

Springhill News

End of Year Newsletter 2024

Headteacher Update

As we come to the end of this academic year, it is a good opportunity to reflect upon the year that we have had.

The children have always been a credit to our school and to you as parents. Their politeness has been mentioned by every visitor we have had to the school - and we have had many. As we go forward next year and further instill our REACH HIGH values in the children, I know that the core of our school - the welcoming culture of the children we serve - is as strong as ever.

This has been a year of change for us as a school community and I would like to thank you -the parents - for your support and also your challenge. This has helped me to develop as a leader, reflect on what we have done well and what we will strive to improve going forwards. The school is on a strong footing now to hit the ground running in September and strive for the best outcomes for all children. The greater involvement of parents through use of the PTA has been a big success this year and I thank the PTA members and Mrs Richardson for their time and efforts this year. This is something I hope we can build on further and I endeavour to facilitate more parental engagement in the next academic year.

Academic results this year have been strong and it shows that our mission to drive attainment for all children is working. However, the children at the school will always be more to us than a number on a page. It is for these wonderful, messy, complex, quirky little human beings that we keep striving to deliver the best educational opportunities.

I wish you all the best for the Summer and look forward to welcoming you all back in the new academic year.

Mr J Edwards
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

- 04/09/2024 - Return to school
- 09/09/2024 - History Enrichment Day
- 16/09/2024 - Chicks arrive in school
- 18/09/2024 - Dogs Trust Workshops
- 19/09/2024 - NSPCC workshops
- 24/09/2024 - NHS Vaccinations
- 25/09/2024 - Rec to Y3 Movie Night
- 26/09/2024 - Y6 to Y6 Movie Night
- 04/10/2024 - Grandparents Lunch
- 17/10/2024 - Y2/Y3 Flint & Fire
- 25/10/2024 - Halloween Disco
- 25/10/2024 - Half Term begins
- 04/11/2024 - Back to school & School photos
- 15/11/2024 - Children in need (wear spots)
- 20/11/2024 - School Open Day
- 10/12/2024 - KS1 Christmas Play (9.00am)
- 11/12/2024 - KS1 Christmas Play (14.00pm)
- 12/12/2024 - Christmas Jumper Day
- 17/12/2024 - Christmas Crafts
- 19/12/2024 - Christmas Disco
- 20/12/2024 - Break up for Christmas Holiday
- 06/01/2025 - Inset Day
- 07/01/2025 - Children return to school

Information regarding events will be sent out by the staff involved as we approach the dates. Please speak with your child's teacher for more information.

STAFF SHOUT OUT



Our staff shout out this term has been a difficult choice. Every member of our staff team have given it their all and always had the children at the heart of what they do. Mr James has been chosen as our staff shout out this half-term because of his hard-work and dedication in his first year as a Year 6 teacher. This is evidence not only in our strong SATs results this year but also in the high regard in which he is held by his students and colleagues. Well done Mr James!

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Our attendance this year has been below national. This has been deeply concerning for us as a school as we understand the life-long impact that poor attendance can have on a child.

Springhill 2023-24:	National:
Attendance = 92%	Attendance = 94.2%
Persistent absence = 22%	Persistent absence = 17%

Children have a legally protected right to their education and as parents and educators who care about these children we need to insist upon school attendance. Next year, we will be monitoring attendance even more closely and continuing to work alongside families to ensure every child gets the education they deserve.

Changes to Penalty Notices

The Department of Education has laid out changes to issuing penalty notices for leave during term time.

From September, if a child is absent for 5 school days within a 10 week period, a fixed penalty notice will be issued. A new 3-year rolling period starts for parents from 19th August 2024.

Penalty Notice 1 for leave during term time will increase to £160 per parent per child but can be reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days of issue

Penalty Notice 2 if issued within 3 years of Penalty Notice 1 will be a fixed rate of £160 per parent per child. There are no reductions for early payments.

Penalty Notice 3 cannot be issued within a three-year-period, therefore Staffordshire County Council will deal with unauthorised leave through **prosecution in the Magistrates Court. If the parent is found guilty, the potential fine is £1000.**

As always, we aim to support our children and families with attending school and should you face particular difficulties, then please arrange to speak to Mrs Keddie Bailey, our family liaison leader.

Changes to drop off and collection September 2024

By **September 2024**, all schools must have a 32.5-hour week.

This is from **morning registration** to the **official end of the school day** (including breaks).

It does not include optional activities, or those that are only available for some pupils. E.g. after school clubs/ MEGA club
This expectation **does not** apply to pupils in nursery where timings will remain unchanged.
Therefore, we will operate a new system of drop off/pick up times.

Changes to drop-off and pick-up times from September 2024:

Rec-Y6
Gates opened 8.30am
Staff collect children 8.40am
Registration 8.50am
Pick up time 3.20pm

Drop-off

Children at morning drop-off are also invited to take part in our morning mile to encourage an active and healthy start to the day.



Springhill Results

95% pass phonics screening check

KS2
75% Writing with **13%** Greater Depth

75% Reading with **25%** Greater Depth

75% Maths with **21%** Greater Depth