



Spring Meadow Newsletter

Autumn: November 2016

Welcome

Welcome back after the half term break. The nights are definitely drawing in and getting colder. As a result children need to wrap up warm and carry more to school. To that end, last week's focus to notice was to keep cloakrooms tidy. There is often a sea of coats of the floors outside the classrooms which apart from being unsightly does present a safety hazard. Following on from my inspection yesterday morning, Rowan class's cloakroom was the best. Not an item of clothing seen on the floor- Well done! On a slightly more serious note, please could parents make sure all clothes are labelled with your child's name.

D.I.S.C.O Success!

A big thank you to our PSA for organising not one but three discos in one night! The children were impeccably behaved and the dancing was incredible to say the least! You have managed to raise approximately £600 for the school.

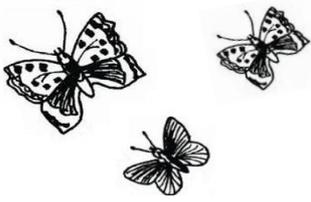
Just a reminder, the Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 26 November, let's make it as successful as last year's.

Attendance

For the first time in over a year, our attendance figures are above the national expectation and now sit at 96%. This is great news and a picture we wish to continue. I must however point out the importance of good attendance and punctuality for your children. Any attendance below 90% is now deemed as poor attendance. Children with low attendance will be invited in to a meeting with me to discuss the issue and any underlying reasons or health conditions the school either needs to be aware of or can support your child with. Once your child's attendance dips to below 90% you will be required to provide medical evidence every time your child is away from school thereafter.

When your child is away from school, they are missing out on valuable learning and social time. Children with persistently poor attendance tend not to achieve as well as those who do attend school regularly.





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New School Council

Forget the US presidential elections, at Spring Meadow we have been conducting elections of our own. We have just voted for new school councillors for years 1 and 2. The school councillors will meet with Mr Cooper to discuss issues affecting of the school and think of ways to improve things. They also get to sit on the benches in assembly. Last year's councillors conducted a questionnaire around safety in school, the chose new equipment and apparatus for the school using the funding raised by you via the PSA. The new school councillors will this week to discuss National Anti-Bullying Week.

Mrs Grove

As some of you may have realised, particularly parents of children in Robin Class, Mrs Grove is expecting a baby. She started her maternity leave at half term, with her baby due at the beginning of December. I am sure you would like to share our best wishes to Mrs Grove and her family. Robin class will now be taught on Friday's by Mrs Tolland.

Children in Need

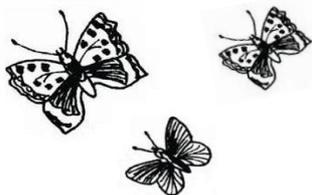
To celebrate Children in Need day children are invited to wear anything with spots on and to bring along a donation which will be collected from their classes.

This Thursday 17 November The One Show's Rickshaw Children in Need race will be passing through Ely. We anticipate it will be here at around 2:30pm. Once we know that it has passed through Littleport, we would like to take as many Years 1 and 2 pupils we can to see it. If you are available to support by joining us, please contact your child's class teachers.

Martin – Our Crossing Patrol Officer

Martin Skipper, our crossing patrol officer will not be supporting our children to cross the road this week and possibly for a few weeks thereafter because he is having an operation. The school would like to wish him a speedy and restful recovery. As far as the school knows, there will be no replacement for Martin during his absence. Please could you support your children to cross the road safely in the meantime. Thank you.





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The Nutcracker Performance

Well done to all those children who performed at yesterday's presentation of The Nutcracker at The Maltings. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend personally, but staff who were fortunate to be there commented on how well the children did. So a special well done to Rebecca, Gemma, Anna, Florence, Claudia, Emma, Lilien, Daisy, Bella and Hannah. We are very proud of you all!

Applications Reminder!

All Nursery Year Parents/Carers must apply now for a school place for September!!

Being in our Nursery doesn't mean your child can automatically transfer to school, so every parent has to make an application for a school place, for September 2017, to the county council.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOOL ADMISSIONS OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS TO RECEPTION YEAR (INFANT SCHOOL) from:

Weds. 16th November to the closing date of midnight on 15th January 2017

Apply **either** online: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions ('Apply for a Primary School' place)

or on a paper application form, available from the School Office. Any queries please ask Kate.

Thank you!

All Year 2 Parents/Carers must apply for a school place for Year 3!

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOOL ADMISSIONS OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS TO YEAR 3 (JUNIOR SCHOOL) from **Weds. 16th November, to the closing date of midnight on 15th January 2017**

Apply **either** online: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions ('Apply for a Primary School')

or on a paper application form, available from the School Office. Any queries, please ask Kate

TERM DATES

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