

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School Weekly Update 20th November 2020



Key Dates:

18th December—Last day of Autumn Term

4th January 2021—Staff Training Day

5th January 2021 —Children return to school

15th January 2021— Deadline for Admissions to Reception and Year 3, for September 2021 www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions

Christmas Dates and Events

9th December: Classes filmed for the Christmas production. All children in smart uniform please!

14th December: A virtual Christingle Service from Ely Cathedral.

15th December: Visit from Santa in his virtual grotto in Lapland!

16th December: Christmas lunch in school (in class bubbles); sadly we cannot welcome parents this year.

17th December: Presents arrive for the children from Santa.

18th December: End of term: Class parties! Party wear, Christmas jumpers etc. (non-uniform day)

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 have recently asked for your permission on the new '*Consent form for taking and using photos and videos*' which was sent home last week; this needs to be signed and returned to us before we film any child. Please note: the back must be signed and dated by you too!

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

Working in the age of the pandemic, lockdowns, tier restrictions etc, is extremely difficult and challenging for us all. At Spring Meadow I continuously try to think of different ways to limit the impact of this dreadful virus on our amazing young children. I wanted to make sure that Christmas comes into your homes from school, as you cannot come into school at this time.

The film we aim to produce will be uploaded to You Tube on 14th December, all being well with the technology. It will be password protected. BUT, I am told, this does not stop it from being copied and then re-shared. If you feel unhappy with this arrangement, please let us know so we can ensure your child is still in the film, but their face is not seen on screen.

We have arranged for children to wear a mask relevant to the song they are singing, as we want to ensure they are included. As already mentioned, the restrictions we are under are causing such sadness in school and I hoped the film would enable some of the joy to come to you. I hope this film is just lovely and a memory to keep for many years to come. Please do get in touch if you have any concerns.

Rainbows News and Information

In Rainbows, the children have been learning how to make something to eat for themselves. Basic skills such as these are essential to help to develop the children's independence.

In class they have also been finding out about and exploring new tastes and textures of food.

Holding a knife safely and spreading something is a very important skill for every child to learn and everyone in the class has been having a go at it.

Well done Rainbows for making some deliciously-different tasting slices of toast. These included a very popular honey and marmalade combo! Yum!



Facebook Page

This page has been set up as an additional method of sharing information. Whilst this is a very popular and much-used medium, not all families subscribe to it of course. It will not replace our usual newsletter or School Comms messages or website.

Please **do** return the updated permissions form as soon as you can, if you have not already done so. This way we can be sure to meet the needs of every family when sharing images of school activities.

We had a wonderful, caring team of NHS Nurses and an Administrator (with stickers!) who visited us on Wednesday, to give the Nasal Flu Vaccination to 141 of our children whose parents had requested it.



The children were a credit to the school and their parents, as they were exceptionally brave and very kind to each other. The NHS team were so impressed with all the children and with the smooth organisation of the 'event', which makes us all very proud.

If your child missed the Flu Vaccination and you would still like them to have it you can book in at one of the Community Clinics via:

<https://immunisation-oe.nhs.uk>

The nearest one is at the Flu Clinic at Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely and the vaccination Helpline is 0300 555 5055.