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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for the great turn out at Parents' Evening and the completion of the questionnaires.

It has been a very positive half term with some great learning going on in all year groups. The teachers and Teaching Assistants have worked tirelessly to ensure the children continue to grow and have fun. I have appointed two new Welcome Ambassadors from Year 5 – Leo and Melody. They have amazed me with their eloquence as they show both children and adults around the school. Great job!

Staffing News

It is with sadness that we inform you that Mrs Jones will be leaving us after Christmas. We wish her all the best in her new ventures. We'd like to welcome back Miss Milbourn who will be the class teacher from January. She has already been in to visit the class who are looking forward to working with her in 2018.

Our value for December is 'Happiness'



December Value

Governor News

I'm delighted to inform you that we are now part of the Challenger Multi Academy Trust (CMAT); joining our neighbour Daubeney and KCA to form a strong and coherent through school offering to the children of Kempston and beyond.

We've had our first meeting with the other local CMAT schools – Heads and Chairs of Governing Bodies, to explore how we can make best use of our shared resources, knowledge and best practice to ensure that we give all our children the best possible educational opportunities.

I look forward to reporting back to you all on these initiatives and their impact. In the meantime, we can look forward to a wonderful Christmas half term with the highlights of the winter fare, school production and the trip to the pantomime.

Best wishes
Darren Gibbons
Chair of Springfield Primary School Governing Body

PTA Fireworks Display

Thank you so much to all the amazing helpers and the PTA who made our Fireworks Display so fantastic!!



Thank you to Kimbolton Fireworks for a superb display - it was just AMAZING!! We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves and we are already planning next year's display.

Parent Forum – Have your say

The first Parent Forum meeting was held on 22nd November. There was plenty of lively debate and the parents involved made several suggestions that we are now hoping to implement. If you would like to become involved in the Parent Forum, please speak to the school office.

What has been going on in the classes?

This half term, the children have been learning all about Celebrations.

Reception



Reception have been enjoying learning all about Celebrations. We started with fireworks night and Diwali and then moved on to birthdays. The children particularly enjoyed celebration their grandparents and loved showing them all we do in reception when they came to visit. Rehearsals are underway for our Christmas performance, the songs are very catchy and we have discovered some really enthusiastic performers! We hope you can all join us on the 4th December.

Year 1

It's been a great half term for Year 1! We have all enjoyed learning about celebrations of light including Diwali, Eid and bonfire night. The children have become actors this half term, retelling the stories of Rama and Sita and of Guy Fawkes.

The children have made Diva lamps by moulding clay and have decorated them using bright and beautiful colours. They cannot wait to show you their finished products!

We have been amazed at the number of children that have given donations for the Keech Hospice Trust, will all your help children at the Hospice will now get the chance to have a wonderful Christmas this year.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great start to the term. The celebration topic is a fun and exciting topic. We have learned facts about Diwali and made our own diva lamps. Following this, we learned about Guy Fawkes and wrote a letter to convince him not to blow up the houses of parliament. The children produced some good views and are really concentrating on their presentation as well as building skills of the features of letters. We have received some good Pudsey posters, well done! Thank you to all the children who brought money in for Keech Hospice, the

response has been amazing. Because of this we have learnt about different charities, the work they do and how we can support them. The children have shown great empathy and understanding of the different causes. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year 3

This term our topic surrounds the theme of 'Celebrations' and so far we have explored the story of Diwali and Remembrance Day, including why we remember and what we remember. More recently we wrote a newspaper report on a fireworks display, whilst understanding the background story of Guy Fawkes. We have also learnt about birthdays, with a focus on the Queen's birthday. All children in Year 3 have been very motivated by this topic, as all areas have been particularly relevant in their lives. Some examples of topic lessons which our children enjoyed were; crayon etchings in order to create a bonfire night picture and a diary entry from the perspective of a child as an evacuee during WW2. As a team Year 3 have been practising their Christmas production whilst looking forward to sharing this merry experience with you all very soon.



The year 3's with their very own spectroscopes.

