

# Springhill News

End of Term Newsletter 2022

## Dates for your diary

- INSET Day - Wednesday 20th July 2022
- INSET Days - Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September 2022
- Friday 30th September - REAch2's Colour Run
- **Wed 12th October - Year 2 & 3 Residential Parent Meeting**
- Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022 - Half term holiday
- **Tuesday 8th November - Year 5 Bikeability lessons**
- Thursday 10th & Friday 11th November Year 2 & 3 Flint & Fire Residential
- **Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th November - Year 6 Bikeability**

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.

## Enjoy your Summer!

By Mrs Silvester-Grant



What an end to another eventful year!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued, unwavering support throughout this year. Springhill is such a wonderfully special place and the relationships forged between, children, staff and parents has a huge part to play in that. Our school continues to go from strength to strength and next year we have so much to look forward to already.

It has been a pleasure to enjoy another year as headteacher of our amazing school.

I hope you all have an excellent summer full of fun, memories and (hopefully) nice weather!

# GOODBYE

It's time to bid farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils!

Thank you to Year 6 for putting on their end of year leaver's assembly even through all of the nerves - you did a great job. We will miss you all so much and everyone at Springhill wishes you all the very best for the future.

Good luck with your next journey and we all look forward to hearing about your wonderful achievements!

# Attendance

As you are all aware, we have been working hard at Springhill to improve our rates of attendance.

The overall percentage of children attending school each day has improved but not by the rates we would like or expect.

The amount of holidays taken during term time and medical appointments visited during the school day are still far too high and this is drastically affecting our attendance levels.

I am sure you will agree that we would all like to see Springhill achieve its potential and a part of that is a great Ofsted report. Unfortunately, our attendance can and will negatively affect this and we have to do everything in our power to ensure that when the time comes, our school remains graded 'Good', if not better. To be a 'Good' school, Ofsted write,

***Pupils have high attendance. They come to school on time and are punctual to lessons. When this is not the case, the school takes appropriate, swift and effective action.***



In September, we will continue with our 'Fun Day' activity days but we will base this on termly attendance, not yearly. This way, even if children happen to have a sickness bug/ chickenpox in one term, they still have a reason to keep their attendance levels up.

We will also be monitoring families who have had concerning levels of attendance this academic year and inviting them in for meetings should similar patterns emerge from September.

Before school starts in September, Mrs Bailey will also be making phone calls to families to ensure that the importance of attendance from day one is made extremely clear.

Every day your child misses from school is a learning opportunity they won't get back and I believe that our children at Springhill deserve better than this.



If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 next year, they will have been sent home with a new log in for SATs Companion. This is a great platform where children can practise key skills across Reading, SPAG and Maths.

Over the Summer, especially on those rainy days, please get your child to log in and start playing some of the activities. This will prepare their profile ready for September.

Hopefully we won't have many rainy days over the Summer, but remember that there are lots of online games your child can play and activities they can try to keep them busy. Here are a few links to help give you some ideas:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<https://letters-and-sounds.com>

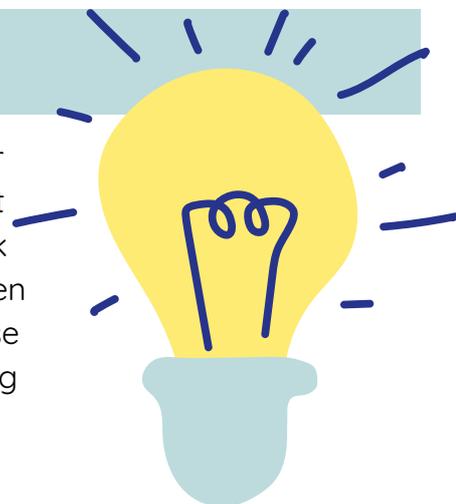
<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/games>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy>



# We need a PTA!

In September, we will be relaunching our school PTA. We are searching for parents/ carers who would like to be a part of this in order to help support school events, fundraise and help support our community links. If you think you've got the time, enthusiasm and ideas of how to help us at Springhill then please pop to the school office and let them know you are interested. Please remember that all roles within the PTA are subject to stringent safeguarding procedures and DBS check.  
We can't wait to get started!



## Reading Success!

We have been encouraging all children to read more throughout the year because as we all know, 'Reading is the key to everything'. The aim is for all children from Reception - Year 6 to read at home at least 5 times per week. This is to ensure that key skills are being practised. Well done to Year 5 & Year 6 who have achieved the highest percentages this year!

**Year 5 = 94% and Year 6 = 92%**



**Please find below the staffing for September 2022**

## Parents' Evening - Summer 2022

Thank you to all parents & carers for such a great level of attendance at Parents' Evening. We have never had an evening with such high attendance. Working together for the benefit of our children will ensure the best outcomes!

**Nursery = 72%**

**Reception = 80%**

**Year 1 = 87%**

**Year 2 = 91%**

**Year 3 = 82%**

**Year 4 = 79%**

**Year 5 = 75%**

| Year group | Teacher                                           | Support staff                        |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Nursery    | Miss Ashford                                      | Mrs Russell                          |
| Reception  | Mrs Bishop (EYFS Leader)                          | Mrs Boden, Mrs Miller & Miss Meddick |
| Year 1     | Mrs Brewerton                                     | Mrs Handy                            |
| Year 2     | Miss Richardson                                   |                                      |
| Year 3     | Miss Moore                                        | Mrs Whitehouse                       |
| Year 4     | Mr James                                          |                                      |
| Year 5     | Mr Raftery (KS2 leader)                           | Mrs Mateo-Salt                       |
| Year 6     | Mr Edwards (AHT/ KS1 leader) & Mrs Cheek (2 days) | Mrs Cook & Mrs Wiles                 |