

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School Weekly Update 18th September 2020



Key Dates:

24th September— ‘Settling into school’ reports to parents via email

23rd October — Staff Professional Day—school closed

26th -30th October — Autumn half-term holiday

2nd November — Start of second half-term

18th November — Flu vaccinations for children

18th December — End of Autumn Term

Communication from school:

This Weekly Update comes to you via **SchoolComms**, our parent emailing system, as do most letters we send to you. However, your child’s teacher will be emailing you directly on Thursday 24th September with your child’s first Report of the year—please look out for this Report in your Inbox. Very occasionally now we need to send home a paper communication to be checked, signed and returned to school—your child’s **Data Sheet** will be sent home with your child on 24th September and should be returned by Monday 28th to ensure we have accurate, up-to-date contact information for you (*essential* in case of an emergency). Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations in school on 18th November

The school-based Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme helps protect your child against Flu. Flu can be a dangerous illness and can cause serious complications. Your child is entitled to the vaccination free, from the NHS, in school. You will receive a letter from the NHS, via SchoolComms, on Monday 21st — with a link to consent or decline the vaccination. There is also an advice line. The deadline for this is **30th September**.

Staggered start times and end times—updated information

Reception and most of our Nursery children are all in school now, so each morning and afternoon will be *very* busy with over 220 children and parents arriving in a short window of time. One parent spoke to me today and said when she comes on time there is less congestion; if she early it is rather busy. Please aim to come at the time you child’s class has been allocated, so you miss the congestion. The times set are for safety reasons, of course.

Some parents have more than one child to get to school and we have tried to be flexible. School opens at 8.40am. Please do not enter the school grounds before this time. If you have a child at St Mary’s Junior School, please bring your child to us after that drop-off.

The Queen comes to Spring Meadow!

Year 2 had a wonderful street party today to celebrate the work they have been doing in class, finding out about families and in particular what life is like for the Royal Family.

The children wore handmade crowns and waved their flags as the Queen arrived to say hello. The children asked her lots of questions and gave her some fabulous gifts of pictures they had drawn. They also practised their bowing and curtsying too! Every child had the biggest smile on their face and had a wonderful time laughing with their friends outside in the sunshine, on a glorious Friday afternoon.



Admissions 2021: Cambridgeshire County Council School Admissions administers all school admissions for entry into Reception Year & Year 3, for September 2021. Admissions is now open and will close on 15th January 2021. Apply online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions

Staffing at Spring Meadow

Many of our members of staff work on a part-time basis and have done so for many years. Some teachers only work four days and the fifth day is taught by a different experienced and fully-qualified teacher.

There is a document on the school’s website which outlines where all our staff are in terms of where they work and how many days they work, for you to view. If you have any concerns you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Our Community School

We are very proud of our position as a small school at the heart of the Ely community, with a very wide catchment area that spreads from the city centre down to the river and out to several villages including Prickwillow, Queen Adelaide, Chettisham, Pymoor and Stuntney. Some parents *have* to drive to bring their children to school due to the distance they have to travel. Please can we *all* show consideration for the local residents around the school, and for our School Crossing Patrol, when parking and arriving at or leaving school.