



Newsletter

October 2023



<p>Message from Matthew</p> 	<p>I wish to express a huge welcome to the new pupils and their families who have joined Springhallow this term. It is great to welcome so many new faces into the Springhallow community. We have refreshed our Home/School Agreement (see below) as this document helps to establish the expectations with regards to how we can work well together.</p> <p>We have had a very busy half term and the pupils have settled well into their new classrooms, working well with the class team and the new friends in their classes. I have also had the pleasure to spend a lot of my time over at our Post 16 site and these pupils, who have transferred to this site, are doing great!</p> <p>This half term has finished with the Springhallow Carnival, to mark Black History month. We all love these opportunities for the whole school community to come together, particularly for such an important focus.</p>
<p>Message from Eddie McCudden</p> 	<p>As your Chair of Governors, I wish to introduce myself to all of the new families that we have welcomed into our wonderful school.</p> <p>I am proud to lead your Governing Body, a team of highly committed individuals who want to make a difference within the school. The Governing Body is made up of a diverse range of people with a wide range of skills and abilities. For more information about who is who, please have a look on our website - Governors Springhallow School</p> <p>This term, the Governing Body have met to discuss the priorities for the year and allocate members onto the relevant committees and prepare for the forthcoming Ofsted inspection. The Governors are regular visitors to the school, which helps in their understanding of the role and to develop an understanding of how to support the school.</p>
<p>Parents Evening feedback</p>	<p>Thank you to all of you who attended our parents' evenings (face to face or virtually). It is important to establish a close working relationship with each of you, for the benefit of your children. Thank you to those who completed our short survey already. If you did not, and wish to share your views, please follow this link https://forms.office.com/e/zCnE7Fkx6H?origin=lprLink</p>
<p>Friends of Springhallow</p> 	<p>We are very excited to have recently relaunched the 'Friends of Springhallow' charity. The charity supports both Springhallow School and Post 16, with specialist equipment, resources, activities for students and families and other projects. The Summer Fair at Post 16 was the first of many events and fundraising ventures we have planned, watch this space for more info. To get involved, be added to our new mailing list or to ask a question please get in touch by email: friends@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk</p> <p>We would love to hear from you!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Follow us on Instagram @friendsofpringhallow</i></p>
<p>Extended Services</p>	<p>A huge thank you to Cathal, Maria and the staff that supported our HAF Summer Club at the beginning of the summer holidays. As a school, we were able to support 58 families, offering 293 sessions over the 7 days the HAF programme was in operation.</p>
<p>Student Council</p>	<p>The Student Councilors have been elected and have met this term to discuss their priorities for the year. Ideas included upgrading the school's computers, creating resources to support Anti-bullying & ESafety and creating a mini museum. Watch this space...</p> <p>Our next meeting will incorporate a visit to our Post 16 site.</p>
<p>Drop off/Pick up</p>	<p>Our main school site can become incredibly congested at the beginning and end of the school day. With the majority of our pupils on Home/School Transport, we need to ensure that this group of pupils are able to enter and leave the school safely.</p> <p>If you do drop off and collect, please try to avoid the busiest time, when the majority of pupils are moving from the buses (between 9:00-9:10 and 15:00-15:10). The school's soft start and finish allows for all other parents to drop off and collect their children efficiently between 9:10-9:30 and 15:10-15:30.</p>

	Due to the demands on staff time in the mornings, and to allow for them to prep for the day ahead, the school doors will not be open until 8:55am.	
Pupil Absences	<p>Attendance at school is so important for all pupils and this is rightly a focus of the Department for Education, who have issued updated guidance on the expectations of school. We aim to maintain our high attendance levels throughout this academic year. We ask you to ensure your children attend school when they are able to.</p> <p>If your child is unwell, please ensure you have informed the school office using our ParentApp or by the telephone and keep us updated. If we have not heard from you, the school office will make contact with you to ensure that we are complying with our safeguarding duties, however this can be time consuming and detracts from other tasks the team have to complete.</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, special leave can be granted by the Head Teacher, but this needs to be applied for in writing before the leave is taken. Other absences taken outside of this guidance will be unauthorised.</p> <p>The school's attendance policy (available on our website) provides more details</p>	
Springhallow Alumni	<p>Calling all Springhallow Leavers!</p> <p>Following the success of our last Alumni event last year, we have planned to meet again this term on Thursday 30th November. Details have already been sent out to those on our distribution list but if you feel you have been missed, please email post16@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk for more details and to be included.</p>	
Upcoming Dates	WC 23/10/23	HALF TERM
	Tue 19 th December (pm)	Whole School Festive Celebration
	Wed 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch
	Thurs 21 st December (1:30pm)	End of Autumn term
	Mon 8 th January 2024	First day of Spring term



Home School Agreement September 2023 – July 2024

What I can expect from the school and college:

- A commitment to a high standard of teaching and learning
- Highly skilled staff with an enhanced understanding of how to support pupils with Autism
- A safe and positive environment
- Appropriately regular communication
- Regular updates through formal meetings (parents' evenings and EHCP Annual Review)
- A rapid and appropriate response to resolve problems or difficulties
- Homework that is appropriate to the age and learning ability of the individual

What the school and college expect of parents and carers:

- To actively support the aims and values of Springhallow
- To ensure that children attend on time, wearing school uniform or smart, practical clothing
- To keep relevant staff informed of any matters that may affect their child
- To respond to home/school communication in a timely manner
- To keep children at home if they are unwell and provide regular updates about pupil absences via the Parent App or telephone – if you have to give your child medicine/paracetamol in the morning, they are unlikely to make it through the day.
- To provide up to date contact details for at least two individuals and inform the office of any changes including emergency contacts
- To encourage and support reading/homework activities
- To take part in parent/teacher meetings
- To respect staff members privacy and professionalism – do not raise issues/discuss individual members of staff on social media/group messaging apps

What parents & carers and the school expect of the pupils:

- To always try their best at Springhallow
- To treat everybody with respect
- To follow the agreed class rules

We are all committed to adhering to the above, but we can always do better and learn from situations that may have been difficult. If there are any concerns/conflicts, please follow the guidance within the school's complaints policy