

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School Weekly Up-date 8th February 2021



Key Dates:

15th February 2021—19th February 2021 Half Term week

26th March—school closed for teacher training

29th March 2021— 9th April 2021 Easter School Holidays

Parent Evenings

We would usually provide a parent meeting event in the first few weeks of January for parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2. Of course, with the current situation continuing, this has not been possible.

For those engaging in online learning, there are many conversations about learning for your child and what they need to do next to improve. As a result, we feel at this time, there is a lot of knowledge about a child's progress and attainment being shared as well as targets being set and made clear to a parent.

All of that said, we are committed to providing the usual Spring Term parent feedback meetings so that every parent can fully engage in the process. We have not seen all of our children since December 18th 2020, though we know many parents are supporting them amazingly at home. We will inform you after half term about parent meeting dates. Hopefully we will have a clearer picture at that time.

Winter Grant Fund and Free School Meals

Please see the attached for the winter grant scheme information. FREE SCHOOL MEALS—We have been given permission for the half term to provide vouchers. We will advise how these can be accessed.

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The home learning continues—I cannot praise every parent enough for the dedication and perseverance you have shown towards helping your child to continue learning journey away from school.

TEAMS is an amazing and at times perplexing process. It has many excellent facilities, teachers and parents have adapted to use what they can. As we all become more familiar with Microsoft 365, we also learn new ways to make best use of TEAMS. There was a flurry of activity on Thursday afternoon to 'tidy up' folders and files which unfortunately caused access challenges. The changes were speedily undone. However, the required changes are needed to improve what we do. We will aim to achieve these over the half term closure to minimise impact and allow us time to inform you of what you will see when you next go on-line. I pray daily that we return to normal teaching, so fingers crossed any changes will only be used for a short period of time.

Tested twice weekly for the virus

Lateral flow COVID tests have been provided to us by the UK Government. The tests are primarily to find out if people working in schools who may have the virus, but be asymptomatic. Staff take a test twice weekly. If member of staff gets a positive test they must:

- isolate and get a full COVID test from a testing centre.
- All people in school in contact with that person must also isolate, this includes children
- When the full result is received, other staff and parents will be informed

This means the whole bubble in school will have to close. I will write to advise if this is the case for your child's bubble. This will be at short notice just by the nature of the event.

Safeguarding

keeping children safe whilst on-line

On-line safety has always been an area we inform on regularly with parents. Our web site www.springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk has a key section on safeguarding and places to go to for information and advice. The use of the internet during school closure means the children are online more often. Please keep reminding them of the safety issues when working online.

Please do not allow your child to use their mail address without you as the parent present.

Please do not allow your child to go into TEAM chat rooms with other children. It is not always easy to monitor who else may be present.

Safeguarding—Daily Registration

During the school closure we have been tracking the attendance of every child. For most children we are able to manage this really easily. That is because the children are in school or on line. For others it is a greater challenge.

We have been phoning parents and I would like to thank all who have spoken with either the class teachers or myself as the Head Teacher.

Keeping every child safe is a high priority. We will be continuing to contact you regularly if we do not see families daily on line, just to make sure we provide support where needed.