

Spring Meadow Newsletter

Spring Term ~ March 2017

Dear Parents,

New Head Teacher has been appointed!

Really important news! I can now confirm that our governors have appointed a new head teacher, who will start at Spring Meadow in September. Her name is Mrs Annette Blewett. Mrs Blewett is very experienced. She is currently working in Suffolk and has worked in East London for many years. Mrs Blewett will be visiting Spring Meadow on at least three separate occasions to meet with myself to ensure a smooth transition. She will also meet with the staff, the children, the governors and Mrs Ireland-Curtis (Head Teacher of St Mary's Junior School). One of the days that she is here, we will be on the gates together so you, the parents get to meet her before she starts formally.

Pupil Targets

Thank you to all the parents that attended our recent parents' consultations. As we are continually working hard to improve our results, it is so important that you and your children are fully aware of their targets and are able to support them at home to achieve them. I spoke with the children in assembly today about the importance of targets and working towards them. Most children in Years 1 and 2 are aware of what they need to work on to improve their writing. In reading we want our children to become not just fluent readers but readers who can talk about what they have read (comprehension) and begin to read between the lines as to what the author has written (inference).

School Packed Lunches

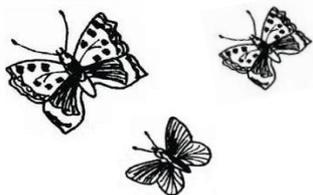
At Spring Meadow we aim to promote healthy eating. However, our midday meal supervisor's are becoming slightly concerned about the contents of lunch boxes at present. Too many lunches do not contain any sandwiches, fruit or vegetables. We would like you to consider the longer term effects on your children's health and well-being, if they do not eat a substantial and healthy lunch. Earlier this week, Mrs Mathie sent out a flyer with a variety of healthy options for you and your children to think about. We have also discussed healthy eating in assembly this week.

Dates for your diary

Friday 31 March – End of Spring Term

Wednesday 19 April – Beginning of Summer Term





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World Downs Syndrome Day

Next Tuesday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day. To support children and families affected by Down's Syndrome, we are asking children to wear odd socks and to provide a voluntary donation. If you would like to learn more about the day please visit <https://worlddownsyndromeday.org/>



Attendance

Our current average attendance is 94.94% which is below the national average (96%) and just below the national expectation (95%). At Spring Meadow we encourage good attendance. The impact on the achievement of those children who do not attend regularly is a negative one. As a rule, we discourage any holidays being taken during term times. These will not be authorised unless the reasons are exceptional. Please read the school's policy on attendance. It can be found on our website. It is also important and courteous to keep the school informed of any appointments and absences that your children may have. Repeated failure to do this may result in the involvement of the education welfare officer.

Comic Relief

In support of Comic Relief this year, which is next **Friday 24th March**, we are asking children to wear red. All donations will be collected by the class teachers or teaching assistants.

Movie Night

Tomorrow night is movie night again. This is usually a popular event. We are asking parents to collect children from their classrooms at **5:30**, just as you normally do at the end of the day.

Summer term 2017

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

