

Key Dates:

18th November — Flu vaccinations for children

18th December—last day of Autumn Term

4th January 2021—Staff Training Day

5th January 2021 —Children return to school

Christmas Dates and Events

We will not be able to have the usual Christmas events taking place in school for parents to visit and we know how sad this is for you as parents, for the children and for the staff. We do aim to provide a Christmas experience for the children, which includes:

14th December: A virtual Christingle Service from Ely Cathedral

16th December: Christmas lunch in school (in bubbles)

Christmas singing production: This will be compiled into a whole school event that will be filmed for all parents to enjoy at home. We plan to upload the film onto You Tube and will let you know when it goes live, as we near the end of this term. The link to access will be secure and given to parents only. We will ask parents to agree to this of course before we film any child.

Santa will visit us from Lapland on the big screen!

He will visit each class and we are hopeful that the children will also receive a gift from Santa too!

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School—Message from the Head Teacher

The children had a wonderful *Children In Need* day in school on Friday. They arrived happy and excited for a day of fun and joy and this was had aplenty. It was also a day to think about kindness and caring for others. They also thought carefully about what it means when they say they need something. Clean and fresh water came top as the most important thing along with cuddles at bedtime and dinner as well as playing with their friends. We are still counting the donations you all generously made to the *Children In Need* charity. At the present time we have received £270, which is just fantastic. Thank you to all the parents/carers and children who donated money to such a worthy cause.

Virus—isolating and shielding

I wanted to clarify the situation with all of our families regarding the procedures to follow when there is a concern about the virus and the spread of this.

If someone in the home, where one of our children lives has a suspected case of the virus the child must stay home until the results of the test comes back. If the result is clear the child may return. If it is a positive result the child must stay home for 14 days from when the infection was first noted. This action will mean a child does not attend school when they may be infected, keeping others safe as a result.

Nursery News and Information

In Nursery, we have been talking about our own experiences of fireworks.

We have watched clips of fireworks, painted pictures, made construction models, drawn chalk pictures, danced and sang songs about fireworks. We made fantastic rockets and talked about the colours, textures and shapes that we were using as well as thinking about firework words such as **'whoosh, bang, pop, whizz, boom, fizz'**.



Facebook Page

The school Facebook page now has 104 followers, which is fantastic. If you would like to join the page please search for **Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School**.

Please click join, like and make sure you have turned on notifications so you automatically receive our messages.

As using Facebook is a new facility for us in terms of posting images, we need to get a new Permission document completed by parents. Watch out for this document, please complete to let us know what you would or would not like us to publish.

School Photos

The proofs were sent home on Friday 13th November for you to view. We hope you are really pleased with these. We do know that many families often like to purchase photos of their child so they can give these as gifts to their family at Christmas.

Please go on-line as soon as you can and make your order, to ensure the prints are back well in time for Christmas.

The company will then send all of the photographs to us at school for you to collect from the Office, or the teacher will be able to pass these to you.