for your child to engage by pausing to give them a chance to continue the game. <p>3/ Complete an outdoor obstacle course using stepping stones and hurdles. This will encourage your child to get sensory input and encourage them to plan and problem solve within tasks.</p> <p>4/ Undertake outdoor messy play activities such as water play, flour, mud play and shaving foam etc.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>	
ICT support	<p>A series of 'how to' guides have been developed by Jack to help support parents with e Safety at home. These are available on our school website and are well worth checking out - Online Safety.</p>	
Upcoming Dates New/altered dates in red	AUTUMN TERM 2021	
	September	
	1/9/21	INSET – School closed to pupils
	22/9/21 (from 3.30pm)	Parents' Evening
	October	
	WC 25/10/21	Half Term
	November	
	1/11/21	INSET – School closed to pupils
	December	
	17/12/21	End of term 1.30pm (Christmas Holidays)
SPRING TERM 2022		
January		
Tue 4/1/22	First day of Spring term	