

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL



Newsletter - 18

28 January 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week here at Springfield. Pupils who have been in school have enjoyed a wide range of activities as you can see below, despite staffing levels reaching a peak this week. We still continue to need staff from swimming and rebound therapy to ensure as many classes are open as possible.

COVID cases have been high within school this week and unfortunately, we have had to close some classes. This is done as a last resort and always a decision taken with the Local Authority and Public Health.

A huge thank you to parents for supporting the testing process, we know this isn't easy with some of our pupils.

If your child does test positive over the weekend, please leave a message on the pupil absence line.

Have a lovely weekend.

Lisa

Headteacher

News and Information

St Paul's Food Bank Appeal

Huge thanks to all the parents, students and staff who donated to the St Paul's food bank appeal. We collected a fantastic amount of food that was very gratefully received. Thank you also to class 4MW for once again sorting through the items, date checking and packing them into categories.

Useful Information

- * Annual Health Checks – here are some links and some useful guides from Mencap in Easy Read format about the importance of Annual Health Checks and making sure you are registered with your GP on the Learning Disability Register Don't Miss Out - Annual Health Checks Mencap <<https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/dont-miss-out/dont-miss-out-annual-health-checks>>
- * Reaseheath Lambing and Zoo Weekends 2022 – please see the latest information and the link with further information as to when these are on. Live Lambing and Zoo Weekends 5, 6 & 12, 13 March - Reaseheath College <<https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/lambing/>>
- * Wishing Well at Pickmere Bistro, Crewe – new activities will be run at Pickmere Bistro from February, everyone welcome please see attached for further information.
- * Bank Riding School, Poynton - offer lessons to children and adults with learning difficulties/disabilities. Their 1 to 1 private lessons are 30mins £23.00 for further information please follow the link; Bank Farm Riding School – learn to ride in Stockport<<https://www.bankfarmridingschool.co.uk/>>
- * Disability Horizons share with us Accessible Beaches across the UK – please see the attached information which includes the Beach Wheelchairs you can hire to go across the sand.
- * YMCA Crewe Community Activities and Mental Health Drop in support service for the public – Please see the attached for community activities they have shared, also they have launched with a qualified Mental Health First Aider, drop in sessions for the general public who may be experiencing mental health concerns please follow the link for further information; YMCA Crewe launches a new Mental Health First Aid service - YMCA Crewe <<https://ymcacrewe.org.uk/ymca-crewe-launches-a-new-mental-health-first-aid-service/>>
- * The Haven at North Street Café – please see all the attached with the latest information about all the groups and activities that are running open to everyone.
- * Time Out Group – have shared with us some important changes to the costs of their sessions coming into effect from 31st January 2022, please read the attached information from Jo Adams the Charity Manager explaining the reasons for this. Also they have shared their activities scheduled for this week.
- * ISL Take a Break – as part of the respite for carers, ISL are part of the Cheshire East Council's Carers initiative being run until the end of March 2022, the parent/carer has to be registered with our Cheshire East Carers Hub but please see attached for further information and what they offer. They support adults with various needs including, Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism. This is for adults 18+ but we do have other 'Take a Break' services.
- * Jodrell Bank Autism Friendly Early Opening – as part of the work they are doing with Space4autism there is another early opening session on the 24th February 2022 please follow the link for further information; Autism-Friendly Early Opening - Jodrell Bank <<https://www.jodrellbank.net/events/autism-friendly-early-opening/>>

CEIAS Special educational needs (SEN) support workshop

Cheshire East Information Advice and Support Service are holding an online parent and carers workshop on Thursday 10th February between 10am and 11.30am.

This is an online event via Microsoft Teams

To book a place on this workshop please contact us via email: ceias@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can call us on 0300 123 5166

(Please leave a quick message as the team are continuing to work remotely at this present time)

We will send you a link to join online the day before the event

Many thanks

The CEIAS Team

YouTube Activity Channel

This week's activity video is number rhymes by Miss Pullan and Miss Jennings.

It can be found on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8h2R01wqQRbOGI0E4gLXDg>

The videos are available to watch at any time, we hope you enjoy them!

The School

G = gain

A = answers

T = through

E = each other

Questions and discussions:

1. Re-capped on Makaton today **Star of the Week** is Diane who remembered all her Makaton, Well done!
2. A new parent joined us from a mainstream school - she found meeting other parents very useful and supportive as she is going through an emotional journey herself.
3. Motherwell Debbie has a new timetable which can be found on the website or Facebook. A parent through Debbie enquired about the support and activities available. My lovely parents, as always, were so great in providing the relevant information. Thank you!
4. Secondary parents met Steve Pope from Cheshire LDC. Again, another successful session with lots of useful information.

See you all next week!

Everyone is welcome, please join us!

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.

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: Rosscare 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 Beth Black - Apollo therapist

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

Email: joanne.currie2@mcht.nhs.uk

alex.makin@mcht.nhs.uk

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Or contact via eSchools.

Contact Us

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