

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL



Newsletter - 12

3 December 2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all those families who came to support our Christmas Market event last night. It was so lovely for us to be able to host a Christmas event again and see lots of friendly faces again.

As you could see, the class teams have been working very hard with the pupils to create Christmas gifts and treats to sell for last nights markets. I am sure you would agree there was a huge variety of wonderful creative gifts and treats.

A huge thank to the Friends of Springfield led by Judy Colclough for pulling such a fantastic event together. Without the Friends of Springfield this event would not have been possible.

Classes are working hard on their Christmas performances now, although we can't share these live with you, we are certain that you will enjoy watching these with your families at home.

We have had no COVID cases this week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Lisa

Headteacher

News and Information

Springfield School Christmas Events Calendar

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Date	Event	Notes
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Pupils and staff are invited to wear their Christmas jumper Donations to 'Save the Children' charity
Monday 13 th December	Primary Fun Day	Pupils in Primary will be enjoying a fun day in school, with games and inflatables.
Tuesday 14 th December	Film Day	Secondary and Sixth Form will be able to watch films in school.....film to be decided!
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch For all staff and pupils	School Christmas Lunch Father Christmas will be doing a virtual visit to classes
Thursday 16 th December	Virtual Performances	Classes will be previewing the Christmas performances virtually before these go live to parents.
Friday 17 th December	Whole School celebration of pupil's achievements Christmas Parties and Disco in classes (PM)	School closes today for Christmas – normal transport times Non-Uniform Day Children are welcome to wear party clothes if they wish

Next Friday, 10th December, is Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, where staff and students are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school.

We are not asking for donations but if you wish to donate to the charity the link is <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate>

The Cheshire East Winter Holiday Activity Programme is now live!

Cheshire East Council has teamed up with local schools, childcare and holiday club providers and community and voluntary organisations to provide free fun activities during the winter holidays. The activities are available across Cheshire East for children and young people who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. The holiday clubs will enable children and young people to enjoy fun activities with friends, whilst learning and developing new skills.

Cheshire East providers have received grant funding as part of the government's [Holiday Activity and Food \(HAF\) Programme](#). This funding supports providers to offer healthy food and physically healthy and enriching activities for children and young people during the winter holidays. A variety of activities are available across Cheshire East and include sports sessions, arts and crafts, baking, games, drama, exciting trips out and much more!

How do you book a place on the Winter Holiday Activity Programme?

It's easy to book on a winter activity session! All you need to do is visit the [Cheshire East Family Information Service website](#). You then need to look through the activities available and once you have picked an activity you like, contact the provider via the details provided on the website. The page is updated regularly with new exciting activities!

For further information you can visit the [Cheshire East Holiday Activity Fund](#) website.

You can also see what Marcus Rashford has to say about the Holiday Activity and Food Programme 2021 [here](#).

If you have any questions or queries you can email the Cheshire East HAF Team via CEHAF@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

If you believe you are eligible for the free school meals allowance but have not yet registered, you can apply for free school meals online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm or phone 0300 123 5012 for support.



Free School Meals

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 you call rather than apply online, you should get an immediate response. For those pupils eligible, the voucher codes for the Christmas period will be issued once we receive them.

Cheshire East Household Support Fund

Cheshire East Council with the help of a wide range of local partners, are distributing vouchers worth £2.2 million on behalf of the Department of Work and Pensions, to support the most vulnerable households across the county with food, utilities, and other essentials over the winter period. Please follow the link [Household Support Fund inquiry form \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/household-support-fund) for further information and eligibility criteria

Reaseheath Zoo

Attached is Reaseheath Zoo's latest Newsletter, sharing what's on over the festive period and going into the new year.

Jodrell Bank Autism Friendly Early-Opening Event

Space4autism have been doing some work with Jodrell Bank and as a direct result of this work, Jodrell Bank will be offering their first autism-friendly early-opening event on Sunday 5th December

<https://www.jodrellbank.net/events/autism-friendly-early-opening/>



JODRELL BANK Autism-Friendly Early Opening

Sunday 5th December 2021 9am

As part of our work with Space4Autism we'll be piloting our first Autism-Friendly Early Opening at 9am on Sunday 5th December, in order to make our Christmas weekends as accessible as possible.

The early opening will allow visitors with noise sensitivities the time they need to look around our exhibitions before general public opening at 10am. During this time, the volume levels of some of the exhibitions will be reduced and there will be a Calm Room available until 10:45am.

The first science show of the day will begin at 10:00am and all sudden or loud demonstrations will be clearly stated, with time for visitors to leave the room if they require. The science show building (Star Pavilion) will be open from 9:30am for visitors to familiarise themselves with the space prior to the show beginning.

Visitors are welcome to stay beyond this hour if they like, including visiting our gift shop and cafe although we do anticipate it getting busier throughout the day and the Calm Room will close at 10:45am for craft activities. We have produced a document to allow you to familiarise yourself with the Discovery Centre before your visit.

To book your admission tickets, choose the 9am Autism-friendly timeslot when booking.

The School GATE

The School

G = gain

A = answers

T = through

E = each other

Questions and discussions:

- Brogan teaching me and othershow to use smart tec! always learning something new.....
- Christmas - be mindful of how some children struggle with this time of the year.

What are your thoughts on Christmas, has it become too materialistic? please share your thoughts and feelings via eSchools.

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.

YouTube Activities Channel

We are creating a YouTube activities channel for all parents and children to access. Every Friday, a new activity video will be uploaded to the YouTube channel. These will include a range of activities, such as story time, Attention Autism and action songs. You can access the activity videos any time as they will always be available on the YouTube channel. A new activity video will be published every Friday for you to enjoy.

Due to technical issues, a link for the 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' story will be sent to Parents via eSchools later today.

Friends of Springfield

Thank-you Daisy

Jack's (1SRRF) sister held a stall at Sandbach High School's Christmas Fete on Saturday and chose Friends of Springfield as the charity she wanted to support.

Daisy sold a selection of fidget toys and sweet cones and has raised some money to help towards the playground equipment, or whatever is needed. Daisy raised £150.00 which is amazing. Thank you for your support Daisy!!

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 any pupil needs their standing frame at home during the holiday period, please contact the physios as soon as possible to arrange this.

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 and 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

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

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