

Spring Meadow Newsletter

Autumn: December 2016

Welcome

Welcome to the December edition of our monthly newsletter. We are now in the midst of our festive season. The children and staff are busily preparing for our Christmas productions. Nursery and Reception productions happening this week and Years 1 and 2 taking place next.

Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

Last week Thursday Year 2 took part in a Great Fire of London day. The day involved bread baking, nosegay making, singing, art work and re-enacting the great fire which took place 350 years ago this year. The children's costumes looked fantastic. Thank you to all of you that helped your children to make the effort to look so authentic. Visitors to the school that day, were very impressed with the levels of engagement and enjoyment they saw. Well done to all the children and a big well done to the Year 2 staff who organised the whole event.

Beep Beep Day! And Road Safety Week

Week beginning 21 November was our Road Safety week. The week was planned to raise awareness of road safety in our area. As you know two children were knocked over outside of the school within weeks of my arrival in 2015, so it is particularly important to me. During the week, the children were taught or reminded of the Green Cross Code. The week was supported by our local PCSO, Ian Hawkins, who brought along his police car too! Year 1 were taken outside to the main entrance by their teachers to practice crossing the road with their teachers. Year 2 designed posters to promote road safety which can still be found up around the school.

The pinnacle of our road safety awareness week was on Wednesday 23 November when the school dress in fluorescent colours or in red, amber or green for Beep Beep Day. Thank you all for your kind donations which will go the BRAKE charity. We raised £364.92! Ms Shackleton will be taking part in a wing walk in the New Year to raise more money for the charity which supports road safety.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12th December

Year 2 Christmas Assembly @ 9.30a.m.
Year 1 Christmas Assembly @ 2p.m.

Tuesday 13th December

Year 2 Christmas Assembly @ 2p.m

Wednesday 14th December

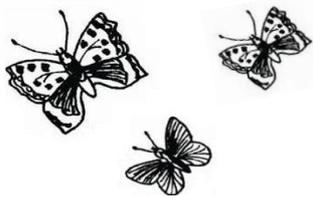
Year 1 Christmas Assembly @ 9.30a.m.

Thursday 15th December

Nursery and Reception
Christmas Parties

Monday 19th December

Years 1 and 2
Christmas Parties



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The Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3 December was our Christmas fayre. Once again the turnout was fabulous. The stalls were very popular. Altogether nearly £3,000 was raised for the school. The funds raised from past PSA events have supported the purchase of outdoor play equipment for Years 1 and 2 and a new shed in which to store them. With the funds we have recently collected, we are looking to purchase 30 new tablets and a charging bay, which will enhance our IT learning experiences. Thank you all for turning out to support the school. A big thank you to our PSA and all the helpers for their hard work and commitment to Spring Meadow.

Mrs Brown

Mrs Brown, who has been our special needs co-ordinator, Rainbows class teacher and more recently Wren's class teacher, will be leaving Spring Meadow at the end of the term. Wren Class will continue to be taught by Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Young for the rest of the school year. We all wish Mrs Ruth Brown all the best with her future pursuits and thank her for her three years of hard work and commitment to Spring Meadow.

Mrs Peachey and Mrs Woods

As many of you may have noticed both Mrs Peachey and Mrs Woods are both pregnant. Mrs Woods is due to have her baby in February and will be leaving to start her maternity leave in January. Her classes will be covered by Mrs Lianna Hodson, who is a very experienced early years teacher. Mrs Peachey is due to have her baby in March, so will be leaving us at February half term. Buttercup class will be taught thereafter by Mrs Hannah Battersby, who is also an experienced local teacher.

Year 2 Choir

Well done to the Year 2 choir who kindly sang to the Over 60's club at Ely Community Centre on Friday. They did so well that they have been invited back in Spring term for part 2! Thank you to Mrs Wymer who is now leading the choir.

TERM DATES

Autumn term 2016

31st October—20th December

Spring term 2017

4th January Professional Day

5th January—10th February

13th February

to Half Term

17th February

20th February—31st March

Summer term 2017

18th April Professional Day

19th April - 26th May

1st May 2017 May Day

29th May

to Half Term

2nd June

5th June Professional Day

6th June—21st July

