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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the February newsletter. Lots of things to say this month. Firstly, The World Book Day is coming up next week. We have decided not to dress up on this occasion as we have the Red Nose Day looming and Reception will be dressing up for their mini beast day too. This will not stop us celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March.

Pancake Day 28th February

We will be celebrating Pancake Day with a special pancake morning from 8am to 8.45am in the hall. Please join in the fun. A big thank you to the PTA for organising this event. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Our February value is



Governor News

Wow, the year is rushing by so quickly and with so many exciting things happening. The new classrooms are looking great, and apart from a brief loss of mains water the build project has been going ahead problem free and with very little impact on the daily life of the school. In preparation for the conversion to Primary School there's a frenzy of activity around new school uniforms, curriculum development and how the new teaching spaces will be used to best effect for all our pupils. On that note, there's been great engagement with the Parents Forum – thank you to everyone participating in that initiative. The opportunity to discuss and receive feedback on the wide range of topics covered is invaluable.

The Governors are working closely with the Head Teacher and Senior Leaders to develop and implement a Post Ofsted Improvement Plan which will continue to provide a strong focus on the areas identified as needing improvement, and build on the great work so far in driving up standards and outcomes for our children.

On that note we are actively recruiting for a teacher with a strong Maths and 'STEM' background.

I would encourage you all to visit our school website regularly for updates on who your school governors are, how to make contact with us and to access the great range of information available; including minutes of meetings and reports on how the school spends its Pupil Premium funding to improve outcomes.

Darren Gibbons
Chair of Governors

Parent Forum

Thank you to the members of the Parent Forum who came along to the first meeting of the new group on 1st February. It is really beneficial to listen to your views. Our next meeting is 8th March at 6pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

New Staff

Welcome to Mrs Jones – she will be teaching Miss Birrell's class this half term. I know she has already had an impact in the classroom.

Mrs Philips our new SENDCo has already met many of the children and families within the school. Should you wish to discuss your child's needs, please make an appointment with Mrs Philips, who will be pleased to meet you.

Miss Careless has started as a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 1.

We would also like to welcome three new Apprentice Teaching Assistants to Springfield: Jade Ford, Mollie Robertson and Abigail Wileman.



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Triple P Seminars

As part of the teachers' Training Day, all staff took part in a seminar on Triple P. I feel it is important we know what we are offering parents. What better way than to trial a seminar. We found lots of useful information was shared which we could put into practice in the classroom. Some of the comments following the seminar: "There are so many little ideas I can try out.", "I wish they had done something like this when my children were young.", "It has made me think about behaviour differently."

Some children find dealing with anger so difficult. If you have any concerns, please come along. There is a leaflet in the office should you want to find out more or you can give me a call. Triple P seminars will be taking place at Springfield:

8th Feb 9.30am – 11.3 am and
28th March 9.30am – 11.30am

SAT's

All children are assessed in May; Year 2 SAT's which are part of the child's records going forwards. Year 1 & 2 children – phonics screening take place in June. Please try to avoid taking holidays during this time.

Sports Day

Sports Day this year will be held on Thursday 8th June at Bedford Athletic Stadium instead of being in Srine Week.

Springfield Clubs

Day	Club	Time	Room/Teacher
Monday	Italian–KS1 & KS2	3.15pm -4.15pm	Michelangelo)Mrs Di Ciccio)
	Homework Club – KS2	3.15pm-4.15pm	Da Vinci (Mrs Gardner)
	Choir – KS2	3.15pm-4.15pm	(Miss Greenaway)
Tuesday	Multisports – KS2	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Hall(Mr Bamford)
	Chess Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Vivaldi(Mrs Leska)
	Change4Life Club – KS1 & KS2	3.15pm-4.15pm	Hall(Miss Eales)
	Christian Club – KS1 & KS2	3.15pm-4.15pm	Michelangelo(Mrs Lowery/Mrs Allen)

Tuesday	Art Club – KS1	3.15pm-4.15pm	Marte(Miss Vasso)
	Multi Sports Club – KS1	3.15pm-4.15pm	Hall(Mr Bamford)
Wednesday	Springfield Beginners Brass Band Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Marte
Thursday	Film Club – KS2	3.15pm-4.15pm	Giove(Mrs Treble)
	Knitting Club- KS2	12.50pm	Vivaldi(Mrs Tull/Mrs Brown)
	Art Club – KS2	3.15pm-4.15pm	Marco Polo(Miss Collins)
	Football Club – KS2	3.15pm-4.15pm	(Miss Pugh/Miss Pettipher)
	Chinese Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	(Miss Qi/Miss Gong)
	Newspaper Club KS1 & KS2	3.15pm –4.15pm	Terra (Miss Stock)
Friday	Creative Dance	3.15pm-4.15pm	Hall (Maz)

