



Spring Meadow Newsletter

February 2016



Dear Parents,

Earlier this half term we were visited by a team of consultants and advisors from the local authority. The aim of their visit was in short, to provide a health check on the school since our last Ofsted inspection and to provide valuable advice for the school's improvements. They were very positive about the relationships in the school between parents, staff and the children. I would also like to thank all the parents who made very positive comments about the school. They interviewed our school council, enjoyed a lunch at the school and visited all the classes. They were pleased with how children were supported and challenged in the classes. They also felt that the staff knew the children very well. As a school we now need to work on embedding some of the positive changes we have established this year.

School Council

We would like to thank the present school council for their hard work and contributions to the school these last two half terms. Their main activity was to devise a questionnaire for their peers which provided us with useful information on how the children view the school. So thank you Lucy, Louis, Libby, Oliver, Alice, Emily, Sophia and Caiden! These children will continue as honorary school councillors and get to keep their badges. Our new school councillors are being voted this week.

Attendance

Our overall attendance has improved significantly since I arrived in June 2015. This is due to the improved systems we now have in place to ensure that all absences have been explained. May I remind you that in the unfortunate event of your child being ill, that you must call the school and leave a message or complete a slip from your child's class explaining why he or she had not been in school. A simple 'not well' is no longer acceptable. Also if your child's attendance does dip to below 90%, it will be treated as a persistent absence in accordance with the local authority and the school's attendance policy.

Change to School Dinner Menus

After half term the kitchen will return to a three weekly menu in order to comply with nutritional standards set by the local authority. You will receive a copy of the menu with today's newsletter. Please check the notice board as well.

World Book Day

World Book day is coming up! It is on 3 March 2016. In usual Spring Meadow tradition we are asking children to dress up as a book character for the day.

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Year 2 Hunstanton Trip

Just a reminder to Year 2 parents that the trip to Hunstanton is on Wednesday 27 April 2016.

Thinking Day

As a celebration of Thinking Day which was brought to my attention by a parent, any child who is a member of the Brownies may wear their uniform on the Monday 22 February 2016.



A Musical Plea

Up until last year, all children in Year 2 had the opportunity to participate in recorder club. As Mrs Webb is no longer with us, this leaves quite a gap in our music provision. If there are any parents who would be willing and able to run a lunch time recorder club, please could they contact me, Mr Cooper via email on head@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk. Thank you



Happy Half Term

Enjoy your half term break! Look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound on Monday 22 February 2016 for the shortest half term of the year (Four weeks and four days then it's Easter!)



Dates for your diary!

School Term Dates 2015/2016

15th February – 19th February	Half Term
22nd February – 24th March	
Summer Term 2016	
11th April	Professional Day
12th April – 27th May	
30th May – 3rd June	Half Term
6th June	Professional Day
7th June – 21st July	