

# Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School Weekly Update 6th November 2020



**Key Dates: 11th November** — School Photos

**13th November** — Children in Need Day

**18th November** — Flu vaccinations for children

## Breakfast and After School Clubs — Update

The clubs are now beginning to fill up and we have set a maximum of 12 children in each club. If you require a place for your child please contact Mrs Green in the school office by 2pm, who will be able to advise if we have spaces remaining on the days you require. All bookings must be made in advance each half-term and fees paid at the time of booking. Thank you to all parents who have been following this new system. It has really helped us to manage staffing, ensuring we have the right number of adults available.

## Ely St Mary's Junior School Invitation to our Year Two Parents/Carers: Tuesday 10th Nov. 5.30-7pm

Mrs Ireland-Curtis, Headteacher, will be delivering a special meeting for all of our Year 2 parents tomorrow via the 'Zoom' video conferencing facility. Please do attend if you can and find out as much as possible about the school your child may transition to in September 2021. The deadline for Admissions is 15th January 2021 and it will soon come around! The attached letter gives detailed information and instructions on how to join.

## Spring Meadow: Message from the Head Teacher

I hope all our families are keeping well and safe at this time. We know some are having to isolate because they have been in contact with someone who has a confirmed case of the virus, or while they await test results. Thankfully most test results I am told about come back negative. We have not had any confirmed cases at Spring Meadow, which I give thanks for every day. Long may this continue. **A polite reminder:** where possible, aim for just one adult to drop off and collect your child as this helps to reduce congestion on routes around school and outside the classrooms.

**Friday 13th November is Children in Need Day.** Please allow your child to come in their own chosen outfits for the day, as a treat. If you would like to make a donation to the charity, there will be a collection box outside each classroom for you to place your donations in. Thank you and we look forward to lots of bright colours around school on Friday!

## Year Two: Autumn Feelings and Sounds

The children have been exploring the season called Autumn as part of Forest School work. They have also been using their knowledge to write beautiful poems.



**We have some amazing poets in our midst!**

**'When Autumn Comes' by Joel**

*When autumn comes* I can see a red robin crunching loudly on the floor.

*When autumn comes* I can hear a prickly hedgehog scuttling quietly in the middle of a cherry tree.

*When autumn comes* I can see spikey leaves crackling loudly in the wind.

*When autumn comes* I can see brown conkers cracking loudly on the floor.

## Facebook — speedy messages

The school has a Facebook page that has been live for a number of years. I have been supported by a very knowledgeable and very kind parent to get the page to be more active and hopefully more informative for those who use this social media facility. If you search for the page it is called **Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School**. The image you see will be that of Year Two children's hands showing autumn berries etc.

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

I will aim to post photos, where this is permitted, and send important messages as well as continuing to send these via School Comms, our email system.

## Nursery and Reception progress meetings

Teachers in Nursery and Reception would usually invite parents in for a short meeting at this time of year to discuss how the children have settled and what we are doing to improve their learning. It is also a good time to discuss how parents can support further at home. Unfortunately meetings in school are not permitted at this time but we will be in touch with you over the next week to explain how we will provide this progress information for you.

**PE plimsolls** are now required in school, so that all the children can have their indoor PE lesson in the Studio. *Please name them first!*