

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School Weekly Up-date 26th JUNE 2020



Key messages for those accessing school during the closure period:

The morning school start times, to ensure social distancing, are:

Bubble 1: 8.45am Monday—Friday
Bubble 11: 8.50am Monday—Friday
Bubble 8: 8.55am Monday—Friday
Bubble 4: 9.00am Monday—Friday
Bubble 5: 9.05am Monday—Friday
Bubble 6: 9.10am Monday—Friday
Bubble 9: 9.15am Monday—Friday

Friday reminder—school closes after the children have eaten their lunch. Each Bubble has a different finish time. Please check the time with your child's teacher.

Key Dates:

Tues 30th June—Mrs Eldridge's last day at Spring Meadow, after 25 years here

Fri 17th July — Last day of Summer Term

Mon 20th & Tues 21st July—Staff Professional Days

Early Years' Inductions: One of the saddest things about this school closure period is that we can't have our usual Induction visits from the families whose children will be starting Nursery and Reception here in September. Normally, the school would be buzzing with excited young children having a go at all sorts of new, fun activities in the classrooms and playspaces (and not wanting to leave at the end of their visit!). We have had to be creative about how we replicate that experience during lockdown and be able to get to know the families and answer lots of questions! So, there will be **ZOOM presentations by Mrs Blewett on Weds. 1st, Thurs. 2nd and Fri. 3rd July**—if you haven't booked a slot yet, please check your emails and confirm by 9am on 29th June via admin@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk

We have also considered what our new families need in terms of having a look round where their children will be playing, how to drop-off and pick-up, how each 'zone' of the school connects to the next etc—so, with a little help from ex-Spring Meadow pupil Torin, we now have a *Virtual Tour* for Early Years! It's just gone live on the school website, in a Starting School section. So if all of our Nursery parents can take the *Virtual Tour*, and share it with your children, we think that will help them to become familiar with their current Nursery spaces and prepare them for the transition to Reception in September. We will be adding to 'Starting School' soon, and making an 'inside' Tour of Early Years during the summer so we will let you know when you can 'visit' us again, albeit remotely for now.

Year 2 End of term celebration — Thursday 16th July

We would like to organise an event in school for all of our Year 2 children so that they can celebrate the end of their time with us. We will follow all government guidance to stay safe and, weather permitting, use the outdoor spaces for this special event. More details to follow.

Home Learning

Children with an EHCP: The law surrounding the provision for children with SEND has been changed in response to the Corona Virus Pandemic. We must use our best endeavours to meet the special educational needs of all of our children. If you require any support whatsoever, please contact the school by telephone, 01353 664742 or use the Office mail address office@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk

Safe and well calls: We are still trying to contact all families to ensure we are providing as much support and opportunities for learning as possible. We still have small number who have not responded to our calls and messages. Please do let us know how your child is coping during the closure and work with us to provide support.

Reading catch-up: We have extended the numbers of children we are supporting to further develop their early reading. Thank you to families for working with us on this. We know it is challenging!



Education for our children

What Next?

I am told that distancing restrictions will reduce on 4th July, but no further details. Currently the Bubble sizes remain fixed at no more than 15; ours are at 12, due to the sizes of the classrooms. As soon as I receive any further information I will share this with you.

I have a Head Teacher meeting with the County on 1st July where it is hoped we can be given further advice on actions we can take in line with agreed safety measures.

We have been told that from September we will open fully but the Bubble system will remain, with full classes of up to 30. My understanding is that the Bubbles will remain isolated from each other to reduce the spread of infection. Again, when I know more I will share with you.

Hats and sun screen: The usual summer reminder for children to wear a sun hat and apply sun screen before they arrive for school. If your child is bringing their own sunscreen to school, please label the packaging so we know whose it is.



Morning break time: During this closure period, the free fruit scheme is not running for our children unfortunately. Some children are missing having this provision each day. If you wish to, you may provide a piece of fresh fruit for your child. No other playtime snacks are permitted. Thank you for your co-operation.