

Friday Newsletter



Springwell Village
Primary School

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friends of Springwell Village Primary School Dates for the Diary

The Friends of Springwell Village are currently organising the children's Christmas cards sale and World Mental Health Day next Thursday. Parents and carers are also invited to come along to the Friends of SVPS meeting:

Friends of Springwell Village meeting – Monday, 14th October at 3.30pm.

World Mental Health Day- Thursday, 10th October- Children are invited to wear yellow and voluntary contributions for Young Minds are appreciated.

Christmas card order deadline is Wednesday, 9th October.

SRE Policy

We are currently updating our Sex and Relationship Education Policy and are seeking parent and carer views. Please see the policy (which will be sent out on ParentPay) and use the attached Forms link to share any comments or queries you have.

Reading Cabin

As you may have noticed, our reading cabin project has started to take shape on the KS2 yard. Thanks to Wernicks, MMB, NWL, Thompson's and Olds for their help, and to our Community Governor, Liz Reid, and Chair of Governors, Chris Lane, for their time and hard work. It is very much appreciated!

For the next stage of the project years 1-6 will be working with local artist, Lewis Hobson, to design the outside of the cabin, which Lewis will be painting in November.

On Monday, October 21st, Lewis will be in school running workshops with years 1-6 to come up with our design. Check out Lewis's website- You may have seen his work around Washington already! <https://www.durhamspraypaints.com/>

Football

Well done to both our mixed and competition teams, who played matches this week. Despite their efforts and resilience, our competition team were knocked out on the first round. Our mixed team played their matches at Rickleton yesterday; unfortunately, we lost both games but both teams fought really hard and showed dedication throughout.

The teams have awarded players of the match to Jude and William for their fantastic performances, and to Olly and Caleb for never giving up!

Well done to all! We are very proud of you!

Year 6 Parents Information Meeting

Next Tuesday, 8th October, Year 6 parents are invited to the year 6 information meeting at 4pm. Miss Gettings and Miss Langley will be sharing information about the SATs and answering any questions parents and carers may have.

Year 1 Phonics Parents Information Meeting

On Wednesday, 9th October next week, Mrs Gill is inviting all year 1 parents and carers to a session about the phonics check. The short session will start at 4pm and is a chance to find out about the check and ask any questions you have.

Zest Workshops

This week, years 4, 5 and 6 have participated in sustainability workshops, which were run by Anthony from Zest.

Year 4 focused on biodiversity. The children learned about the life cycle of a bee and why it is so important to look after and protect bees. Year 5 looked at how to protect our planet, learning about renewable energy. Year 6 had a workshop all about sustainable food and designed their own sustainable meal. See Facebook for some photos!



Special Mentions!



Year group	Names
Year 1	Cassie Gill and Max Davison
Year 2	Erin Kenny and Neave Weeks
Year 3	Isabella McCourt and Karlton Kay
Year 4	Connie James and Harry Graham
Year 5	Della-Rowe Hagan and Jude Meek
Year 6	Mollie Taylor and Lennon McGuire

Head Teachers Awards

This week's Head Teacher awards go Harrison Scott and Penny Smith, both for being super kind and helpful to their friends and staff!

Well done Harrison and Penny!

Lunchtime Awards



This week's lunchtime awards go to Jack Tiffen and Emily Anderson for being great hall helpers!



Well done Jack and Emily!

Enjoy your weekend!

Miss Parrish

Headteacher

Autumn Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
27.09.24 & 30.09.24	INSET Days (school closed to children)	Whole School
08.10.24	Year 6 Parent Information Meeting – 4.00pm	Year 6
09.10.24	Year 1 Parent Phonics Information Meeting – 4.00pm	Year 1
17.10.24	School Photographs	Whole School
21.10.24	Food Collection for Washington Community Food Project (throughout week)	Whole School
21.10.24	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Whole School
23.10.24	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Whole School
28.10.24	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
04.11.24	School re-opens	Whole School
15.11.24	Children in Need Day	Whole School
19.11.24	Year 4 Residential Information Meeting 4:00pm	Year 4
23.11.24	Early Years Open Morning for Prospective Parents and Carers 10:00am	Nursery and Reception
26.11.24	Year 6 Residential Information Meeting 4:00pm	Year 6
03.12.24	Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm	Whole School
06.12.24	Customs House Pantomime Visit	Whole School
09.12.24	EYFS Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm	Nursery/Reception
10.12.24	Year 5/6 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 5 and 6
11.12.24	Year 3/4 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 3 and 4
12.12.24	Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 1 and 2
13.12.24	Christmas Lunch	Whole School
16.12.24	EYFS Christmas Party	Nursery and Reception
17.12.24	Year 1/2 Christmas Party	Year 1 and 2
18.12.24	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	Year 3 and 4
19.12.24	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 and 6
23.12.24	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School