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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are extremely pleased to welcome the children back to school. There was a whole school assembly on Monday and they looked so smart in their uniforms and sang beautifully as always. They all seem to have grown so much over the summer!

There are some exciting topics this term which I know have been meticulously planned by the staff. I am looking forward to seeing some great learning this year.

The DfE has just agreed for Springfield Primary to become part of the Challenger Multi-Academy Trust family which I am sure will have a very positive impact on our school.

Our September Value



### Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to:

Mr Gotham Yr 5 Roma – Mr Gotham was a Year 5 teacher in London previously.  
Miss Moore Yr 2 – Miss Moore has returned to the UK after teaching abroad for a number of years.

Mr Swain Yr 4 - Mr Swain has plenty of experience teaching in middle schools and has come to us from Central Bedfordshire.

We are sure they will enhance the learning of the children.

We would also like to welcome Mr Rowland as a Teaching Assistant in Year 5 and congratulate Mr Pardeep and Miss Thompson who have now been taken on as Teaching Assistants following a very successful apprenticeship.

### Governor News

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer holiday.

It's fabulous to see our Year 5 children using the Hive and, as always we look forward to seeing our new Reception children arrive full of excitement and enthusiasm as they start on their school journey.

This term marks the biggest transition period in our schools' 50 year history as we become both a Primary School and part of the Challenger Multi Academy Trust (CMAT); both of which offer exciting opportunities for the school and our children and staff alike.

On a personal note, I'm humbled and proud to be voted Chair of the Governing Body for the next academic year to help oversee the transition, if you have any specific questions or concerns about the transition please speak to any member of the Governing Body (details of who we are available from the schools' website or school office).

### Reception News – Do you want to be my friend?

The children will be starting part time next week. We are looking forward to working with them and discovering their unique personalities as we go. We use this time to settle the new Year 1 children into their new classes and prepare rooms and resources to ensure a great start for our new children.

In Reception this term we will be focusing on how to form positive relationships with our new classmates and teachers. We will do this through reading stories, discussing these stories and a variety of activities. These activities will include turn taking, thinking about ourselves and how we are different from others.

Miss Eales, Miss Pugh & Miss Birrell

### Year 1 – Superheroes

Welcome back to School, we hope you had a great summer! The children have settled in really well into their new classes. This half term Year 1 children will be learning all about superheroes and real heroes. They will be making super hero fact files and looking at a range of comic books. The children will also be talking about someone who inspires them at home or at school. All the children are super excited about dressing up as their favourite superheroes and playing in the super hero role play area.

Miss Vasso, Mrs Adams & Mrs Brown

## Year 2 – Muck, Mess and Mixtures



The Year 2 children have settled in very well in their classes. They have all got to know the children in their class, as well as the adults that are supporting them. This week we have learnt all about our houses: Jarman, Radcliffe, Howard and Bunyan and completed creative activities alongside. They have had fun creating clay medals and keys as well as stepping into an illustrator's shoes to sketch an illustration to go alongside a passage written by Julia Jarman.

On Monday, we will be lucky enough to be visited by a local artist. She will be looking at experimental art, which will be displayed in the classrooms. Additionally we will display lots of photographs of your children during the activity session. It is going to be a fun topic and we are all really looking forward to this term.  
Mrs Treble, Mrs Behan, Mrs Lowery & Miss Moore

## Year 3 – Gods & Mortals

It has been a pleasure to greet our Year 3 students. They have entered into KS2 with positive and engaging attitudes, which are already empowering their learning. We have enjoyed undertaking activities to learn all about famous local people in readiness for our new house system - Bunyan, Radcliffe, Jarman and Howard. We are now really looking forward to our Greek day on Friday 15th September, when we can dress up and meet a Greek God!  
Mrs Jones and Miss Cain

## Year 4 – Blue Abyss

A warm welcome back to all our Year 4 children and parents, it has been so nice to see keen and eager smiling faces every morning. The children have come back taller, wiser and have not forgotten their beautiful manners as they are most certainly setting a great example to the younger children – well done Year 4's. The children have looked again at the targets they set themselves on transfer day and are all feeling positive that they are achievable. In fact some have added to their targets

which we commend as we support and encourage the high expectations they have of themselves.

