

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School Weekly Update 16th October 2020



Key Dates:

Thursday 22nd October — Last day of first half-term

Friday 23rd October — Staff Professional Day: school closed

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

2nd November — Start of second half-term

3rd November — 9.30am/1.30pm/7pm via 'Zoom' Headteacher Presentations to Prospective Reception Parents

6th November — 9.30am/1.30pm via 'Zoom' Headteacher Presentations to Prospective Reception Parents

10th November — 5.30-7pm Transition Yr 2-3 'Zoom' presentation by Ely St. Mary's Junior School (online form on website www.elystmarys.org.uk)

11th November — School Photos: Spring Meadow pupils only

18th November — Flu vaccinations for children

1st December — 9.30am/1.30pm/7pm via 'Zoom' Headteacher Presentations to Prospective Reception Parents

3rd December — 9.30am/1.30pm via 'Zoom' Headteacher Presentations to Prospective Reception Parents

8th and 10th December — 'Zoom' Headteacher presentations to new parents of January intake for Nursery (see Nursery details below)

18th December — End of Autumn Term

4th January 2021 — Staff Professional Day: school closed

5th January 2021 — Start of Spring Term

Life at Spring Meadow:

Covid restrictions

As a school we continue to adapt as each day passes and the government brings in different restrictions. The local authority are excellent at keeping us as a school informed about any changes to our daily routines.

We continue to try to limit the number of items that come into the school. Forest School kits have caused some challenges in terms of quarantining and we have to accept that whilst it would be ideal to keep these in school for the whole term or even half a term, it is not practical for everyone.

If your child needs their clothing at the weekends, please do ask your child to take the kit home after their weekly Forest School session. If it can be returned on the Monday that would be helpful.

We have updated the risk assessment and this is now on the school website for you to view.

Masks - please wear these when you can as you move through the school grounds, especially where we have bottle-necks. It is not compulsory to wear one, of course, but it may help keep us a little safer from the virus. I hear that cases are rising in Ely so please stay alert, as the government keeps telling us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Isolation

The government has produced a handy chart to help us make the right decisions when we are informed of a confirmed case of the virus. This is also on the website:

<https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/asset-library/Corona-Virus-Schools/CCC-3206-When-to-Self-Isolate-2pp-A5-V12.pdf>

One example is if a member of the family, for example Dad, is asked to isolate for 14 days because someone he works with has been confirmed as having the virus. Dad must do as asked and isolate, but the other adults and children in the home do not have to isolate. This would change of course, if Dad had a test and it was found he also had the virus.

"Loving School Lunches"

One of the 'unseen' events, every school day, is the very efficient preparation and serving of around 175 school meals in our dining hall, with separate bubble sittings to ensure safe-distancing where possible. Our amazing, 5-★ Catering Team (Lucy, Judy, Gemma and Leah) ensures every child has their meal of choice, whilst meeting dietary requirements. As you will have seen from our 3-weekly Menu there is a *lot* of choice and a great deal of effort to produce fresh, home-cooked both hot and cold school lunches here.

The new school packed-lunch meal, with four baguette/sandwich options, veggie batons, yogurt, watermelon and one of Lucy's homemade cakes or cookies has proved very popular and, as it is also free, it means it is incredibly



economical compared to the expense of providing a lunchbox/bag from home. Please check the Menu on the school website to see what is offered. We'll be on **Week One** for the final four days of this half-term.

Please could **Reception** parents continue to email [admin@](mailto:admin@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk) by the end of each Friday, if there are *any* changes to your child's default meal choices for the coming week? Thank you.

'Zoom' Headteacher presentations to new parents of January intake for Nursery: 8th and 10th December



Parents with children starting Nursery in January 2021 are invited to join Mrs Blewett for a 'Zoom' information and question and answer session on **Tuesday 8th December at 1.30pm or Thursday 10th December at 9.30am**. To book, please email admin@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk with your preferred session and you'll get a confirmation link.

