

October 2019

October Newsletter



SPINFIELD SCHOOL

Headteacher's Message:

Can you believe that the first half term is now over? I'm sure that you will agree that the half term break is much needed for everyone! The Spooky Disco was a great success last night and the costumes were amazing! Well done to Emma from year 2 and James from year 5 for winning the Pumpkin Competition.

Thank you to the children in year one and year three for their fantastic harvest assembly contributions. It was a joy to watch the children perform in such a confident and enthusiastic way. Thank you too for all of the wonderful donations. The produce has been distributed between the three following worthy causes: The One Can Trust, Wycombe Women's Aid and Mayorfield House. Thank you to the year one and year three class reps who kindly distributed your gifts.

On Monday, Claire Farrell held an information evening regarding the importance of Growth Mindset. It was great to see lots of parents there and a good opportunity to take time to think about the importance of this aspect of learning. At the beginning of the session the group came up with some ideas about what they want for their children. Suggestions included: confidence, resilience, independence, strong friendships, free thinkers, carefree, anxiety free and happy; all equally important traits that we should help our children to develop.

Over the half term break, do encourage your child/ren to produce an entry for our art competition – it is always good to see the children's imagination come alive in their art work. From everyone at Spinfield have a happy and safe half term and remember, the clocks go back on Sunday!



Happy Diwali on Sunday 27th October

Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Diwali, which for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness.

Dates for your diary:



Parents' Evening:

Appointments can be made on ParentMail - from 8pm on the 5th November for the following dates:

13th November 4.00pm-6.50pm

14th November 5.00pm-7.50pm

Information will be sent on Monday 4th November

Individual/Sibling Photographs:

14th November 2019

In addition to these photographs, we are also planning to take some new pictures for our website. Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform. We will only use pictures of children for whom permission has been given.

APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION 2020

If your child was born between 1 September and 31 August 2016, you can apply for a school place from **4 November 2019**. Visit the Bucks County Council website:

www.bucksgov.uk to apply for a school place. Helpful information about starting school for the first time will be available on the Bucks County Council website from the end of October:- **www.bucksgov.uk/schooladmissions**. The application deadline is 3.00 pm on **15 January 2020**.

We were very impressed with Mr Baker's mode of transport to school. Please could all parents do their best to avoid driving to school and, if there is no alternative, to park and drive safely in the school vicinity and be considerate to neighbours. We have again received complaints about parents parking on grass verges, parking illegally and dangerously and also leaving engines on whilst waiting. **PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AND SENSIBLE.**

Are there any other alternative modes of transport out there?



*Winner of the
best mode of
transport!*

FLU IMMUNISATION

Please remember to accept or decline the offer of flu immunisation for your child. The portal will be kept open until the end of the day on 6th November.

We have reattached the letter for your information.



**YEAR 6 TOOK PART
IN THE MARLOW
CARNIVAL PARADE—
WITH SOME GREAT
COSTUMES—A FUN
FILLED SUNNY
AFTERNOON WAS
HAD BY ALL**

RUGBY WORLD CUP DAY: We held a rugby day to celebrate the rugby world cup, during which children from years 1-6 took part in rugby activities run by Sir William Borlase's Grammar School. All the children had lots of fun and particularly enjoyed their rugby passing challenge. Well done to year 3 who each won a mini rugby ball, kindly donated by Savills Estate Agents. Thank you also to Marlow Rugby club for donating balls and medals to the school and thank you to Mr Smith for organising the day.





**YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 TOOK PART IN A RECENT AJD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
A GREAT TEAM SPIRIT SHOWN BY ALL!**





Year 1 and Year 3 wowed us with a show fit for the West End this morning, performing their Harvest Festival Assembly.



Some of the fantastic donations of harvest festival boxes



On Thursday October 17th two members of the Marlow Refugee Action group visited Spinfield to be presented with a cheque for £148.00 raised by our Global Citizens Committee's Bring and Buy Toy Recycling sale held in July 2019.

