





Newsletter

July 2023



<p>Remembering Peter Okello</p>	<p>Peter, an ex-student, sadly passed away at the beginning of June. A few years after leaving Springhallow, Peter came back to volunteer at the school and then got a job at John Chilton School as a Sports Apprentice where he worked until his passing. Peter will be fondly remembered by many a Springhallow and greatly missed.</p> <p>https://www.john-chilton.ealing.sch.uk/news/newsfeed/in-loving-memory-of-peter-okello/</p>
<p>Message from Matthew</p> 	<p>I cannot believe that another academic year has passed – they do seem to be getting quicker! We seem to have packed in a lot during this year and your children have thrived in the safe and stimulating environment we have created together.</p> <p>Thank you for your support during the industrial action that has impacted all of us throughout the year. I am grateful to the members of staff in the NEU who have been successful in their attempts to get fairer pay for teachers and address some of the wider concerns that are facing the teaching profession.</p> <p>For classes on the main site, we have the Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday at 5pm. This is an informal chance for you to come into school and meet your child's new teacher and see their classroom. This event is not suitable for children, so please make alternative arrangements for them. We will have our usual, more formal parents evening later in the Autumn term.</p> <p>I am truly grateful to the school community for all of your support this year. I am proud to lead this school and look forward to another successful year.</p>
<p>Message from Eddie McCudden</p> 	<p>As we look forward to starting our summer break, preparing for new pupils, moving up in year, and saying goodbye to our school leavers, some staff, our fantastic Governor Sian, and friends, I will look back on the past 12 months with great pride and achievement.</p> <p>Over the past year I have attended the school and Post 16 regularly, committee meetings, FGB meetings and attended the Outreach Conference and continue to be truly amazed with the great work our teachers and visiting staff are undertaking. We are very lucky to have fantastic and committed teaching staff at Springhallow.</p> <p>Matthew, Ian (Vice Chair of Governors) and I continue to meet fortnightly to discuss school business, dealing with issues such as funding and teacher strikes (which we hope are now fully resolved) and planning for governor training which we undertake regularly.</p> <p>I have been a regular visitor to Spring Cafe and enjoy my usual latte and catching up with the students and chatting about their progress and ambitions. It was also great to see so many of you at the Post 16 Fair and meeting and talking to some of your parents, my congratulations to Katie and the team for organising it.</p> <p>But most of all it's been wonderful to see you all so happy in your classes and at play time. So, on behalf of the full Governing Body, may I wish you a great summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September.</p>
<p>Friends of Springhallow</p>	<p>THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU THAT SUPPORTED OUR SUMMER FAIR!</p> <p>Last Saturday saw our summer fair at our Post 16 site. For those of you that came, I am sure that you will all agree that this was a great success and a lovely way to spend some time at school on a Saturday and showcase our provision at Post 16.</p> <p>We are pleased to report that the event has raised over £7000!</p> <p>Please can we thank our sponsors, Amazon Fresh, Greener Ealing, and Toureen Construction for their generous donations. Thank you to Irene (Therion and Yui's Mum) for raffling a doll and raising a staggering amount and to those individuals that were successful in the silent auction.</p> <p>Thank you to Trudy, chair of the Friends of Springhallow and all the staff and helpers who prepared for and offered help on the day. And finally, thanks to Katie, for leading this project to great success! Email friends@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk if you are interested in helping future events!</p>

Extended Services	<p>As you know, we are planning on running a HAF Summer Club for 7 days during the Summer Holidays. Thank you to Cathal and the staff who are supporting these additional days during their holidays.</p> <p>We have also agreed to let out our Post 16 site to MENCAP and Action for Children during the Summer break to support their short break offer for young people with disabilities in the local area. Thank you to Colin, our site manager at P16, for supporting this new endeavor.</p>																			
School Evaluation	<p>Thank you to all of the parents and carers who fed back their views on the work we do as a school. The feedback we have received was overwhelmingly positive and supports our views that we are doing a great job educating and supporting your children and young adults. Some of the highlights for us were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>96% of you feel your child is happy at school</i> • <i>94% of you feel your child is safe</i> • <i>92% of you feel that we have high aspirations for your child</i> <p>This data has been shared with School Governors and the wider staff team and some of the suggestions will support priority areas within the new School Development Plan which will be available early next year.</p>																			
Staffing	<p>At the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to two of our teachers, Trishna and Sarah. Both of these members of staff have supported our Post 16 offer and helped to develop it over their time at college. I am delighted to welcome back Lauren from maternity leave, who will be joining the Post 16 teaching team, as well as Ruben Pedrosa (an Agency teacher).</p> <p>I am also pleased to say that we are supporting two of our current Teaching Assistants in the PGCE year to become qualified teachers. Gwen will be working in Cedar class and Stephanie in Elm class. We have also been developing roles to support the students at our Post 16 provision. This term, Sam Armstrong (a TA who has been at the school for a number of years) has been appointed as a Job Coach. We have also recently appointed Nisha Jain as a Family Support Worker to work across both sites supporting transitions for our 14-19 year olds.</p>																			
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