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Dear Parents and Carers,

Governor News

We are delighted to announce that after a rigorous selection process involving representatives from; the Challenger Multi- Academy Trust, children, staff and governors, we have appointed a new Head of School – Mrs Claire Andrews.

Mrs Andrews will be joining us at the start of the summer term, and will be working with Miss Holland and our senior leadership team to ensure a smooth transition into our next academic year.

Mrs Andrews is currently the Deputy Head of a school in Milton Keynes, where she has been instrumental in guiding the school on its journey to an outstanding.

We are looking forward to Mrs Andrews joining our committed and enthusiastic team at Springfield Primary in plenty time to have a positive impact on our first Key Stage 2 assessments at Year 6 and continuing our own journey towards ‘outstanding’ in all areas .

Best Wishes
Darren Gibbons
Chair of Governors

Welcome back

Welcome back to the second half of Spring term – we are now half way through the year. As you can see, we have exciting topics planned for each year group. You should be receiving a separate topic for your child’s new topic. We are also looking forward to seeing more of Molly, our PAT dog, in school. See the separate letter and the last newsletter for more information. In preparation for Molly’s new role, the children have already had an assembly from Gemma Dingle of the Dogs Trust and will be taking part in workshops at the start of March.

Our values are:



February Value



March Value

Visit by Gemma Dingle from The Dogs Trust.



What a fabulous start to our new term! Gemma Dingle works for the Dogs Trust charity and gave an assembly telling us how to behave around dogs. Prsant Singh - Head Boy and Anna Mathew Kureekal - Head Girl introduced Gemma and her toy dog to the school.

DogsTrust

Are your children dog smart?
Use these top tips from Dogs Trust to teach your children how to be safe around dogs.

- 1 Never leave your child alone with a dog.
- 2 Don't approach a dog without an owner around.
- 3 Ask the owner if you can stroke their dog.
- 4 Let the dog sniff your hand first, then stroke gently.
- 5 Strange dog approaching? Stand still, look away, cross your arms.

Share with #bedogsmart

For more information to help your child learn to 'Be Dog Smart', visit www.bedogsmart.org.uk



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What has been going on in the classes?

Reception –Do Cows Drink Milk?

The children will be exploring where some of our food and clothing come from, and what different farm animals produce. Children have also started planting some of their own vegetables and are going to observe what happens to them over time.

For an exciting end to the topic, the children will be visiting Gulliver's Dinosaur & Farm Park farm where they will be able to see the animals that we have been learning about.

The Reception children are very enthusiastic about this topic and are looking forward to finding out more!

Year 1 – Splendid Skies

This half term the year one children will be becoming weather experts during our Splendid Skies Topic. Over the half term children will become weather reporters, they will observe daily weather patterns in the UK and compare their findings with other countries in Europe and around the world. They will be exploring extreme weather conditions such as hurricanes and tornadoes and finding out the effects it can have on a population or towns. The children will use their artistic skills to create impressions of the weather using watercolours and textures linking to the work of famous artists. We hope that the children will enjoy talking about their learning journey at home and will involve you in creating a wonderful take-home task to display in class.

Year 2 – Towers, Tunnels & Turrets



What a fantastic way to start our new topic! The children looked amazing in their costumes. Thank-you for going to so much effort!

Our new topic this term is *Towers, Turrets and Tunnels*. The children will be looking at a range of structures around the world and will be using their own skills to build bridges out of spaghetti and marshmallows, use different materials to test

the strength of their own fort and they will be building their own castles using recycling materials. (Please can we have all your recycling materials again?) In literacy the children have started looking at *The Great Escape!* They have used drama to recreate their own escapes and used hot-seating to explain how the prisoners would have felt at the time. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at a range of traditional tales, in particular Rapunzel and then we will be moving on to Anthony Brown's story *The Tunnel*.

In maths we are encouraging the children to really develop their mastery skills this term. We will be looking at fractions over the next few weeks and we will be asking the children to think, explain and solve a variety of problems using their knowledge.

Most excitingly we have our trip to Warwick Castle on the 6th of March please can all permission slips be returned as soon as possible? More information will be given to you nearer the time and if you would like to help on the trip please let us know.

