






# Newsletter

## November 2020



<p><b>Message from Matthew</b></p> 	<p>Thank you for the role you are playing in keeping our school community safe! In these difficult times, particularly with the new national lockdown in force, it is great to see how your children and young people have adapted positively to the new measures we have had to put in place and how nice it is to have them back at school with our 'new' normal.</p> <p>Can I also express my thanks to each and every member of staff who has supported these arrangements over the last few months and who continue to be committed to ensuring that all pupils are getting the best education and adapting to these new ways of working. Whilst we are not able to get together as the whole school community this term, I hope that you agree that we have made the most of these, most challenging circumstances and look forward to when we can return to a 'normal' normal!</p>
<p><b>Message from Brigitte Bistrick-Bryan</b></p> 	<p>In the midst of the pandemic, there have been some changes in our Governing Board. I am delighted that Eddie McCudden has joined me as Co-Chair. Eddie has been an incredibly valuable governor for many years. His expertise in his role as our Health &amp; Safety Governor as well as his personal passion and commitment to the school make him the ideal Co-Chair. We were also delighted to welcome Estine Kirsten on our GB as the new staff governor.</p>  <p>We are, however, sad to say good bye to Prasad Nadipalli, whose term as parent governor has come to an end. Prasad has been a calm and professional voice on the GB for many years and we will miss him enormously. We would like to thank him for his many years of support for the school!</p> <p>The Governors continue to work closely with Matthew and staff by Zoom calls to ensure that your Governing Board continues to support the children, parents and staff through these difficult times and also look forward to returning normality when this is possible.</p>
<p><b>Family Support</b></p>	<p>Whilst we have not been able to hold our usual coffee mornings and support sessions, Ana continues her work with families, offering support, guidance and advice. If you find you need help, please call her at school or email <a href="mailto:ana@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk">ana@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk</a> and she will do her best to assist you or point you in the right direction.</p>
<p><b>Children who are unwell</b></p>	<p><b>If your child is unwell, do not send them into school.</b> Keep them at home until they are better. Do not give them medicine and send them into school as this can mask the symptoms and put others at risk. We have pupils and staff members with vulnerable people in their households and we are trying to do all we can to protect our school community.</p> <p>The symptoms for COVID19 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)</li> <li>• a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)</li> <li>• a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal</li> </ul> <p>If you, or a member of your household has any of these, please arrange for a test and stay at home. If you have difficulties getting a test, or would struggle to get your child to a test center, please contact the school as we may be able to help.</p>

<b>eSafety Survey</b>	A short survey was sent out by email to parents and carers last week regarding online safety. Unfortunately, so far the response rate has been poor. Please check your emails and complete this survey to help us develop our eSafety offer.	
<b>Student Council</b>	Our student council is made up of some new class reps this year and they are already working hard. They have compiled and sent a questionnaire to students about their time during the partial school opening and their return to full time schooling. Whilst many of the children and young people reported feeling sad or worried during the partial school closure, the vast majority are reporting that they are happy to be back! Many have also suggested some ideas for the student council to consider in their work this year. The student council is a good representation of the student population and we look forward to how they can support the school's development in the future.	
<b>Upcoming Dates</b> <b>New/altered dates in red</b>	<b>Autumn term 2020</b>	
	17/12/20	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
	18/12/20	Last day of autumn term (1.30pm finish for pupils)
	<b>Spring term 2021</b>	
	4/1/21	Start of spring term for pupils
	12/2/21	INSET day – school closed to pupils
	WC 15/2/21	Half term
	31/3/21	Last day of spring term (1.30pm finish for pupils)
	<b>Summer term 2021</b>	
	19/4/21	Start of summer term for pupils
	WC 31/5/21	Half term
	21/7/21	Last day of summer term
	22/7/21	INSET day – school closed to pupils
	23/7/21	INSET day – school closed to pupils
	26/7/21	Occasional day – school closed to pupils
27/7/21	Occasional day – school closed to pupils	
28/7/21	Occasional day – school closed to pupils	