

Friday Newsletter



Springwell Village
Primary School

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Halloween

The children (and staff!) had a lovely day on Tuesday celebrating Halloween. As always, we were very impressed with the children's fantastic costumes. The Friends of Springwell Village raised £123.06 which will go towards the subsidy of our Christmas pantomime trip this year. Many thanks for your donations.

Here are some photos of year 6 sorting the donations in their terrifying costumes!



Year 5 Parents' Evenings

The year 5 parents' evenings with Miss Roxburgh will be held next Monday and Wednesday. When you arrive for your appointment a member of staff will meet you at the door and take you along to the year 5 classroom. Many thanks for your understanding around the change of date.

Lunchtime Activities

This autumn, we have been looking at our lunchtime activities and playground layout with the aim of ensuring we have a range of activities for all children to enjoy at lunchtime.

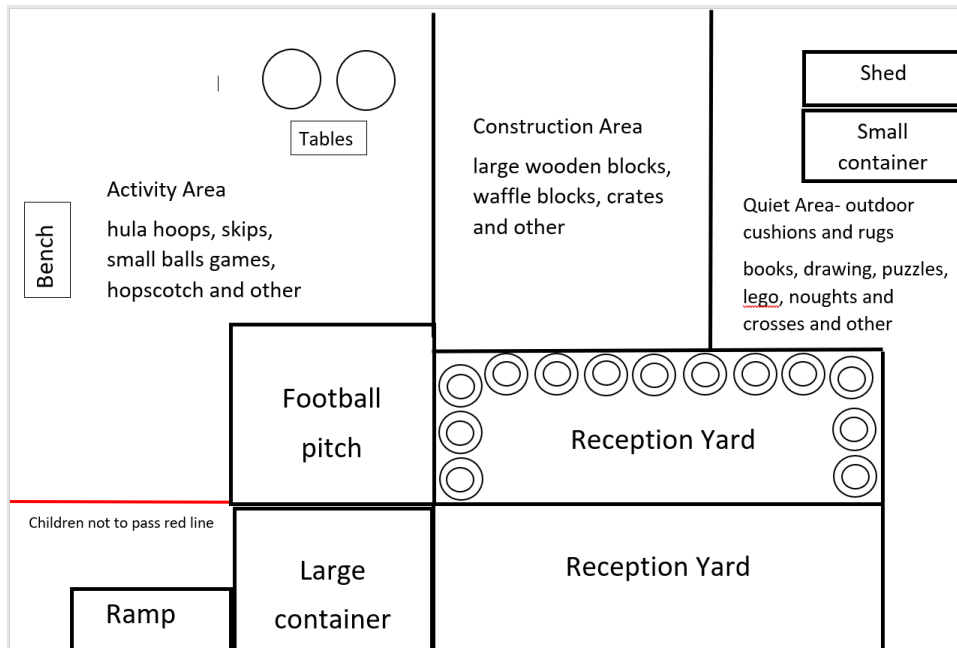
I thought I would share our current yard area plans which have been in place since the beginning of the year. These plans will be further developed as Miss Young (lunchtime lead) and I are also working with Miss Atkinson, our PE lead, who will be introducing further new activities and equipment over the course of the year. This term we will be adding Tri-Golf to our play time activities.

Key Stage 1 yard:

The KS1 yard currently has the following activity areas at lunchtime:

A football pitch; a large activity area for small ball games, skipping ropes, hopscotch and other similar games; a construction area for den building, general building blocks etc; a quiet area which has outdoor cushions, a range of story and non-fiction books, colouring and drawing equipment, puzzles etc.

The children in year 1 and 2 also have access to the reception yard area (outside of the reception gates within the tyres) during lunchtime and the resources which are put out there.



