



# Newsletter - 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I have to start by saying a huge, big thank you to all of our staff, they have all pulled together to ensure classes have been able to stay open this week. We have had a significant surge in absence through Covid and various other illness; we peaked at 27 staff off on Thursday, so it has been a challenge, but delighted we could remain fully open. We wish all our staff a speedy recovery, they have been missed.

Just to clarify in relation to the Teachers strike action taking place, Springfield will be fully open on Wednesday 1st February.

Despite staffing issues, we have had another wonderful week in school. Pupils have been having lots of fun and making some excellent progress.

Congratulations to all our pupils of the week!

Lisa

Lisa Hodgkison

Headteacher

## News

### EFL Parent/Carer User Guide

The parent/carers user guide can now be found on the school website.

Please look for EFL User Guide within the Parents Page section.

<http://www.springfield.cheshire.sch.uk/>

### NSPCC Number Day - Friday 3rd February



#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Springfield is joining the NSPCC Number Day 2023 by launching a week of maths activities that pupils can share with parents and carers and get excited about the maths that is all around us.

We are inviting pupils to complete any of the suggested activities below or even come up with some brilliant ideas of their own. Please send any photographs of activities being completed to the class teacher via eSchools or email or upload them via EFL. These will then be shared in school assemblies on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

NSPCC Number Day will be a non-uniform day at Springfield, where children can come to school in number themed or green clothes. Donations to the NSPCC charity are voluntary and can be made at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/>

Suggested activities to try are:

- Take part in a shape hunt, looking for 2D or 3D shapes at home or out in the community.
- Look for symmetry, repeating or shape patterns at home or that occur in nature.
- Count the number of steps in your home or at relatives' or friend's houses. Who has the most/least? What is the difference between them?
- Do some cooking or baking, following a recipe and weighing and measuring the ingredients.
- Find the biggest number! (Hint – it could be a telephone number or barcode).
- Work out the distance travelled in a day. Which was the longest/shortest journey? What is the total distance in 1 day, 2 days, etc?
- Help with the shopping. Work out the cheapest/most expensive/best value items. Pay for the shopping and work out the right money or how much change you will get.
- Plan a schedule for the day. Put the events in order as they will happen, sort in to day/night, morning/afternoon/evening or using times on either an analogue, digital or 24-hour clock.
- Help with the washing, pairing up socks in twos or setting the correct temperature on the washing machine.
- Have a go at some interactive online maths games, such as <https://uk.ixl.com/>

## Thank You

A big thank you to Emily from Kooth, for coming in to talk to sixth form about signing up for free for their services if and when required.

This is a service for 11-18 year olds that they can access online for any type of support they might need with their mental health and well-being.



## 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.

# Information

## Cheshire East SEND Communications and Engagement Newsletter

Below is the newsletter from the SEND Communication and Engagement Take Over that some of our students took part in.



### Cheshire East SEND Communications and Engagement Newsletter

**When and where did we meet?**  
Young people from Springfield and Church Lawton Schools attended our Cheshire East SEND Communications and Engagement meeting on 22 November at Autism Inclusive in Crewe.

**Why did we meet?**  
The meeting was all about listening to the views and experiences of young people. You know what services and support are best for you and your needs.

**What was discussed**  
When we are planning services to help you – like school, doctors, leisure time, work...we want to do this together with you. This way of working is quite often called 'coproduction'.

A few years ago we spoke to some young people who told us that they didn't really like the word 'coproduction' they preferred the word 'together'.

The young people told us that working together means

- A group of people coming together to create something spectacular, amazing
- Teamwork and support
- Coming together as a group to improve lives of children and young people with special needs and disabilities
- Lots of different services, adults and young people working together to create better.
- People working in a team, but it also means inclusivity because everyone is working together so no one should be left out

So we took what the young people told us and created some guidance, a checklist, our commitment of things to do/not do.

The checklist – called TOGETHER – was produced four years ago – the world has changed since then and we wanted to hear your experiences.

### How did we listen to your views

We asked 12 quick questions about working together and asked you to show your answers using coloured cards.

Question	Green (Yes)	Amber (Not sure)	Red (No)
Does TOGETHER make sense to you?	10	0	0
Is this what you are experiencing?	6	3	1
When you go to the doctors – do they talk to you or parent carers?	5	5	0
Do you get invited to meetings when decisions are made about you?	4	4	2
If yes to question 4, do you attend these meetings?	4	3	2
Do you understand the language that professionals use?	7	3	0
Do you choose your own social activities and hobbies?	10	0	0
Are you given enough information about next steps? E.g., college, work, internships, university, apprenticeships?	5	4	1
Do you know who to turn too if you have a worry?	9	0	1
Do you know if you have an EHCP?	9	0	1
Do you have a trusted adult to help you make decisions?	10	0	0
Do you get help when you need it?	8	2	0



## Friends of Springfield

### Co-op Local Community Fund

As part of our fundraising to replace the pagoda in the playground, we're part of the Co-op Local Community Fund.

You can make a difference by raising funds for our project every time you shop in the Co-op using your card. Please select us as your local cause, then every time you buy Co-op branded products and services 1p of every £1 spent goes to our cause! And of course you save too!

If you haven't got a Co-op card, it costs just £1 to join - just scan the App!

Thanks for your support!

Friends of Springfield





## Select Friends of Springfield School as your cause

visit <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/73166>



Our aim is to update one of our playgrounds and to replace an existing pagoda, creating an area of serenity and calmness for our students, staff, parents/carers and community supporters to meet, mingle and be mindful. <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/73166>

### We're part of the Local Community Fund

As a Co-op member, you can make a difference by raising funds for our project every time you choose Co-op. Select us as your local cause today. Visit [coop.co.uk/membership](https://coop.co.uk/membership)



Every time our members buy selected Co-op branded products and services, we'll give 1p for every pound spent to local causes. Members can select a cause by downloading the Co-op app or signing into their membership account online. For full T&Cs please visit [coop.co.uk/membership](https://coop.co.uk/membership).

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](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

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.

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## 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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Or contact via eSchools.

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