

Springhill News

Summer Half-Term Newsletter 2024

Thank You

This has been a very busy half-term for all of our children and staff. We have had a lot of visitors to the school from the Trust over the last few months and every visitor has given the highest praise of all of the children. I have always know how lucky we are as a school to have such a kind a caring school community, but hearing that from people who visit us just affirms the pride I have in every one of our pupils.

Mr J Edwards

REACH HIGH



Dates for your diary

- 03/06/2024 - Return to school
- 06/06/2024 - RSE Parent Workshop
- 10/06/2024 - Year 5/6 Cross Country Competition
- 11/06/2024 - NUR/REC/Year 1 Author Visit
- 12/06/2024 - Year 6 Laches Wood Parent Meeting
- 13/06/2024 - Caribbean Steel Drums Lesson
- 17/06/2024 - Year 4/5/6 Football Competition
- 21/06/2024 - Year 1/2 Animal Man Visit
- 24/06/2024 - Year 5/6 Mixed Cricket
- 26/06/2024 - Online Safety Parent Workshop
- 27/06/2024 - Year 3/4 Mixed Cricket
- 01/07/2024 - 03/07/2024 - Year 6 Laches Wood
- 02/07/2024 - Year 3/4/5 Royal Opera Create Day
- 04/07/2024 - POLLING DAY
- 05/07/2024 - Summer BBQ PTA
- 09/07/2024 - Year 3/4/5 Black Country Museum
- 09/07/2024 - EYFS Sports Day
- 10/07/2024 - Year 1-6 Sports Day
- 10/07/2024 - Parents' Evening
- 11/07/2024 - 12/07/2024 - Base Camp
- 17/07/2024 - Year 6 Leavers Trip (Jump Xtreme)
- 18/07/2024 - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

ATTENDANCE

Our school average for this year so far is **92.1%**. This is a decrease from our attendance and is below the national average. Due to the nature of the season, there have been a number of colds and bugs that have contributed to this number. However, I also want to use this opportunity to remind parents that term-time holidays will result in a fine from the local authority. **18% 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 and means that 1 in 5 of our children are having their life chances limited by poor attendance expectations at home.**

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

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 Shoutout this half-term goes to Miss Grice for her hard work and dedication this academic year. She has had a strong impact on children's learning and her kind and caring nature always shines through. Thank you from all of the Springhill Team!

Assessments

Well done to Year 6 who have completed their SATs tests! We are all incredibly proud of the hard work of the children and they all approached the tests with maturity and focus.

The mental health of our pupils is important to us, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Miller, Mr James and I have kept a close eye on the children on the run up to SATs. I made it clear to Year 6 that a score on a piece of paper does not define them and whatever they score on these tests it will not change the way we see them. They mean more to us than a number.

I mention this because there are a number of other assessments coming up this year for other year groups. While we always endeavor to help children achieve their best outcomes, I wanted to preface the information on upcoming assessments with the message that all we expect children to do is to try their best.

Upcoming Assessments:

W/C 03/06/2024:

Year 4 Multiplication and Times Tables Check

W/C 10/06/2024:

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Year 2 KS1 SATS tests



PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening for Summer Term will take place on Wednesday 10th July. As always, we are very eager for you to attend so that we can update you on your child's progress and accomplishments. This meeting will also afford you the opportunity to discuss your child's report. 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.

Online Safety

It is important as educators and parents that we teach children to access technology safely. Mrs Bailey is conducting a parent workshop on online safety on 26/06/24.

The key to online safety is ensuring that as adults we have oversight of the content children are consuming. However, it is also essential that we teach children on the dangers that they can face online.

Here are some helpful resources that might be useful to you:

www.childnet.com

www.net-aware.org.uk

www.saferinternet.org.uk