

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL



Newsletter - 17

21 January 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware positive COVID cases across school are soaring since we have returned after Christmas. We have had to close classes this week due to all the staff testing positive. These decisions aren't taken lightly and are done in conjunction with the Local Authority. I am sure you will appreciate that covering 4/5 staff in one class just isn't feasible and wouldn't be safe. Our absences today have reached a high at 27 staff off with the majority to COVID and we are expecting further cases next week.

We are utilising as many of our experienced staff to cover as we possibly can and as a result our non based classroom activities such as swimming and rebound therapy are not currently taking place to allow more classes to remain open.

We thank you all for your patience and understanding with us, we will all be glad to get through this period and get back to some form of normality.

Once again despite COVID our children are still making great strides of progress as you will see below.

Have a lovely weekend

Lisa

Headteacher

News and Information

St Paul's Foodbank - urgent help required

St Paul's Centre in Crewe are in desperate need of non-perishable food items to help support local families in need.

Springfield would like to help!

We have such a wonderful community of students, staff and parents and when we all pull together, we achieve wonderful things! Please send in the food items on or before Wednesday 26th January. Our Key Stage 4 students will then sort the items as part of their social action work.

Any donations are much appreciated. The centre is in particular need of the following items:

- UHT milk
- tinned meat (e.g. stew, chilli, ham, corned beef)
- jam
- tinned fruit
- tinned vegetables
- rice
- long life cakes/puddings



YouTube Activity Channel

This week's activity video is a number Attention Autism by Miss Fife. It can be found our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8h2R01wqQRbOGI0E4gLXDg> The videos are available to watch at any time, and we hope you enjoy them!

The School

G = gain

A = answers

T = through

E = each other

Questions and discussions:

1. This week we have been practising the Makaton signs for days of the week, greetings (hello, bye, goodnight, good morning, yes and no).....Keep practising with your child consistently.
2. Next week will re-cap and learn more Makaton.
3. Debbie from Motherwell will be joining us next Thursday to support women's Mental Well-being.

Everyone is welcome, please join us!

Please note that until further notice, all sessions will be held in the Café at the Apollo Buckingham site.

- Thursdays at 9.30am for Primary
- Fridays at 9.30am for Secondary

Term time only, no booking required.

Midweek Inspiration

This week our quote is from 2LB.

hope

If you only carry one thing throughout your entire life, let it be hope. Let it be hope that better things are always ahead. Let it be hope that you can get through even the toughest of times. Let it be hope that you are stronger than any challenge that comes your way. Let it be hope that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now, and that you are on the path to where you are meant to be... Because during these times, hope will be the very thing that carries you through.

- Nikki Banas



Friends of Springfield

Friends of Springfield School Lottery

Just a reminder to buy your Friends of Springfield School [Lottery tickets](#).

- Help us raise essential school items
- Support our lottery from just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prizes every week
- Win up to £25,000

Reminders

School Dinners

The cost of school meals remains the same as last year:

- Primary aged pupil (year 3-6) - £2:30 per meal
- Secondary aged pupil (year 7 and over) - £2:50 per meal

We are a cashless school and therefore ask that all dinner money payments are made via ParentPay. You will be able to check balances on your ParentPay account and ask that you do not allow your child's account to go into debt.

Details of the free school meal service can be found at

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx You can apply online or call 0300 123 5012 for further information and help.

If parents do not have ParentPay accounts activated and need assistance, please contact Andrea in Admin.



Nut Free School



For new and existing parents please remember that we are a Nut Free School and be mindful of this when sending in snacks or packed lunches.

Springfield Sensory Facebook Page

There is a private Facebook page for staff and parents called 'Springfield Sensory'. This group contains lots of resources which parents may find useful at home and which are suitable for all abilities. You can identify it by the logo shown.



Our NHS Team

Nursing Team

Could parents/carers let the Nursing Team know of any changes in their child's conditions/medications/ A & E attendances etc via eSchools to Jenny Smith, Katie Mulroy or Debbie Potts. Parents can e-school, send letters or call us. We are in school between 8.30am and 16.30pm each week day.

Direct phone numbers to the nursing team are:

01270 826151 there is an answerphone on this.

01270 826150 there is no answerphone on this.

- New number for parents to activate their pad orders for Cheshire East children: NHS chain supply activation line - 0800 0304466
- The contact number for any issues with pads or if current pads are no longer suitable is: Bowel and Bladder Nurses - 01270 826360

Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy

If you have any questions regarding your child's physio/OT/Orthotics care, the team can be contacted via eSchools, or telephoning school and asking for the Therapy Department. Could you please let us know of any upcoming orthopaedic appointments or planned surgery that has been scheduled for your child.

- Hayley Mitchell, Physiotherapist, is in school Monday to Friday.
- Hannah Bennett, Physiotherapist, is in school Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and is part of the Therapy Outreach Programme.
- Yvonne Williams, OT works on a Monday.

Useful contact numbers

For wheelchair reviews:

Physio/OT office: 01270 826153

Wheelchair assessment unit: 01625 663345

Wheelchair repairs: Rosscaire 0151 6536000

Speech Therapy

We are always keen to hear from you - please feel free to contact us with any questions about your child's treatment.

Jo Currie is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Alex Makin is available Wednesday (pm), Thursday, Friday

Phone the school on 01270 691900 or on direct line 01270 826152.

Email: joanne.currie2@mcht.nhs.uk

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Or contact via eSchools

Contact Us

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