

## Springfield Primary Academy

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11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent

### The Final Week of the Autumn Term

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

This is the final day that children can bring Christmas cards into school. This will give us time to quarantine them before giving them out.

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

School nursing team back in school to complete any outstanding flu vaccinations.

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery and Reception are having a 'Polar Express Day'. They will be watching the film with hot chocolate and cookies. Your child may wear their pyjamas.

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Our Christmas lunch will be served on this day. Christmas activities/games will also take place throughout the day, so your child may wear their party clothes.

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December/Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Both days will be non-uniform. Your child may wear their Christmas jumper, Christmas themed, or Christmas coloured clothes. (Just because it's Christmas!)

Please remember, that your child will be spending some time outside each day, so please ensure that they are dressed appropriately.

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

School will close at 3.40pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and re-open for children on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### Staffing Changes

It is with sadness we say goodbye to Mrs. Orhan at the end of term. Mrs Gascoyne is returning from maternity leave and will take over the role of Year 3 teacher, alongside Mrs. Capes.

### Cycling to and from School

If your child cycles to school unaccompanied by an adult, please ensure that their bike is equipped with lights. We've had some very dull days recently and it is almost dark as they're leaving school.

### Coronavirus Update

Thank you for your co-operation during this very difficult term. Compared to some schools in the local area, I feel that we have gotten off lightly, having to close only one bubble and the kitchen.

At one point this term, however, we had a quarter of our staff self-isolating. I would like to thank all of our staff who have continued to go above and beyond, covering for one another, to ensure that your children remain as safe as possible. At the time of writing, we have almost a full complement of staff and only a small number of children having to self-isolate whilst awaiting test results.

Current guidance states that we should continue to have air flow through classrooms. As you can imagine, it's a difficult balancing act to keep classrooms warm, whilst allowing air flow. If your child is saying that they are cold in school, please ensure that they wear an extra layer.

### **School Lunches**

If you would like your child to have a school lunch in the first week back after the holiday, please ensure that you book this by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This will enable our catering team to order supplies.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

If you would like your child to attend our child care provision in the first week back after the holiday, please book by the 1<sup>st</sup> January.

### **After School Clubs**

Normally we run a range of after school activities. Due to the pandemic, we are not doing this currently. Other than our child care, there will be no other after school clubs running during the first half of the spring term. We will continue to keep this under review.

### **Thank You**

Thank you once again for all of your support over the autumn term. We wish you a very happy Christmas, hopefully a better 2021 and look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year.

Yours faithfully

*A. Willett*