

Spring Meadow Newsletter

Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you had a restful and relaxing family Christmas. This term, we have said goodbye to Mrs Woods who has now started her maternity leave. Ladybird class will be taught by Mrs Lianna Hodson, who is an experienced Early Years teacher.

On a more personal note, sadly due to personal family circumstances, I will be leaving Spring Meadow at the end of this term. This news may come as a shock to many of you but after a lot of deliberation, I feel it is something I need to do. This is my decision. I will be extremely sad to say goodbye to you all. I would also like to thank you all for your support and kindness during my time here at Spring Meadow. My last day will be Friday 31 March 2017. The governors are in the process of recruiting a new headteacher and will be writing to you soon to inform you of the procedure. Up until then it will be business as usual.

Assessments

Last term's teacher assessment showed that our children are making good progress with their writing. The school has now adopted elements of the Pie Corbett approach to teaching writing, where the children have to learn a story with actions to help them with the punctuation and grammar.

School Council

When our new school council meet this week we will be looking at a form of the former home school agreement. This is a short document which outlines in a few bullet points the expectations of the staff, the children and the parents. The agreement will be informed largely by the recent staff questionnaire, the parental questionnaire which was carried out in the summer and a pupil one which will be devised by the school council. I will keep you updated on its development in subsequent newsletters.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Evie and Ianthe in Year 2 who came first and second respectively in the Cambridge Junction 'Beast from the East' story writing competition. Both girls have won tickets to see a performance of their choice at Cambridge Junction. Well done girls – we are very proud of you!!

Spring Dates for your diary

Friday 27 January- Bargain Books Book Fair in the main hall 3:30-4:00

Friday 3 February – Dress Up for Digits (Fundraising for NSPCC)

Week beginning 7 February – Online Safety Week

Friday 10 February- Sing to Sign (Fundraising for Deaf Awareness)

Monday 13 February –Friday 17 February Half Term

Monday 20 February – Second half of the Spring Term

Tuesday 28 February – Years 1 and 2 Parents' Evening (3:45-7:00)

Wednesday 1 March– Years 1 and 2 Parents' Evening (3:45-7:00)

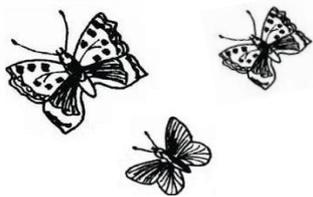
Thursday 2 March – World Book Day- Children to dress up as book characters

Monday 6 March- Reception and Nursery Parents' Evening (3:45-6:00 for Nursery) (3:30-6:00 for Reception)

Wednesday 8 March- Reception and Nursery Parents' Evening (4:30-7:00)

Friday 31 March – End of Spring Term

Wednesday 19 April – Beginning of Summer Term



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Snow Days

With the current adverse weather conditions in some parts of Europe, please ensure you read our Plan for Snow that you will have received via School Comms or from your child's teacher.

Important reminder to Nursery and Year 2 Parents

Just a reminder to you that the closing date for applications for September 2017 Reception and Year 3 places is this Sunday 15 January 2017. You can make your application online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Scooters, Bikes and Trikes

Scooters, bikes and trikes are not allowed to be ridden on the school grounds at the start and the end of the school day. Despite notices on the school gates and reminders to the children, this is still happening.

You will also notice on our school calendar that we have two fundraising events for two consecutive Fridays in February. We understand that asking you to commit to two rounds of donations might be a bit too much. So if you decide to donate for one event, we will divide the funds directly in half for each charity to avoid you having to donate twice.

Wayne Cooper
Headteacher

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