

Spring Meadow Newsletter

October 2015

Welcome to our October newsletter. I am pleased to report that the children have settled in well to the new classes. We have also enjoyed the last days of summer and are bracing ourselves for the autumnal weather changes.

Last Thursday Year 2 visited Ely Museum. This visit was organised to support and enhance their History topic of famous people. The focus of the visit was Hereward the Wake and William the Conqueror. The children were allowed to try on costumes, even suits of armour. They also listened to an informative talk about Hereward himself.

Spring Meadow uniform disappeared a few weeks ago when Year 1 held their explorers day. The day involved searching for treasure and creating maps among other exciting activities.

Thank you to all those new nursery and reception parents who attended our coffee mornings. They were so well received that the school has decided to host more of them across the year. It was a great opportunity for parents to connect and network locally.

Continuing the theme of parental involvement, we would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents who expressed an interest and turned up at the re-launch of our PSA (Parent Staff Association). We now have a committee with potentially two chairs. We are still on the look out for a treasurer, so if you have already expressed an interest in joining PSA and have the necessary financial skills or experience to be the treasurer, please contact me directly or the office.

Harvest Assembly

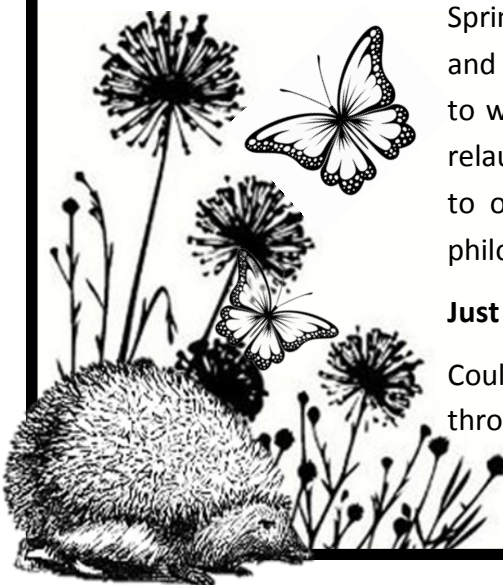
Our Harvest Assembly this year will be on Friday 9 October. We have invited Shropshire's, the local salad growers, in to talk to the children during the week about where our food comes from. We have also invited Reverend Keith Waters from New Connexions Free Church in High Barns, in to talk to the children about the religious aspect of Harvest. Thank you all for your donations. These will be collected and taken to the local foodbank on Friday.

Writing at Spring Meadow

Spring Meadow is currently exploring ways of improving the teaching and learning of writing across the school. We are encouraging children to write more at home and for a purpose. After half term we will be relaunching a question for the week, where children will be encouraged to offer a written response to a thought-provoking and sometimes philosophical question.

Just a reminder...

Could parents kindly avoid talking to children during their play times through the railings or when you are collecting other children from the Nursery. It makes it difficult for the staff to supervise the children safely at play times. Thank you for your co-operation.



Strikes Bowl Ely Local School Special

Mention this advert to receive

Two games of bowling for £5

or

Two for one on Planet Zoom entry

Valid until 22nd October 2015



Thank you to those of you who have already sent tokens into school—please keep them coming to enable us to claim lots of FREE Tablets for the children.



ST MARY'S ELY October Half Term Holiday Club @ St Mary's Church Ely

Join us to...



28/10, 29/10, 30/10 @ 9.30am - 12pm

For ages 4-11 - No charge

To sign up email: office@stmarysely.org

Dates for your diary!

School Term Dates 2015/2016

Autumn Term 2015

2nd September	Professional Day
3rd September – 23rd October	
26th October – 30th October	Half Term
2nd November	Professional Day
3rd November – 18th December	

Spring Term 2016

4th January	Professional Day
5th January – 12th February	
15th February – 19th February	Half Term
22nd February – 24th March	

Summer Term 2016

11th April	Professional Day
12th April – 27th May	
30th May – 3rd June	Half Term
6th June	Professional Day
7th June – 21st July	

coffee morning

Friday 13th November

in the School Hall

after drop off



Calendar of Events Autumn Term 2015

Monday 12 th October	3.30 – 6p.m. Parents' Consultations for Reception
Wednesday 14 th October	4.30 – 7p.m. Parents' Consultations for Reception
Monday 19 th October	2.45 – 3.45p.m. School Nurse Drop-in
Thursday 22 nd October	9 – 10a.m. Michelle West from the Children Centre to provide
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Staff Professional Day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Back to School
Wednesday 4 th November	4.30 – 7p.m. Parents' Consultations for Nursery 4 – 6.30p.m. Parents' Consultations for Year Two
Wednesday 11 th November	3.30 – 7p.m. Parents' Consultations for Year One 4 – 6p.m. Parents' Consultations for Nursery
Wednesday 18 th November	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 2 nd December	Reception Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 8 th December	10a.m. FS Christmas performance to Morning Nursery parents 2p.m. FS Christmas performance to Afternoon Nursery parents
Wednesday 9 th December	10a.m. FS Christmas performance to Daisy and Buttercup Class Year One Christmas Lunch
Thursday 10 th December	2p.m. FS Christmas performance to Bluebell, Poppy and Rainbow
Monday 14 th December	9.30a.m. Year Two Christmas Carol Concert 2p.m. Year One Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday 15 th December	9.30a.m Year One Christmas Carol Concert 2p.m. Year Two Christmas Carol Concert
Wednesday 16 th December	Year Two Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December	End of Autumn Term