



Newsletter - 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an extremely busy week at Springfield, we have had lots of visits out in the community and further afield. It's great to see our young people getting out and about and exploring what is available to them. Please take look at the pictures below.

In school we have had some amazing progress this week, I do enjoy giving out Headteachers awards. This week Corey Slater has received an award for showing a great level of independence with AP1. Well done, Corey.

Staffing has eased a little this week but still not back to where we want it to be. In light of staffing difficulties, we have made some changes to how we run swimming to ensure that this activity remains on unless the pool has a temporary maintenance issue. We know how much our children look forward to swimming and the benefits this brings about for families too.

Have a lovely weekend.

Lisa

Lisa Hodgkison

Headteacher

News

4LC Visit to Nantwich

Students in 4LC had a wonderful morning in Nantwich this week. They took part in a scavenger hunt looking for Tudor buildings, looked at materials the buildings were made from and visited Nantwich Bookshop and coffee lounge, where Denise welcomed us and let us explore the inside of the building - some students climbed up into the attic.

We also looked at the pillory, students couldn't believe people were put in them for punishment. Pupils enjoyed sketching some of the buildings they saw.



Vision Friendly Award

This year we are working towards the Vision Friendly Award at Silver level. This is an award set up by Gwyn McCormack who now runs Positive Eye (a company focusing on supporting individuals with visual impairments).

Our aim at Springfield is to demonstrate and develop best practice in teaching our students with a VI (visual impairment), using Gwyn's support as well as advice from Christina Price-Jones who is a teacher of the visually impaired and Gill Escort, our school habilitation specialist. We aim to provide an appropriate and accessible curriculum in an environment that includes and encourages all children with a VI.

On Friday we had a visit from the lovely and highly enthusiastic Gwyn McCormack who shared a story with class 2MD and 4AP. Her visual resources, props and high energy were greatly enjoyed by our students. We look forward to Gwyn visiting us again in May when she will be talking to all staff about the Vision Friendly Award and how all staff can make a positive difference.

2MD and 4AP

Internet Safety Day - 7th February 2023

We will be covering appropriate activities in all classes next week linked to Internet Safety Day and will share some of the work with you next week.

Please see the link below from the Internet Safety Website for parents and carers:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Information

Roberts Recycling



The next Robert's Recycling clothing collection is on Thursday 30th March. If you are having a sort out of any clean, undamaged clothing, shoes or bags before then please consider putting them aside for this date. Each bag gets weighed and funds raised go to friends of Springfield.

Since starting this campaign a few years ago we have made over £600 which has gone towards reviving our play facilities for students.

Official bags will be sent nearer to the time, but clothing is also accepted in bin bags too. We will send a reminder out to parents nearer to the time.

Friends of Springfield

FRIENDS OF SPRINGFIELD CALENDAR	
FEBRUARY	
14	Valentine Raffle
17	Valentine Disco
MARCH	
31	Easter Raffle/Disco/Easter Bunny visit
MAY	
	Meeting tbc
26	Disco
JULY	
6	Summer BBQ
19	Disco

Futures



Futures Team Updates:

Reminder for all Year 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 parents/carers NEW DATE FOR FUTURES EVENING

- Futures Evening is taking place on **Thursday 16th February 4 – 7pm** – come along to Springhigh to meet a range of providers. No appointment necessary – just turn up and chat!

Post-school options

Visit <https://sway.office.com/DMDx5ca8fMG6ajEX?ref=Link> to find out more about life after Springfield. Your child is never too young for you to think to the future!

Website update

Want to know what is on in the local community? Looking for groups/clubs for your child? Looking for PA support for your child? Sarah Jacklin (Local Area Co-ordinator – Adult Social Care Learning disability and Transition Team) puts together a weekly bulletin which we would like to share with you.

- Visit https://springfield.eschools.co.uk/website/whats_happening_in_cheshire_east/633978 (Futures > What's happening in Cheshire East) to view leaflets for many supportive groups for all ages.
- This page will be updated weekly.

The Futures Team

The School Gate

Thank you all very much for coming to the Afternoon tea and supporting our young students.

It was a busy cafe.....just how we like it!

The CEAT drop in information is attached:

This term the School Gate (Afternoon Tea) for Primary and Secondary is taking place at Springfield Chat and Chill, 1.15pm until 2.15pm, until further notice.

You can contact me through eSchools or call me at anytime for any support or advice.

Farida

**ADVICE DROP-INS WITH
CHESHIRE EAST AUTISM TEAM (CEAT)**

 The Cheshire East Autism Team have been regular visitors to Autism Inclusive for some time and are pleased to continue their Wednesday morning drop-in service.

People can meet with the CEAT team at AI during our Wednesday Morning Support group, and discuss any topic that's needed; EHCP's, school support, strategies at home, speech and language, behaviour etc.

Consultations are provided on a first come, first serve basis, with an aim of 4/5 per session. Please enquire for more details.

Dates of upcoming visits:

2022	2023
Wed 28 th Sept	Wed 25 th Jan
Wed 19 th Oct	Wed 15 th Feb
Wed 2 nd Nov	Wed 22 nd Mar
Wed 23 rd Nov	Wed 26 th Apr
Wed 7 th Dec	Wed 24 th May
	Wed 28 th Jun
	Wed 19 th Jul

Our NHS Team

Nursing Team

Direct phone numbers to the nursing team are:

01270 826151 there is an answerphone on this.

01270 826150 there is no answerphone on this.

Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy

Hayley Mitchell, Physiotherapist, is in school Monday to Friday

Lucy Webb, Occupational Therapist works Monday, Wednesday, Thursday; and is part of the Therapy Outreach Programme.

Yvonne Williams, Occupational Therapist works on a Monday.

Physio/OT direct line: 01270 826153

Wheelchair assessment unit: 01270 826323

Wheelchair repairs: Rosscare 0151 6536000

Speech Therapy

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

Jo Currie is in school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alex Makin is in school Wednesday morning, Thursday and Friday.

Cathy Webster and Rachel Turner are our Speech and Language Therapy Assistants

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