Topics this term:

Reception – Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots



Reception has started a new topic this half term. Over the weeks the children will be involved in den building, outside learning and getting muddy. They are planting seeds this week which we will be watching grow in anticipation. Some of the children delighted in telling me what plants need to grow. Lots of learning going on!

The children in Reception are working hard with learning phonics, reading and writing as well as working with numbers. It is great to see how much work is going on at home to support the reading and writing going on in school.

I am enjoying teaching all the children in Reception Italian. Catching children so young with language teaching, makes such a difference. So far they can sing three songs, know some colours, numbers to 10, can follow instructions and know parts of the body. Fabulous job Reception – I am so proud.

KS1 – Roald Dahl

Key Stage 1 have been very busy this half term and all the children have been getting stuck into our Roald Dahl topic!



We are learning about the wonderful world of chocolate and reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Look out for some fantastic chocolate and sweet creations from the children at the end of the half term! We are looking forwards to the Cadburys World visit in a few week's time.

We have been scientists learning about deciduous and evergreen trees this week and we will be discussing life cycles very soon. We are looking forward to our Science Workshops towards the

end of term and dressing up as scientists.

KS2 – Rainforest

We'd like to welcome back our hard working key stage 2 children who all look as if they have had a well deserved and restful half term break.

Before the half term break we had a number of children going to Daubeney Academy to celebrate the Chinese New Year where they took part in a number of activities alongside other schools from the Kempston cluster. The children of course were incredibly well behaved and were great role models for Springfield School.

The year 4 children have excitedly started their musical instruments practise this week and have been allocated the recorder, the ukulele or the guitar to play. This is

part of the wider opportunities program run by Bedford Music to encourage as many children as possible to experience playing a musical instrument and perhaps taking up an instrument at the end of six weeks or later on. They will be practising hard for a concert held at an outside venue later on in the summer term, when you will be able to watch and hear their amazing efforts.



The year 3 children have not been left out as they have also been practising hard for a different musical performance called Sing On. They will be performing at the Bedford Corn Exchange alongside other schools singing a variety of well known popular songs as well as the more traditional songs.

Finally the clubs in key stage 2 are going well especially art club and knitting club. In art club the children have been making rainforest masks using a variety of medium and rainforest frames. While in

knitting club they have embedded their skills enough to begin making mobile phone holders.

Springfield Primary School

From September Springfield Lower will become Springfield Primary School. Not long to go until the five new classrooms are ready for use. A letter is going out to the year 4 pupils regarding the new uniform for Year 5.

We want to make this special for our first year 5 pupils. Although they won't be going to middle school, we want to make sure that many of the experiences will be new. Not only will they have all new furniture but a more grown up uniform.

School Uniform

Please could you ensure that your children come to school in full school uniform. Trainers are not acceptable. We will supply plimsolls to children who are wearing trainers. Any problems please ring Mrs Allen.



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Important Diary Dates

27 th Feb	GSIG Meeting
28 th Feb	PTA Pancake Morning
3 rd March	Reception - Forest School
3 rd March	Governors Standards Meeting
8 th March	Parent Forum 6pm
10 th March	Reception - Forest School
10 th March	KS2 Multi Sports Bedford Academy
14 th March	KS1 Cadburys World Visit
14 th March	PTA Meeting 7pm
15 th March	Governors Finance & Personnel Meeting
17 th March	Reception – Mini Beast Dress Up Day
24 th March	Red Nose Day - Dress Up in Red
27 th March	Governors School Improvement Group
28 th March	KS1 Science Workshop
28 th March	KS1 Multi Sports Westfield
29 th March	Full Governors Meeting
29 th March	KS2 Science Workshop
31 st March	PTA School Disco
4 th April	Last day of term
19 th April	Children back to School

Springfield Website

Sometimes newsletters and calendars get mislaid. Please remember you can always see a copy on our website. Newsletters and letters home to parents will always be given out on a Friday.

Mrs M Allen
Head Teacher