

Spring Meadow Friends PSA

March Newsletter



Movie Nights

Spring Meadow Friends PSA are delighted to announce that Room on the Broom & The Lorax movie nights raised £300. The Valentines Disco raised a whopping £600. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. We are particularly grateful to all the helpers who generously gave up their time to help run these events. Helpers are always welcome and you don't have to be committed to every event! Just let us know if you'd like to come along to help.

Summer Fete

The Summer Fete has been confirmed for Saturday 2nd July. This years theme will be 'People Who Help Us'. More details to follow soon. If you think that you might be able to help us with the theme, do get in touch!

Quiz Night

We will be holding our first Quiz Night on Friday 6th May. More information about this event and how you sign up will be sent out soon.

Easter Bonnet Competition

Due to the fantastic support at our events, we have been able to donate lots of funds this term including prizes for the World Book Day story writing competition and prizes for the Easter Bonnet competition. We have plans for a big donation to buy play equipment very soon so watch this space!



Safety wristbands

We will have Spring Meadow safety children's wristbands available for sale after the Easter break. These will be available to buy at our events. They come in red or glow in the dark wristband and reflective snap band versions. Great to wear on school trips as the school's phone number is clearly displayed or use the snap band during holiday days out as it has a space to add a parent phone number.

Please remember to sign up for Easy fundraising at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/springmeadowschool. It takes minutes to register and is free to use but could raise lots for the school. So far we have managed to raise £74.27 with only a few supporters!

If you wish to contact the PSA please do so on SpringMeadowFriendsPSA@gmail.com or via our Facebook page [Spring Meadow Friends PSA](#)



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Dear Parents,

This month has seen a number of opportunities to dress up, raise awareness and to raise money for charities. Most of the events have featured in the local press and will be available to see on our updated website which should be up and ready to use in two weeks time! On 3 March it was World Book Day. The children looked amazing in their costumes, many of which were very creative. It was great to see that in these times of modern technology that books still feature as an important past time for our children.

Year 2 Maths Morning

 Thank you to all those parents that attended both of our maths mornings earlier this month. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see how we teach maths at Spring Meadow and to work along side your children. Our whole school focus in Maths is to develop our children's reasoning and mastery skills. The staff will be receiving training on this next term. You can help at home by asking children to show you, explain to you and prove to you the answer to a calculation. There will be an English morning for Year 2 on Wednesday 20 April.

New School Council

This term we have new school councillors who will be focusing on developing our playground equipment. They are currently conducting a survey on our new train and thinking about how to replace the old one. Our new school councillors are Joshua, Chloe, Bethany, Max, Toby, Keira, Sophia, Mia and Ellis.

Britten Sinfonia

On 17 March Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) were treated to a visit from the Britten Sinfonia who performed a musical rendition of the story The Cow who Climbed a Tree by Gemma Merino. A display of the story is in the main hall.



Ely Music Festival

Well done to Bella, Isabelle, Carol, Richard, Florence, Annabelle, Joshua, Ella, Archie, Simrandeep, Ellee, Olivia, Maia, Ianthe, Lena, Asia, Sarian, Paige, Laura, Alex, Sophie, Felicity, Oliver, Jules, Emily, Anisa, Luna, Lily, Marina, Lara, Daniele, Grace, Alice, Dhruv for your outstanding performance for the Ely Music festival at the Maltings. We were all very proud of you all. 😊

Down's Syndrome Awareness Day



This week is Down's syndrome Awareness week and to commemorate this event we asked the children to wear odd socks. Our assembly on Monday tackled the issue with some interesting discussions around things we can or can't do, that other people may find quite easy. I was very impressed by the children's knowledge, understanding and sensitivity around the subject.

Team Super Schools Day

On Wednesday 2 March the whole school took part in a number of fitness activities with Olympic triple jumper Tosin Oke, to raise awareness of the importance of keeping fit and to fund raise for resources to develop fine motor skills in the Reception, new outdoor equipment in Reception and parachutes for indoor and outdoor games. Once again the children thoroughly enjoyed this extra opportunity to keep fit and meet a bona fide athlete.



Recorder Club



Recorder for Year 2 will start on Monday 18 April 2016. Mrs Mathie will be sending out a letter to those children who have expressed an interest. Thank you to the parents that requested its re-establishment. It now happens every Monday lunch time as it would clash with Music Makers on a Friday.

Sports Relief

Thank you for all your very generous donations. We raised a total of £346.07.



Plea for a New Governor!

The governing body is currently looking to recruit a new governor following the resignation of our long time governor and former chair and parents, Nichole Francis. We would like to thank Nichole for her long service and support to the school and wish her all the best in her now fulltime role at The Lantern School. We are not looking for a new parent governor but a local authority governor with an expertise in finances. If you know anyone who might be interested please could you contact our chair of governors, Susanne Jessop on sjessop@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk.

Relief Midday Meal Supervisors

The school is currently looking for a bank of relief midday supervisors to cover classes at lunch times when one of our permanent members of staff is unwell. If this is something you are interested in please contact Mrs Mathie either directly via the office or email her on office@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk



Nursery Application

Just a reminder to parents that Nursery applications for September 2016 close on 31 March 2016. Please complete applications as soon as possible to guarantee a place. If you would like more information or support with applying please contact Mrs Barnes at the front office directly after the Easter holidays.

Happy Easter!

Enjoy the Easter break, below is a selection of the Easter bonnets made by the children this year! Look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound on Tuesday 12 April 2016 for the last term of the year!

Happy Easter from All at Spring Meadow



Dates for your diary!

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	

Autumn term 2016

1st September	Professional Day
2nd September	Professional Day
5th September – 21st October	
24th October - 28th October	Half Term
31st October – 20th December	

Spring term 2017

4th January	Professional Day
5th January – 10th February	
13th February to 17th February	Half Term
20th February – 31st March	

Summer term 2017

18th April	Professional Day
19th April - 26th May	
1st May 2017	May Day
29th May to 2nd June	Half Term
5th June	Professional Day
6th June – 21st July	