We will be starting our new topic next week, 'Blue Abyss', which the children are looking forward to and once again welcome your continued support in their learning especially with homework and reading. Just as a quick reminder the Class Dojo message service is a perfect place to contact teachers with any queries if you are unable to speak directly with the class teacher.  
Mrs Gardner, Mrs Ventriglia and Mr Swain

## Year 5 – Time Traveller



On Monday, we were very proud to welcome our first Year 5 children at Springfield Primary School. It was delightful to see just how proud the children were to exhibit their new uniforms in front of the rest of the school during our welcome assembly; they all look very professional! The children have already begun to reflect the high expectations that are asked of them in behaviour and organisation. It is also an important year for encouraging independence and responsibility, which we will focus on throughout our time together. Your continued support at home with this life skill is much appreciated. We are very much looking forward to beginning our new topic, 'Time Traveller' next week. In advance, we would also like to thank you for your support with homework, which will be set from next week. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher via Class Dojo.  
Miss Collins and Mr Gotham



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**Clubs for September**

Day	Club	Room/Teacher
<b>Monday</b>	Italian - Yrs 3 - 5	Michelangelo (Mrs Di Ciccio)
	Multisports – Yr 5	Hall (Mr Cooper)
	Netball – Yr 3 & 4	Playground (Miss Pugh/Miss Birrell)
	Change for Life-Yrs 1-5	Lilla (Miss Eales)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Multi Sports Club –Yr 1 & 2	Hall (Mr Cooper)
	Homework Club – Yr 1 & 2	Terra
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art Club – Yr 1 & 2	Marte (Miss Vasso)
	Chess Club - Yrs 1-5	Vivaldi(Mrs Leska)
	Christian Club – Yrs 1 - 5	Nettuno (Mrs Lowery)
	Chinese Club – Yr 5	Galileo(Mrs Ventriglia )
	Film Club – Yrs 3 - 5	Giove (Mrs Treble/ Mrs Behan)
<b>Thursday</b>	Chinese Club – Yrs 1 - 4	Chinese Room
	Drama Club – Yrs 3 & 4	Michelangelo (Miss Cain)
	Homework Club – Yr 5	Roma (Mr Gotham)
<b>Thursday</b>	Art Club – Yr 5	Venzia (Miss Collins)
	Bhangra Dancing – Yrs 1 - 5	Saturno(Mr Pardeep)
<b>Friday</b>	Homework Club – Yr 3 & 4	Da Vinci(Mrs Gardner)
	Creative Dance Yrs 1- 5	Hall (Maz)

**All clubs will be finishing at 4.15pm**

**Springfield Primary School Uniform**

We will have a very limited stock of new uniform in School. This can be ordered online with Price & Buckland at [www.pbparentsonline/springfieldlower](http://www.pbparentsonline/springfieldlower). We will continue to have stock of book bags and PE bags. Year 5 children have a different uniform to reflect their standing at Springfield Primary. This has to be bought directly from Sportsform, Units 1 & 6 Fenlake Road Industrial Estate, Bedford, MK42 0HB. You can also order uniform online from their website [www.shop@sportsform.co.uk](http://www.shop@sportsform.co.uk).

**Dawn Till Dusk**

Dawn till Dusk are now in the classroom at the front of the school, giving them more space and easier access for drop off and collection. Children can be dropped and picked up from the red side door near the main entrance.

Upcoming theme nights.

Please contact Hayley 07557364462 for further information.

Week Commencing	Theme
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Bouncy Castle Disco
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Cookery Club
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Sylvanians
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Cookery Club
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Ben 10
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Cookery Club

**Important Diary Dates**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Sept
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sep
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sept
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sept
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sept
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sept
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct
- 10<sup>th</sup> Oct
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct
- 30<sup>th</sup> Oct
- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

**Year 1 to 5 Start of Term**

- Reception children – part time
- Year 2 Mess Muck & Mixtures Art Workshop
- Year 1 Superhero Day – Dress Up
- Year 3 Greek Day workshop – Dress Up
- Reception children – full time
- Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am – 11am
- Individual School Photos
- Parents Evening
- Parents Evening
- Harvest Celebration
- International Day
- Last day of Half term
- School closed – Teacher Training Day
- Children back to school**



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### School Car Park

Similar to last year, the office will issue parking permits to holders of disability blue badges. Unfortunately we do not have the capacity for parents to park on site so we would ask that you be considerate to our neighbours and park safely for the many children who are able to walk to school. Should you use the car park for collecting from Dawn till Dusk or clubs, can we please ask that you park in a bay.

### 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.

### Attendance

We will be holding the 100% attendance Tea Party from last term shortly. We are also going to ask the School Councillors to become more involved with comparing class attendance – more information to follow.

### Parent Forum

The Parent Forum was extremely successful last year and I look forward to receiving nominations for a representative from each class to set up the forum to ensure the parent voice is part of the decisions we make.

### Stay & Play

We look forward to seeing all the little one's at Stay & Play which starts back on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 9am to 10.30am.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Looking forward to a successful year!

Mrs M Allen  
Head Teacher



**We are supporting  
Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
9am - 11.00am**

**Everyone is welcome in the hall**

**Please give your children a 20p donation to bring in  
for a juice and cake/biscuit**

**Come and join your children for a drink and chat.**

**All donations of cakes and biscuits are very welcome.  
Please send to school in the morning.**

