




Newsletter

December 2022



<p>Message from Matthew</p> 	<p>It's the beginning of a very festive week at Springhallow as we prepare for Christmas. This term has been extremely busy for us all at school and everyone has worked hard to deliver the best education for your children. The school's senior leaders have visited all the classes in the last few weeks and the quality of the lessons, work samples and experience for your children was great. Our staff are really dedicated to ensuring that every pupil has a good experience and this was really nice to observe.</p> <p>Looking ahead to the Spring term, we are in a good place as a school and have a pending Ofsted inspection in our sights. We do have some staffing challenges and we are not alone in this, but so far, any changes we have had to make have been well received by the classes affected. Thank you! It will be nice to see as many of you as possible for our Christmas Concerts later this week (Secondary on Wednesday and Primary on Thursday). It is great to give our students the opportunity to perform but please be mindful that things do not always go to plan!</p>
<p>Message from Eddie McCudden</p> 	<p>I would like to congratulate Winnie Driver who has been elected as your new Parent Governor. The Governors do a great job in their role as a critical friend and Winnie will be a great addition to the team bringing a fresh perspective to the FGB.</p> <p>School finances continue to be a focus of the Resources Committee in these very difficult times for the school, LA, and country as a whole. I am pleased to advise you that the Full Governing Body are working with the School and LA to ensure that we have all the necessary resources to continue with the delivery of your education and pathway to employment.</p> <p>I was also pleased to attend the Christmas lunch at Springhallow and I was pleased to see so many interesting jumpers and hats. So, in closing may I, on behalf of all the Governors, wish you all a very Merry Christmas, winter break and a Happy New Year!</p>
<p>Parental Feedback</p>	<p>Thank you to all of you who provided feedback during the parent/carer consultation events in November. It was great to read that the vast majority of you acknowledge that the school is doing a great job! I was really pleased to see that many of you have reported that communication has improved between home and school – this is great feedback as we have invested in new systems as a result of previous parental feedback and these seem to be working well.</p> <p>You also provided us with some pointers for future development for your child or the school as a whole and this is really useful as we are constantly trying to improve the support we offer to our families.</p> <p>If you wish to share your views, you can do so at any time using ParentView - Give your views Ofsted Parent View</p>
<p>Friends of Springhallow</p>	<p>A big thank you to everyone that supported our Christmas Disco and raffle. It was such a special evening and great to see all of the children and young people having such a good time! Harry and Idress did a great job with the tunes! A special thanks needs to be extended to Cathal for his organisation of the event and everyone that made a donation. Overall, the event made over £700 for the Friends.</p> <p>We are looking for some more parent input in planning and supporting the development of the Friends, both at the main school and at Post 16 as we have some exciting plans. If you are interested in supporting the school further, please contact Cathal (via the School Office).</p>

Staffing	<p>During the course of the Autumn term, we said goodbye to Safana (in Robin class). Thank you to Domini (a supply teacher) who is covering this class. At the end of this week, we will also be saying goodbye to Ilias, who since half term has been working at Post 16. Paula (a supply teacher) has been covering in Osprey class since half term with the support of Dorota (one of our HLTAs). We are currently looking to recruit qualified teachers to join us, so please spread the word if you know of any skilled and talented teachers who are experienced or who wish to develop in SEN - Class Teachers Vacancy</p> <p>Ann Marie will be leaving us at the end of this week to retire. She has worked across the school and has most recently been at Post 16 and was instrumental in the setting up of this provision alongside Katie and the staff there. Ann Marie has worked at the school for two decades and will be missed by us all.</p>	
Pupil Sickness	<p>As a school, we place a high focus on pupil attendance. We ask you to ensure your children attend school when they are able to.</p> <p>However, there are times when some children are attending when they are too poorly and would be better at home. If you do have to administer medicine in the morning, your child is unlikely to make it through the day and it is highly likely that you will be called to make arrangements to collect them.</p> <p>Recently, we have sent guidance to you all regarding Scarlet Fever and Strep A. Please refer to this if you are concerned about your child - Scarlet fever - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</p>	
Upcoming Dates	Wed 14th Dec 22	Secondary Christmas Concert (13:30)
	Thurs 15th Dec 22	Primary Christmas Concert (13:30)
	Fri 16th Dec 22	End of term (13:30 finish)
	Tue 3rd Jan 23	Start of Spring term
	Fri 10th Feb 23	INSET – School and College closed to pupils
	Mon 13th Feb 23	Half Term
	Tue 28th Feb 23	Parents Evening - School (15:30 – 18:30)
	Tue 7th March 23	Parents Evening - Post 16 (15:30 – 18:30)
	Fri 31st March 23	End of term (13:30 finish)
	Mon 17th April 23	Start of Summer term