

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School Weekly Update - 2nd October 2020



Key Dates:

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 Nursery Parents: see below

6th November — 9.30am/1.30pm via 'Zoom' Headteacher Presentations to Nursery Parents: see below

18th November — Flu vaccinations for children (see deadline date above)

1st December — 9.30am/1.30pm/7pm via 'Zoom' Headteacher Presentations to Nursery Parents: see below

3rd December — 9.30am/1.30pm via 'Zoom' Headteacher Presentations to Nursery Parents: see below

18th December — End of Autumn Term

Headteacher Invitation To All Our Nursery Parents and Friends who wish to join our Reception Year 2021



On the **3rd and 6th of November**, and the **1st and 3rd of December**, (see times above), you are all invited to meet with Mrs Blewett via a Zoom presentation all about Reception 2021. We'd really like it if all parents had the chance to join-in the presentations and there will be question and answer opportunities at each of the meetings.

To join, please book via an email to:

admin@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk stating which date and time suits you best and then Kate will send you an invitation link to join the meetings, which will last approximately an hour. You are welcome to have your child with you, of course. Sometimes they ask the most interesting questions that parents have not yet thought of!



Admissions deadline: 15.01.2021

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions

New Beginnings

We are so proud of how the Reception children have settled into their new classes and into the new daily routines in place to keep them safe. Handwashing and using hand-gels is a regular event throughout the day and the children fully understand why they have to do this.

The children are happy, busy making friends and have been bravely exploring their new learning environments. We have started to learn the letter sounds of the alphabet and learning how to play alongside our new classmates, sharing resources and taking turns. We have all enjoyed the new outdoor covered sand area, which enables lots of children to get inside and play together.



We have been talking about ourselves and our families and the children have been looking closely to draw and paint themselves. We've had some wonderful self-portraits as you can see on the left! Forest School sessions started today in our specially-developed natural area on the school site beyond the Reception zone and the children had a wonderful time exploring. Please remember to label all of your children's items of clothing as one red sweatshirt looks much the same as another! All the staff in Reception really appreciate your continued support.

Rainy Days

The weather is now changing and becoming really Autumnal and at times quite cold and wet, which is great for the garden, but not for our children when they want to play outside. Please make sure your child wears a coat to school each day, preferably with a hood. The children will still play outside when it is raining; it may only be for a short time, but they must have a coat in order to do so (named, of course!) Having time to run around and get some fresh air is essential for them.

Siblings Letters: Letters will come home today for parents of siblings who requested support at drop-off and collection times; please adhere to these timings.

Year Two Transition to Year Three

There is no automatic transfer to Year Three, so an application must be made to the School Admissions Team at Cambridgeshire County Council by the deadline of 15th January 2021.

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Joining Ely St Mary's CofE Junior School (code 3362)

If you would like your child to become a pupil at Ely St Mary's Church of England Junior School in Year Three, please apply as above.

St Mary's has confirmed that it will be holding an open event for parents of Year Two pupils in November 2020, in order to provide you with introductory information about the school and to answer any questions. Given the current circumstances, the format for the event has yet to be finalised, and further details will be provided nearer the time.

www.elystmarys.org.uk