Sustainability Pledge News **Spinfield Global Citizen Committee**

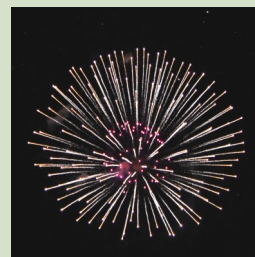
Five schools, including Spinfield, are now taking part in this initiative and, so far, **1036** pledges have been made across three schools. Two more schools have yet to give us their totals, so this figure will rise! Thank you to everyone who made pledges; we received 361 pledges from Spinfield families.

How wonderful to think that so many families across Marlow are joining us. We will let you know the final total of pledges made, shortly after half term.

Diary Dates

4th November

- Back to school
- Walk to School Week
- PA Firework Display



5th November

- Reception information meeting: 9.05 pm
- Y1 Parents' Evening (see email for details)



7th November

- Parent Rep Meeting
- Yr 1 Parents' Evening

8th November

- Non Uniform Day—Walk to School Wear bright colours
- PA Hot Chocolate & Croissant



11th November

- Anti Bullying Week
- Flu Immunisation
- Y6 War Memorial visit

13th November

- Parents' Evening
- 4.00pm-6.50pm

14th November

- Individual/Sibling Photographs
- Parents' Evening 4.50-7.50pm



15th November

- Children In Need/Anti Bullying Non Uniform Day

20th November

- 5.45pm Full Governing Body Meeting

21st November

- Y6 War Horse

28th November

- Well Done Tea
- X Games



Diary Dates

3rd December

Y4 Verulamium visit

6th December

Technical Rehearsal for Christmas Play

7th December

PA Christmas Fair

9th December

Full Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Play

10th December

Christmas Play: 2.00pm (Information to be sent at a later date)

12th December

Christmas Play: 2.00pm

13th December

Y3 & Y4 Craft Morning & Christmas party

EYFS and KS1 Norden Farm Christmas Pantomime

16th December

EYFS and KS1 Craft morning & Christmas party

17th December

Y5 & Y6 Craft morning & Christmas party

18th December

Dolce Christmas Lunch

19th December

Non uniform day—Christmas Jumper Day

1.45 End of term



DBS:

We are very grateful to all the parent/carers who help us at Springfield. If you wish to volunteer you **MUST** have a DBS certificate issued by Buckinghamshire County Council or be registered with the update service and you must have completed our Safeguarding training before volunteering. Please do not offer to help in school without the above—thank you.

What we've been doing:-

- ✓ **Henley Literary Festival**
 - ✓ **GIST Road Safety Lorry—Y3,4,5 & 6**
 - ✓ **Travelling Book Fair**
 - ✓ **X Games—Tag Rugby**
 - ✓ **Y1 AJD Football tournament**
 - ✓ **Governor meetings**
 - ✓ **Forest School**
 - ✓ **Reception My First Term Picture—Maidenhead Advertiser**
 - ✓ **Open Day/Open Morning**
 - ✓ **Y2 AJD Football tournament**
 - ✓ **Y5 Shortenills parent presentation**
 - ✓ **Purple Mash Parent Training Sessions**
 - ✓ **Y5 Swimming**
 - ✓ **Rugby World Cup Day**
 - ✓ **Y3 Chiltern Open Air Museum**
 - ✓ **Marlow Refugee Assembly**
 - ✓ **JRSO Fun Day**
 - ✓ **House Art Meetings**
 - ✓ **Wycombe Museum visited y1**
 - ✓ **Claire Farrell Growth Mindset Evening**
 - ✓ **Spooky Disco**
 - ✓ **Y1 & Y3 Harvest Festival Parent Assembly**
- Half Term—Have a fab week**

Term Dates

TERM DATES 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September - Friday 25th October
Monday 4th November - Thursday 19th December

Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7th January—Friday 14th February
Monday 24th February—Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 21st April—Friday 22nd May
Tuesday 2nd June—Tuesday 21st July

Half term finishing time is 3.30 pm
End of term finishing time is 1.45 pm

Please note the above dates are not inclusive of INSET days

INSET DATES 2019/20

Monday 2nd September 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 20th April 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

On occasion, the school is used as a polling station. Parents/carers will be informed when relevant information is communicated from Wycombe District Council.