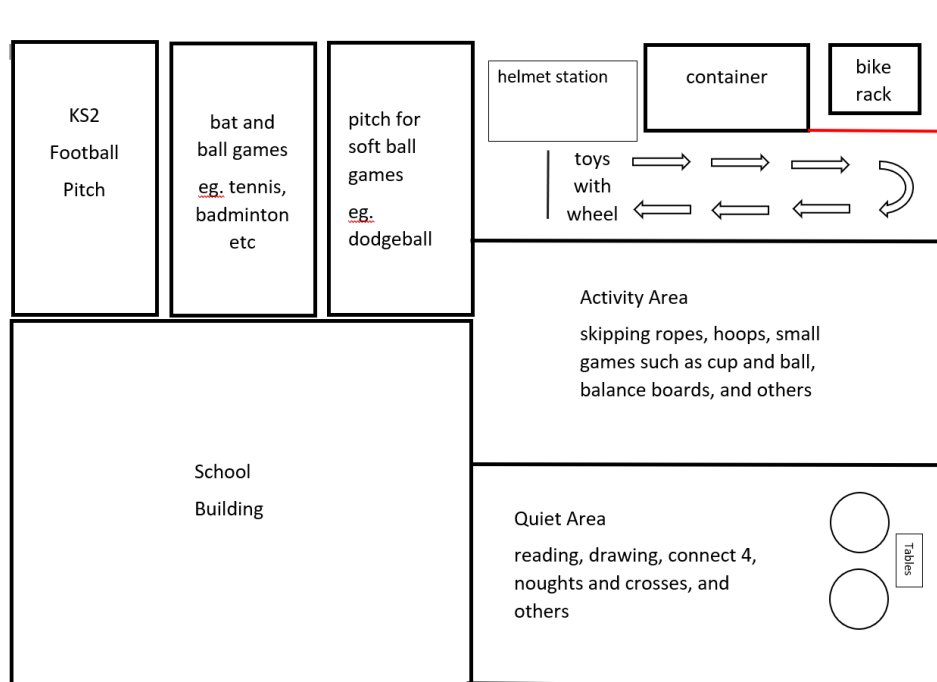
Key Stage 2 yard:

The Key Stage 2 yard currently has the following areas at lunchtime:

Football pitch- this is currently shared between y3/4 and y5/6. Y3/4 have the football pitch Mon, Wed, Fri playtime and Tues, Thu lunchtime, and y5/6 have Mon, Wed, Fri lunchtime and Tues, Thu playtime. This means that all children can play football each day if they want to, and that all games are supervised very closely, as we do not have multiple games going on at the same time.

The KS2 yard also has a pitch for bat/ball/ racquet games, a pitch for games with soft balls, such as dodgeball; an activity area for skipping ropes, hoops etc; a quiet area for reading with soft outdoor cushions and the picnic tables, a range of books and drawing/ colouring activities and games like noughts and crosses and giant connect 4; and the scooter area, which has a manned helmet station.

Again, the KS2 yard is also a work in progress and new activities and equipment will be added across the year.



Year 1 Trip Bowes Museum

The year 1 trip to Bowes Museum was cancelled this week due to the bad weather. Miss Atkinson is in the process of arranging a new date for the trip with the museum and we will let you know as soon as the new date is confirmed.

Friends of Springwell Village Non-Uniform Day – 10th November

On Friday 10th November the Friends of Springwell Village have arranged a non-uniform day on which we will be collecting contributions of items for our Christmas Fair.

The contributions that FoSVPS are looking for include toiletries, chocolate, biscuits and general gifts. Your support is very much appreciated.



Well Done, Miranda and Sienna!

Congratulations to Miranda and Sienna who both competed in the British Championships 2023, Blackpool Sequence Festival, at the start of half-term.



Miranda secured final positions in all of the under 10 sections and achieved 4th place in the under 10 solo event and 4th place in the under 10, 2 dance event. She also competed in under 12 sections where she reached all of the quarter finals. Congratulations Miranda, and well done to both girls for their hard work and dedication.



Special Mentions!



Year group	Names
Year 1	Elodie Robson and Dustie Hagan
Year 2	Sienna Collard and George McKenna
Year 3	Jessica Holmes and Frankie Terris
Year 4	Della-Rowe Hagan and Benji Yayechi
Year 5	Sophie Range and Isla Venus
Year 6	Tarryn Pooley and Jacob Ramshaw



Head Teachers Awards

This week's Head Teacher awards go to Lorelei Hardy for brilliant poetry writing and Rosa Malley for her excellent writing in English lessons!

Great work Lorelei and Rosa!



Lunchtime Awards



This week's lunchtime awards go to Nathan Littlejohn for being polite and helping younger children at lunchtime and to Jesse Jones for his fabulous manners!

Well done Nathan and Jesse!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Parrish

Head Teacher

Autumn Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
17.11.23	Children in Need Day	Whole School
21.11.23	Year 6 Residential Information Meeting	Year 6
05.12.23	Christmas Fair – 3.30pm	Whole School
11.12.23	EYFS Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm	Nursery/Reception
12.12.23	Year 5/6 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 5 and 6
13.12.23	Year 3/4 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 3 and 4
14.12.23	Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 1 and 2
15.12.23	Christmas Lunch	Whole School
15.12.23	EYFS Christmas Party	Nursery and Reception
18.12.23	Year 1/2 Christmas Party	Year 1 and 2
19.12.23	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	Year 3 and 4
20.12.23	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 and 6
21.12.23	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School