Year 4

November was an excellent month for year 4. We have learnt so much and had lots of fun. Our celebration unit has been really interesting and challenging. In maths, we have been learning about division. Although it was a challenge at first, we have persevered and can do it now. In English, we have been letter writing and can now all write a formal letter. We have written letters to the school governors, soldiers in World War One, to King James I (to warn him of the gunpowder plot) and to Queen Elizabeth to congratulate her on her long reign.

We have also written descriptive recounts of Diwali. In our topic lessons we have been learning about the conditions in the trenches in World War One and we have been investigating sound.

The Year 4's have worked really hard and enjoyed November and cannot wait to start all Christmas activities in December, including the Christmas play.



Year 4's laying wreaths to honour those that lost their lives.

Year 5

In Year 5, we are enjoying exploring celebrations from around the world including: Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, The Day of the Dead, Hanukkah and, of course, Christmas. We are currently reading the novel Friend or Foe and have written some emotive letters from the point of views of evacuees. We have discussed what it must have been like to have been a child in this time and agreed that we have a greater appreciation for our lives. We therefore will strive to remember all those who have lost their lives in wars.

We have also been working hard to raise money for a number of charities including Keech Hospice, Help for Heroes and Children in Need. We thank you for your ongoing support and generosity in this matter. In Year 5, we hope we can all work together and really make a difference to people's lives.

Dawn Till Dusk

Upcoming theme nights

Please contact Hayley 07557364462 for further information.

Week Commencing	Theme
Monday 4 th December	Hello Kitty
Monday 11 th December	Cookery Club
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party

Keech Hospice Care

Thank you to all the children for their kind donations. They have been busy at home doing jobs for their parents and taking part in sponsored walks. Due to these efforts we have raised a massive £1788.53.



As a thank you for our generosity, Keech sent the Santa Train to Springfield Primary. We all met Santa and had a mini disco on the playground.

Shoebox Appeal



We have received a generous number of shoeboxes for the Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal this year. They have now been collected and are making their way to children who are less fortunate than us.

Children in Need



Pudsey visited school on 16th November to present prizes to the children who had won the poster competition. The winners were:

Margherita - Cameron McCready & Jazarae Stone

Girasole – Sumaiyah Miah & Emma Stacherska

Lilla - Esme Worthington-Ellis & Emilija Andrijauskaite

Terra - Laio Lendor & Lukas Grabinskas

Marte - Harley Mead & Courtney Hare

Nettuno - Erin Tysoe & Leon Donnelly

Saturno - Tula Stacherska & Charlie Evans

Giove - Jozve Taflinksi & Aarav Sondhi

Michelangelo - Tayla Chandhar & Kayleigh Lewis-Keeler

Vivaldi - Max Reeve & Liliana Paliwoda

Da Vinci - Kylie Vorley & Gabriela Kuzniewska

Galileo - Falon Kefford & Keira Wilson

Venezia - Adam Javed & Kimren Shergill

Roma - Migle Valciukaityte & Aimee Pelesz

Bauble Workshop



The children had a fabulous time making baubles. I'm sure they'll look wonderful on your Christmas tree and that you'll treasure them forever.

Christmas Parties

All classes will be having parties on the last afternoon of term – Tuesday 19th December. Please look out for party food lists outside each classroom. Please send your children to school in their party clothes. If the clothes are not appropriate for outdoors (e.g. girls' party shoes), please ensure they also bring something suitable to wear in the playground. The children will not need book bags that day.

Important Diary Dates

4th Dec

5th Dec

6th Dec

7th Dec

8th Dec

12th Dec

13th Dec

13th Dec

14th Dec

15th Dec

18th Dec

19th Dec

2nd Jan

3rd Jan

Reception Performance 9.30am & 2pm

Year 1 Performance 6.30pm

Year 2 Performance 6.30pm

Year 3 Performance 6.30pm

Year 4 Performance 6.30pm

School Visit to MK Theatre – Pantomime

Christmas Service Transfiguration Church 10am

Christmas Lunch

School Visit to MK Theatre – Pantomime

Christmas Jumper Day

Yr 5 Performance 6.30pm

Last Day of Term. Class parties

School closed – Teacher Training Day

Children back to school

Springfield Website

Sometimes newsletters and calendars get mislaid. Please remember you can always see a copy on our website www.springfieldprimaryschool.org.uk.

Newsletters and letters home to parents will always be given out on a Friday.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs M Allen



Head Teacher