



Newsletter

December 2023



<p>Message from Matthew</p> 	<p>As we are heading into the final few days of the Autumn term, I took the opportunity to reflect on everything that has been achieved since September. I am pleased to report that all of the classes are well settled and the staff have been so skilled at ensuring that all of the pupils are getting the most out of their time at school. We are so lucky to have the dedicated staff team that we have here at Springhallow.</p> <p>This term we have supported staff to develop their understanding in two key areas of training for the Local Authority. We have delivered Therapeutic Thinking which supports and underpins our approach to behaviour management, we have also delivered four staff TWILIGHTS focusing on Ealing's Race Equality commitments. Both of these initiatives will have a direct impact on the quality of education that we provide for your children.</p> <p>I hope that everyone is able to enjoy the rest that the festive break may bring and I am looking forward to seeing you all in 2024 (if not before at some of the events we have planned over the next few days).</p>
<p>Message from Eddie McCudden</p> 	<p>I can't believe yet another year is coming to an end, it only seems like yesterday I was having Christmas lunch with you all and watched Santa delivering your Christmas presents last year. I would like to welcome Caroline O'Connor (Deputy Head at EAP) as LA Governor. Caroline will be a great addition to the Governing Body and brings another level of expertise to the FGB. An interesting fact is Caroline competed at two Olympic Games (2008 & 2012) as the cox for the Great Britain Women's Eight.</p> <p>School finances continue to be a focus of the Resources Committee in these very difficult times for the school, LA, and country. 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 adulthood.</p> <p>Last year, I attended the Christmas lunch at Springhallow and I was pleased to see so many interesting jumpers and hats and I look forward to attending the Christmas lunch next week. 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>Parents Governor</p>	<p>The term of office for two of our Parent Governors will be coming up for review. Both Ahmed and Yasmin wish to continue in this role but if there are any other interested parents, please make contact with Jenny Conolley (our Clerk before Friday 12th January) to express an interest so that we have time to arrange formal elections if necessary.</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, and we have the Festive Party this week. 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>Pupil Attendance</p>	<p>It is really important that your children attend school regularly when they are well. This consistent routine supports their learning and development as gaps in their attendance can prevent them from making the progress that we all hope of them.</p> <p>We do understand that there will be times, in exceptional circumstances, when you may need to take them out of school.</p> <p>The LA and Government look closely at our overall attendance figures. This term our overall attendance figure is 92%. Together, we can improve on this.</p>

Springhallow Alumni	<p>A few weeks back, we held our second Alumni event for our leavers and past students at Springhallow. This was once again a success! It is great to hear from our ex-students to get an update on what they are doing. We also paid our respects to Peter (an ex-student) alongside his family through a presentation that Andrew had put together for the evening.</p> <p>Our next event will be a summer BBQ on Thursday 27th June (17:00 - 19:00). If you are on the Alumni mailing list, look out for an invitation nearer the time.</p>	
Student Council	<p>Our student council have been busy this term!</p> <p>We were visited by Councillor Nagpal just after half term. She was impressed with the school and the student council were able to answer her questions.</p> <p>We have student council reps from our Primary, Secondary and Post 16 departments. To ensure that all of Post 16's meetings are not just online, we held a meeting at the Greenford site. The younger members of the student council enjoyed the chance to look around our great Post 16 site and have a meeting there.</p> <p>Our Primary reps on the council, Sharuya and Ali, were invited to Castlebar's Christmas Bazaar this week. During this visit they met with members of Castlebar's school council and helped run some of the stalls. This was a great opportunity to work alongside another school council and we have invited them to have their next meeting at SpringCafe in the new year.</p>	
Upcoming Dates	Friday 15 th December (17:00-19:00)	Friends of Springhallow Festive Party
	Tue 19 th December (13:15-14:30)	Whole School Festive SHINE Parents invited to join us!
	Wed 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch <i>Christmas Raffle draw – please buy a ticket from the School Office</i>
	Thurs 21 st December (13:30)	End of Autumn term (early finish)
	Mon 8 th January 2024	First day of Spring term
	Fri 9 th February	INSET – School closed to pupils
	WC Mon 12 th February	HALF TERM