

# Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School Weekly Update - 23rd October 2020



## Key Dates:

**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 Yr2-3 'Zoom' presentation by Ely St. Mary's Junior School (online form on website [www.elystmarys.org.uk](http://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

**18th December** — End of Autumn Term

**4th January 2021** — Staff Professional Day: school closed

**5th January 2021** — Start of Spring Term

**15th January 2021** — Deadline for applications for Reception and Year Three

## School Lunch Menu - Second Half Term:

We return to school on Monday 2nd November and it will be Week Two on the school menu. Please note that there will be a few 'tweaks' to the overall menu; we will email it out to you via *SchoolComms* and post it on the school website during the half term break.

**Holiday Multisports Club:** Premier Sports will be running their usual holiday club during half term. Please see their website for booking details: [premier-education.com/holidaycamps](http://premier-education.com/holidaycamps)

## Remote Learning

As the concerns around contracting the virus continue and indeed increase in various parts of the country, we remain alert and vigilant at all times. Cambridgeshire cases remain lower than many other parts of the country, which is a positive for us of course.

From Monday 2nd November, we will provide Remote Learning for all children who have to self-isolate due to Covid 19 concerns. The work set for a child will be in line with that being taught in school, so the child does not fall behind during an enforced absence.

If your child is unwell with one of the many normal childhood illnesses, they **will not** be given work to do at home. Remote Learning is just for children who cannot attend as a result of a concern related to the spread of the virus.

I will send out further details about Remote Learning to you during the half term break, so you have a clear understanding of the process and how we plan to manage this. I will also send out a survey to find out what your views are on Remote Learning. I am especially keen to know what type of presentation of work you find most helpful, when supporting your child at home.

## Staying Safe Activities at Spring Meadow

Children in our Early Years learn many important safety measures during their regular play. In Nursery, in the lower playspace, we are lucky to have a roadtrack with markings and zebra crossings where the children love zooming around on the scooters, trikes and bubblecars. They're really keen to role-play road safety activities there too, and have lots of fun taking turns to be the School Crossing Patrol - something we really value as there is no-one on duty on High Barns at the end of morning/start of afternoon Nursery sessions, so families have to cross the road themselves.



## Half Term message from Mrs Blewett, Headteacher:

Thank you to every single parent, every single member of staff and every single Governor at our school. We opened as planned, reorganised our school entirely, washed and sanitised our hands throughout the days and on the whole we have been illness free. We have not had any instances of the virus in the school itself, which is a testament to everyone in our community.

The children have had 6 weeks and 4 days continuous learning in school, which is an amazing achievement. They remain unsure of systems at times that they had been very familiar with before we closed, but are happy to relearn and remember.

Have a wonderful half term with your children. They are very tired after being back at school following such a long closure and are looking forward to a good rest I know, as are the staff!

My very best wishes to you all for a calm, restful and enjoyable break.

## Extended School: Breakfast and After School Clubs

At Spring Meadow we aim to support parents by extending the school day with our morning Breakfast Club (from 7.45am) and afternoon After School Club (until 6pm), both of which are run by our own support staff and managed by Mrs Green, Finance Officer. See the school website for the registration and contract form.

Breakfast Club costs £4.50 per session (including breakfast)  
After School Club costs £6 up to 4.45pm / £10 until 6pm (including a light snack).

Payment is preferably by Bank Transfer; email Mrs Green [finance@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:finance@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk) for further details.

At the present time, the actual numbers attending are low; on some days only 3 or 4 children are using this facility. We will continue to provide this important resource for our families and hope that as the world tries to get back to work, and some kind of normality, that the need for places at the clubs increases. However, we do not receive any public funding for the clubs and staff salaries must be paid for through the payments we receive from parents who book places.

Thank you so much to all our parents using the clubs who have paid for their child's sessions in advance last half term, to support us. We will continue to request club payments in advance and hope that this remains something that our parents are happy to do.