Year 3 – Predators

This half term Year 3's topic is Predators. Our stunning start takes us to Whipsnade Zoo to discover more about predators and their habitat. Back at school the topic includes investigating food chains and diet, the functions of a carnivorous plant and the geographical location of crocodiles and alligators. In English we will be looking at leaflets, recounts, poetry, dilemma stories and speeches.

Year 4 – Potions

We have a really exciting half term ahead for Year 4! Our topic is called Potions and it focuses on the book *Alice in Wonderland*. In the topic we will learn new literacy skills such as imperative verbs, passive voice and modal verbs. We will be securing our knowledge of recounts and letter writing, as well as, learning about paragraphing. We will also be looking at a few of William Shakespeare's plays, such as *Romeo and Juliet* (where we will be writing our own ending) and the Scottish Play, *Macbeth*.

In maths, we will learn about statistics and data and learn about basic geometry. This will be underpinned by a continued focus on the four operations.



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Topic this term will be amazing, with a real focus on science. We will be learning all about solids, liquids and gases; we will be learning about basic particle theory and changing between the states of matter. This will be taught alongside practical experiments and hands on science. There also be an art and design element where the we will draw our own potion bottles and sketch in the style of Edvard Munch.

Year 5 - Allotments

This half-term, in Year 5, we are exploring our topic, Allotments. We have discussed what we already know about planting and gardening and why it is important. We will then move on to look at the life-cycle of plants and compare that to different animals and insects.

Dawn Till Dusk

Upcoming theme nights

Please contact Hayley 07557364462 for further information.

Week Commencing	Theme
Monday 26 th February	Cookery Night
Monday 5 th March	Toy Story Night
Monday 12 th March	Cookery Night
Monday 19 th March	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 26 th March	Cookery Night

Parking

At Springfield Primary we think it's important to develop and maintain a good relationship with our local community. With that in mind and the safety of the pedestrians, can you please ensure you park safely around the school. It has been brought to our attention that some motorists have been parking on the pavements. This has caused problems for families, particularly for those with pushchairs.

Clubs

Day	Club	Room/Teacher
Monday	Italian - Yrs 1 - 5	Galileo(Mrs Ventriglia/Mrs Di Ciccio)
	Reading Club – Yrs 1 & 2	Giove (Miss Birrell)
	Science Club – Yrs 3 - 5	The Hive (Mr Swain)
	Maths Club – Yr 5	Roma (Mr Gotham)
	Badminton – Yrs 3 - 5	Hall (Miss Pugh/Miss Eales)
Tuesday	Multi Sports – Yr 5	Mr Cooper
	Multi Sports Club –Yr 1 & 2	Hall (Mr Cooper)
	Homework Club – Yr 1 & 2	Terra(Miss Bains/Miss Chopra)
Wednesday	Art Club – Yr 1 & 2	Marte (Miss Vasso/Miss Moore)
	Chess Club - Yrs 3 - 5	Vivaldi(Mrs Leska)
	Christian Club – Yrs 1 - 5	Nettuno (Mrs Lowery)
	Drama Club – Yrs 3 & 4	Michelangelo (Miss Cain)
Thursday	Chinese Club – Yrs 1 - 4	Galileo
	Homework Club – Y3 & 4	Da Vinci(Mrs Gardner)
Friday	Creative Dance Yrs 1- 5	Hall (Maz)
	Science Club – Yrs 3 - 5	The Hive (Mr Swain)

All clubs will be finishing at 4.15pm



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Important Diary Dates

1 st March	World Book Day
6 th March	KS2 Multi Sports
6 th March	Yr 2 Warwick Castle
8 th March	Dog's Trust Workshop
9 th March	Dog's Trust Workshop
13 th March	PTA Meeting – 7pm
27 th March	PTA School Disco
28 th March	Reception – Gulliver's Farm Visit
29 th March	Wear a Hat Day
29th March	Last Day of Half Term
16th April	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
17th April	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 generally be given out on a Friday. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Mrs D Brown
Deputy Head Teacher

