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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.

I look forward to receiving your nominations for the Parent Forum – This is an important group where parents can have their voices heard and listened to.

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!

Our values are:



October Value



November Value

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all our families, staff and the PTA at Springfield Primary. We raised a fantastic £341.05. Your support in baking and donating lots of lovely cakes went down a treat.

### PTA Fireworks Display

This year the PTA will be holding a fireworks display on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 6pm to 7.30pm with Daubeney Academy on the Daubeney school field. Gates open at 6pm and we will be selling glow items, hot dogs, hot and cold drinks and sweets before the show. There are limited tickets for this event so please buy your tickets early from the school office.

### Governor News

I was delighted to accompany Mrs Allen on a tour of the school, visiting every classroom and observing how the children had settled into their classes with their new teachers. My overriding feeling was of a happy school with children thoroughly engaged in their lessons, outstanding behaviour was observed throughout with a great deal of respect being shown for teaching staff and one another.

Behind the scenes a great deal of work is being undertaken by Mrs Allen and the Senior Leaders with the Challenger Trust; a number of school visits have already taken place covering areas as diverse as teaching and learning, finance and school policies all in preparation for what we expect to be a smooth transition into the Challenger Multi Academy Trust soon.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns that you'd like to raise with the Governors please reach out to us, our contact information is available from the school website and the school office.

Best wishes  
Darren Gibbons  
Chair of Governors

### Cycle Storage

If you wish to store your bike please remember that the school does not take responsibility for the bikes and scooters so please leave them secure and locked. The cycle shed near Marte classroom is more secure as it is locked during school hours. It would be better to store the children's bikes/scooters there.

### Year 5 Girls Football

This term the Year 5 girls have enjoyed being part of the football club that has been run by the MK Dons coaches with our friends at Daubeney Academy. They've been taught how to control the ball, defend, pass and shoot. At the end of the term they have enjoyed putting these skills to use when they played a match against each other. It's been a fantastic opportunity for the girls and it's been great to see them enjoying themselves whilst learning new skills at the same time. Well done girls!

## What has been going on in the classes?

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



The Reception children have settled in really well. They have enjoyed getting to know one another. Our topic has been all about becoming friends and how to be a good friend, which the children have really taken on board. The outside area has proved really popular with the children. Next half term we will be learning all about different celebrations on the build up to Christmas. Thank you to all the parents that came to the Reception Harvest Festival, it was a great success. The children created some amazing autumn art work that was displayed.

### Year 1 – Superheroes



Year 1 have had a great time learning all about superheroes and real heroes in the past few weeks. With all your help collecting recycled boxes the children have created amazing super hero cities. The children have also been learning about how to act in an emergency and how to call 999

correctly. They have become real heroes themselves! In such a small space of time they have created comics, stories and written their own poems, they are making us all proud already!

### Year 2 – Muck, Mess and Mixtures



The Year 2 children have had a great time this term and have thoroughly enjoyed the topic. We have had so much fun with muck, mess and mixture. Children have made cakes, artwork and giant bubbles. The topic covered a lot of science objectives and the children have been learning about performing fair tests. In English, the

children have developed skills in instruction writing, riddles and story writing and are very keen to make improvements. We have worked really hard at practising our Harvest song and the children sounded beautifully. It was a fantastic morning at the church, enjoyed by all. Thank you to all of the parents that helped. We have started some preparations for

our next topic, which is celebrations as well as our Christmas play - it comes around so quickly. Thank you to all of you that came to parent's evening. Remember, we are here to help and if you need anything please ask your school teacher. Have a fun and safe half term.

### Year 3 – Greek Gods and Goddesses



In Year 3, we have enjoyed exploring a range of Greek Gods and Goddesses whilst also reading some well known Greek myths, these included: 'Daedalus and Icarus,' 'Theseus and the Minotaur,' 'The Trojan Horse' and 'Pandora's Box.' Year 3 have shown continued efforts in all that they do throughout this half term. This was seen through their ability to retell each of the myths clearly, whilst planning some

amazing Big Writes. One of which included a letter to persuade King Minos not to send them to the Minotaur. These were an enjoyable read.

As a whole, this half term our pupils learnt to locate where Greece is on a world map, know the name given to a Greek soldier, design their own pottery using Greek paintings and drawings for inspiration, and finally rehearse in groups to retell the story of 'Pandora's Box,' ready to perform to the almighty King Zeus.

