



# Spring Meadow Newsletter

Summer Term ~ May 2017

Dear Parents,

## Attendance

Our overall attendance has dipped slightly. This is mainly due to the two sickness bugs we had last term. We are hoping that with the better weather, things will improve this term. Please continue to inform the school if your child will not be able to attend school. Please be as specific as you can in letting us know what is wrong.

Following on from the landmark case, where a parent took the local authority to court for being fined, Cambridgeshire have given us specific advice on penalty fines which we have now included in our attendance policy:

## Easter Tree at Ely Station

Back in March, we were asked as a school to make decorations for the Easter tree in Ely station. So on Tuesday 28 March I accompanied eight children with Mrs Pyrah and two parent volunteers from Reception with all the lovely decorations made by reception children to the station to decorate the tree. There was even an announcement at the station for us and a mention on the public display system! Thank you very much to our reception for their creative designs and thank to the staff at Ely Station for their kindness and for the Easter eggs they gave us!

## Year 2 SATS

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Year 2 SATS meeting. This year is the second year of the new assessments. The children are mainly assessed on the work they are doing in class by their class teachers. The tests, which will take place in May, only form part of the evidence for the judgements we have to make on the children in reading, writing, maths and science. I am please to say that the Spring term assessments have indicated that the children are already doing well and have made good progress since the start of the year. The most important message is that your children should not worry about SATs. We want them to do their best. The final judgements will be shared with you when the children receive their reports in July.

## New School Councillors

Each class has elected an additional school councillor who will assist their peers with their duties this term. The new school councillors now have their badges. Their first job will be to help devise a pupil questionnaire and help me to complete our Home School contract before the end of the school year.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 15 May – Year 2 Parents' Meeting at St Mary's Junior School

Friday 26 May- Last day of half term

Monday 5 June – Staff Professional Day  
Tuesday 6 June – Start of Second-Half Term (Children return to school)

Saturday 1 July – Summer Fair (joint with St. Mary's Junior School)

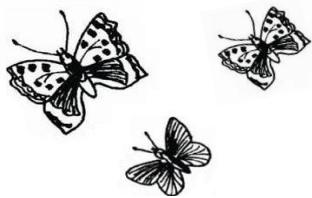
Monday 3 July – Sports' Day

Monday 11 July- Year 1 Educational Visit to Mountfitchet Castle

Wednesday 5 July – Changeover Day

Thursday 20 July- Year 2 Parents' Lunch with their children

Friday 21 July- End of Year



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## New Website

I hope you have visited our new website. It has been a labour of love but finally we feel we have a website that is attractive, up-to-date and in line with our competitors.

## The Choir at The Maltings

Well done to our choir members who performed at The Maltings in March. We were the first to perform, therefore we opened the show and I feel we set the standard. The children sang three songs including one of my personal favourites, 'Let's Go Fly a Kite'. I would also like to thank Mrs Wymer for continuing the choir after Mrs Rogers had left, Mrs Barnes and Mr Meek, who has been accompanying the choir with the piano.

## New Midday Meal Supervisors

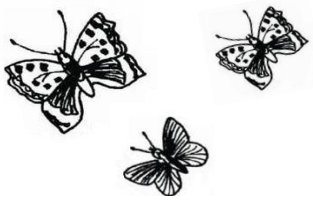
I am putting out another appeal for anyone who has just over an hour to spare at lunch times and would be interested in supporting our children as a midday meal supervisor. It is a great step into childcare and further work in school. Many of our midday meal supervisors are occasionally asked to support within school for additional hours. Some have also started their NVQ level 2 in Childcare. If you are interested, please collect an application form from Mrs Green in the office.

## A Plea for New Governors

We are also still looking to recruit more non-parent governors with a particular interest in finance or who come from a business background. If you know of anyone in your extended family, who may have recently retired or has extra time on their hands, please encourage them to contact our chair of governors, Susanne Jessop on [sjessop@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:sjessop@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk).

## Summer term 2017

1st May 2017	May Day
29th May	
to	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	
5th June	Professional Day
6th June—21st July	



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## Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School *“Nurtured we grow”*

### **NURSERY**

### **OPEN EVENING**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 6-7.30pm**

[www.springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk)

**T: 01353 664742**

**admin@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk**

Come and see our inspiring learning environments - inside and out  
Experience our Fantastic Forest School  
Talk to our **experienced, qualified Nursery Teachers and Teaching Assistants** about a great place to begin your child's learning journey  
Our Nursery is open to all 3-4 year olds from across the Ely district, so come along and see what we can offer your child  
Please note: This is a Parent/Carer only event – no need to book



and



### **SUMMER FAYRE**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 11am – 2pm**

**Everyone welcome to come along and join in the summer fun!**

### **Nursery places still available for 3-4 year olds from September 2017:**

- ✓ 15 hours over 5 mornings *or* 5 afternoons
- ✓ A number of flexible 15 hour places (2.5 days – Mon, Tue & Wed am
  - ✓ or Wed pm, Thu & Fri)
- ✓ A limited number of 30 hour places available for those eligible
- ✓ Lunch Club, Breakfast Club and After School provision available to extend Nursery hours - additional charges apply for these extra hours.
  - ✓ Contact us now to discuss your preferences

