

Springhill News

Autumn Half Term Newsletter 2023

THANK YOU
farewell
SO MUCH!

We have completed another wonderful half term together at Springhill and my last one as Headteacher. Over this half term, I have had chance to talk with parents and lots of children; those who are still pupils at Springhill and some who are grown up now. These conversations have discussed fond memories and those funny moments that make this job the best there is. But what I have taken the most from these conversations is the sense of community that we have built at Springhill. We always talk about our school as being a family and I have truly felt this over the past weeks.

During my seven years at Springhill, I have had the opportunity to move from teacher, then Deputy Headteacher and now Headteacher. I am immensely proud to have served this school community; it has been a real honour. I have seen the school become a thriving, happy place where children learn more and enjoy school more than ever before. Your children have made my time as leader of this school an amazing experience. I look forward to hearing of all their successes in the future.

And so, after working together for many years, I am so excited to leave Springhill in the capable hands of the new Headteacher, Mr Jack Edwards. His passion, determination and love for this school and all of the pupils in it matches my own and I know that he has big ambitions for its future.

I want to thank you all once more for being such a huge part of my life and supporting me on this journey. I will never be able to truly express how grateful I am to have been the Headteacher at Springhill.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 6th November: School photo day
- W/C 6.10.23: Poppy Appeal - various items on sale
- Wed 15th November - Year 2 Workshop
- Mon 20th & Tues 21st Nov: Y5 & Y6 Bikeability
- Thurs 23rd November - Yr 5/6 Football Match
- Fri 24th November - Phonics Workshop
- Wed 6th December - Parents' Evening
- Tues 12th December @1:30pm: Rec, Y1 & Y2 Nativity
- Thurs 14th December @10am: Rec, Y1 & Y2 Nativity
- Fri 15th December - Christmas Fayre 15:30 - 17:30
- Sun 17th December - St Anne's Christmas Carol Service 6PM
- Thurs 21st December @9:30am & 1:30pm: KS2 Christmas Concert
- Fri 22nd December: Last Day of Autumn Term
- 25.12.23 - 05.01.24: Christmas Holidays

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.

ATTENDANCE

Our school average for this year so far is **94%**. This is a marked improvement from this time last year but we are seeing an increase in children having repeat days off in a number of weeks. **23.9% of our children are classed as persistently absent which means they currently have an attendance of less than 90%. This is still far too high. 1 in 5 of our children are having their life chances limited by poor attendance expectations at home.**

We have still not had a day at Springhill with 100% attendance in every class.

It is vital that wherever possible:

- medical appointments are taken outside of school hours
- holidays are limited to school holidays
- unless children are contagious, they must attend school

If you would like support with punctuality or attendance, please contact Keddie Bailey, our Family Liaison at Springhill.

96% - 100%
YOU'VE GOT
THE BEST
CHANCE OF
SUCCESS

93% - 96%
LESS CHANCE
OF SUCCESS

BELOW 93%
SERIOUS
IMPACT ON
EDUCATION &
LIFE CHANCES

STAFF SHOUT OUT



Each half term, we ask staff to nominate another staff member for a 'shout out' so that we can recognise the efforts of people going above and beyond for others and being an exceptional part of the Springhill team.

This half term it is Mrs Silvester-Grant

It clearly goes without saying that Mrs Silvester-Grant has been nominated because of the immense contribution she has made to the success of Springhill Primary Academy. Driven by her dedication to improving the lives of our children, Mrs Silvester-Grant has always strived for the best possible outcomes for our pupils. In implementing her vision of the school, she has made great strides towards making Springhill the school of choice in our community.

It is with heartfelt thanks that the staff at Springhill Primary Academy acknowledge the fundamental contribution that Mrs Silvester-Grant has made to our school. It has been a privilege to work alongside you.

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to all of our children for working hard and gaining their sports tokens for their teams

Currently the Sports Points are:



Sapphire Sharks - 16



Topaz Tigers - 19



Ruby Rhinos - 13



Emerald Eagles - 17



PARENT'S EVENING

Parents' Evening for Autumn Term will take place on Wednesday 6th December. As always, we are very eager for you to attend so that we can update you on your child's progress and accomplishments. Sign-up sheets will be made available in the school office closer to the time and the evening will run from 15:30 to 19:00. If you have any issues with your availability we are happy to arrange an alternative date or time or a phone call to suit your needs.

We look forward to seeing you then.

JOIN THE P.T.A!

Springhill needs you! If you want to take an active role in school events and enrichment activities for children we would love to have you as part of our PTA. If you are interested please speak to Miss Richardson or the school office for more information.

PTA NON-UNIFORM DAYS

In order to collect prizes for our Christmas Fayre, we are having a number of non-uniform days. These dates are:

Friday 10th November

- Bring a bottle

Friday 24th November

- Chocolate and Biscuits

Friday 8th December

- Tombola items