### Year 4 – Blue Abyss



The children have all been working very hard this term and have really enjoyed their topic, Blue Abyss. Through this topic they have studied science: food chains; classification keys and the phenomenon of bioluminescence. They have looked at different writing genres and written letters, character profiles and biographies as well as thoroughly enjoying the cold writing on a Friday where their imagination and

creative language abilities have really astounded us – well done children you are amazing! Year 4's have also continued with their Mandarin lessons and benefitted from the variety of clubs on offer this past half term. They have also impressed us with the quality of homework they are completing so we would like to thank you children for independently continuing with your learning journey's whilst you are at home and of course we would also like to thank your parents and carers for their continued support.

## Year 5 – Time Traveller



In Year 5, we have enjoyed looking into a range of 'Time Travel' related themes this Half Term, including the human life cycle, the nocturnal and diurnal habits of a range of mammals as well as the surrealist artist, Salvador Dali. The final stages of our current topic are well underway, including the construction of a time

machine within groups. During our weekly 'Big Write', Year 5 has been concentrating on quality and stamina for writing. Our pupils never fail to impress with their continued effort, enthusiasm and creativity.

The children have continued to impress their class teachers with their commitment to homework tasks. We have received some fantastic Maths, English and Topic-based pieces across the course of the Half Term which we have enjoyed celebrating and displaying in class. Our class dojo scores have risen dramatically as a result across both classes, totalling to merit stickers in our pupil planners. Watch this space after Half Term for the New Year 5 merit awards!

## 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
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Spooky Disco
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Jurassic World
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Cookery Club
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Frozen
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Cookery Club
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Hello Kitty
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Cookery Club
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party

## Shoebbox Appeal

Once again we are supporting the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal and we are encouraging staff and pupils to wrap and pack a shoebox with gifts and goodies. These will be sent to children in disadvantaged situations amongst the communities around the world. Please could shoeboxes be sent into school by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## Springfield Primary School Uniform

Just a reminder that school uniform can be ordered online with Price & Buckland at [www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/springfieldlower](http://www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/springfieldlower). We will continue to have stock of book bags and PE bags.

## Clubs for November

Day	Club	Room/Teacher
<b>Monday</b>	Italian - Yrs 3 - 5	Michelangelo (Mrs Di Ciccio)
	Multisports – Yr 3 & 4	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
Chess Club - Yrs 1-5		Vivaldi(Mrs Leska)
Christian Club – Yrs 1 - 5		Nettuno (Mrs Lowery)
<b>Thursday</b>	Film Club – Yrs 3 - 5	Giove (Mrs Treble/ Mrs Behan)
	Chinese Club – Yrs 1 - 4	Chinese Room
	Drama Club – Yrs 3 & 4	Michelangelo (Miss Cain)
	Homework Club – Yr 5	Roma (Mr Gotham)
	Art Club – Yr 5	Venzia (Miss Collins)
<b>Friday</b>	Bhangra Dancing – Yrs 1 - 5	Saturno(Mr Pardeep)
	Homework Club – Yr 3 & 4	Da Vinci(Mrs Gardner)
	Djembe Drumming Club Yrs 4-5	Mr Swain
	Creative Dance Yrs 1- 5	Hall (Maz)

All clubs will be finishing at 4.15pm

### Important Diary Dates

30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Teacher Training
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>Children back to school</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Book Fair
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Reception open Evening 5.45pm-6.45pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	PTA Fireworks Display 6pm – 7.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Governors GSIG Meeting 9.30am
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Grandparents Day
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA Meeting 7pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Santa Train Keech Hospice
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Pudsey – Children in Need
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Bauble Making Workshop
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Reception Open Morning 9am - 11am
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	PTA Xmas Fayre 2.30pm – 4pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Performance
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 Performance
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 2 Performance
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3 Performance
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 4 Performance
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Visit to MK Theatre - Pantomime
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Service Transfiguration Church
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Visit to MK Theatre – Pantomime
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	School closed – Teacher Training Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	<b>Children back to school</b>

### Springfield Website

Sometimes newsletters and calendars get mislaid. Please remember you can always see a copy on our website [www.springfieldprimaryschool.org.uk](http://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.

All it leaves me to do is wish you all a great half term!



Mrs M Allen  
Head Teacher



embrace challenge: expect excellence

SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY & DAUBENEY ACADEMY

PRESENT

# Fireworks

## DISPLAY

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
6:00pm gates, for a 7:15pm display

TICKETS (ADVANCED):  
ADULTS: £4 CHILDREN: £3.50 FAMILY (2ADULTS + 3 CHILDREN): £14 UNDER 2s: FREE

TICKETS (ON THE GATE):  
ADULTS: £5 CHILDREN: £4 FAMILY (2ADULTS + 3 CHILDREN): £15 UNDER 2s: FREE

DISPLAY LOCATION:  
Daubeny school field

REFRESHMENTS | MUSIC | BBQ | STALLS

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