

22nd October



SPINFIELD SCHOOL

Newsletter

Message from Miss Spreadbury

It certainly has been a busy start to the academic year and we have enjoyed being back together in school. Since the last newsletter, the children took a virtual trip to the Henley Literary Festival and enjoyed listening to different authors sharing their books. During the same week, the children were able to visit the book fair to purchase some new reading material. Congratulations to our year six children who successfully completed their Spokes cycle training course.

I want to take a moment to update you on some information from the Parent Rep meeting that we had last week:

- After half term, the children will be able to choose a library book to take home. This will be chosen on a Monday in the same way that the reading books are chosen and will be returned in the reading folder on a Thursday. (Children do not have to return books every week – we understand that longer books might need to be kept at home for more than a week). We need to have this system in place in order for books to be quarantined for 72 hours.
- Class teachers will be setting rotas for Time To Talk in Reception, KS1 and Creative Corners in KS2. This is an opportunity for your child to deliver a presentation on a topic which is of personal interest to them.
- We are continually reviewing after school club provision. At this point, we are not able to offer any extra-curricular clubs apart from the AJD football club.

Staffing update: At the end of this half term, we will be saying a sad goodbye to Ms Short who has worked with us for many years as one of our teaching assistants. We will be welcoming Miss Benney to our mid-day supervisor team.

I would like to say a very big thank you to all our staff who have been, and continue to be, incredible. Kindness is so important at these times and I sincerely thank you for all the messages of support we have received, acknowledging the hard work of our staff who really do go above and beyond every day. The continued positivity within our school community will ensure our children continue to be resilient during these unprecedented times. If any parents/carers do have any worries or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us so that we can support you and your children.

I hope that everyone has a great half term break, stay safe and we will see you on **Monday 2nd November**.

We have produced a short harvest festival video for you and your family to enjoy—this can be found on your child's google classroom under the stream tab, it will be posted at 4.30pm today. Reception's video will be sent via Tapestry or class email. Please remember that this must not be shared on any social media platforms. We hope that you enjoy our virtual harvest assembly.

One Can Trust Collections:- Once again we have been overwhelmed with the generosity of the
Spinfield community.

Thank you for making donations to the One Can Trust.



Harvest Headdress Winners!

Well done to everyone who designed fabulous harvest headdresses! It was lovely to see the wonderful designs and it certainly made a cheery start to the morning.

After a very difficult judging process, the winners from each class are:

Reception—Theo Wi

Year one—Leo

Year two—Digby

Year three—Charlie

Year four—Sylvie

Year five—Sophia

Year six—Zaid



Since our last message regarding change of email addresses with Dolce, they have informed us that all parents, including those who pay for meals via direct debit may change their email addresses themselves without having to go through dolce. They have given us the following information:-

The parent needs to log into their SchoolGrid account using their current login details and go to 'Account' (if they login using a mobile phone they will need to select the 3 lines at the top right hand side first of all and then select 'Account'), and select the option 'Change email/password'. The parent will then need to enter their new email address on this page and select 'Update'. This then sends an email to both their original email and new email address. They will then need to click on the link in their email to confirm the change and this will then be updated.

If the parent requires any assistance with this they can contact us directly and we will happily talk them through the process. They can contact us via email at support@schoolgrid.co.uk or by telephone on 01506 300310.

Changes to collection arrangements

Where possible, please could you notify the office of any changes to the collection of your child/ren before 2pm.
Thank you.

Some Reminders

FRUIT: Our fruit deliveries have resumed—a reminder that fruit is provided to school on a daily basis for all Reception & KS1 children.

BATTERIES: We are still collecting used batteries as part of the Big Battery Hunt. If you have old batteries, you can leave them in a bag on the table outside the front door of the school.

POPPIES: On sale after half term. Cash for poppies in classroom/£2.00 payment via parent mail for pins.

An update from our Roving Reporters in Year six!

During the week beginning 21st September, Spinfield School participated in National Languages Week 2020.

All of the children in the school have learnt about different aspects of languages, such as cooking traditional dishes from different countries, learning phrases and songs in lots of languages and they have sent pictures of their learning to their teachers. During class assemblies this week, we have been learning about different cultures and languages from around the world. All of the children have enjoyed exploring cultures and languages from around the world and we hope they continue to do so.

During the week beginning 28th September, year groups from reception to year six took part in one of the UK's largest Book Festivals. Last year, there were 170 events for both adults and children. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, all events were organised online for 2020. Below is a summary of the events that each class attended:

Reception listened to Marion Deuchars talking about 'Let's make some great art'

Reception, year one and year two listened to a reading of 'The Tiger who came to Tea' by Russell and Laura Brand.

Reception, year one and year two listened to 'Katinka's Tail', read by Louise Roe and Mackenzie Hunkin.

Reception, year one and year two listened to 'Mog the forgetful cat', read by Leah and Ricky Boleto.

Year three listened to Cresida Cowell talk about her book 'The wizard on once, series never and forever'

Year four listened to Leila Rasheed talk about her book 'Empires and a Roman story'.

Year four listened to Omar Mohamed and Victoria Jamieson talk about 'When stars are scattered'.

Year five listened to Chris Ridell talk about 'The Cloud Horse Chronicles'.

Year six listened to Katharine Rundell talk about her book 'The Good Thieves'.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed listening to these inspiring authors and celebrities talking about their favourite books.

For more information on Henley literary festival, please go to www.henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk.

This week in school children have been able to design and create a headdress to wear in celebration of harvest. They have enjoyed learning all about this special time of year and making a class video to share with you. We will also enjoy a yummy hot chocolate and croissant just before we break up on Thursday 22nd October.

Have a wonderful half term.

Your roving reporters,

Darcy, Eilah, Emma and Eva

We have a budding photographer in school!

HUGE congratulations to Jacob who won the Wild Marlow photography competition (Junior School category) with his photo of swans!

Well done Jacob!





This year is a reaccreditation year for our **International School Award**. Your child/children will be taking part in several projects based on the U.N Sustainable Development Goals, language and cross cultural/social community work.

Due to the unprecedented circumstances all schools find themselves in this year we are going to need your help!

There are several ways your family can help us achieve our award:

We would like to ask you to **re commit to sustainability pledges** of your choice from the list attached. If possible please sign up to at least 2 pledges you think your family can achieve and cut out the pledges and return to your child's class teacher before Half Term.

Please try to include at least one **Fairtrade item** in your weekly shop (**take a photo of your child/children with these products and send to school**). This helps farmers across the world achieve a fair living in these difficult times. We will display your photos on a display board in the cloisters.

Please **send a picture** of any **food you grow at home** and try to use locally sourced products as much as possible to reduce carbon footprints and support our local economy. Let us know about any great **recipes** you have for locally sourced produce. Ask your child to write out your recipe ideas for display!

We will be holding weekly **Waste Free Wednesday** surveys in each class. Each Wednesday we will check lunchboxes to see if they are as waste free as possible. Please try to **avoid including single use plastic wrapped food/drink** in your child's lunchbox. Each class will calculate the percentage of lunchboxes that are plastic waste free each Wednesday and the most successful class will be announced at the end of each term! Plastic waste is a huge problem worldwide, small measures can make such a difference. We will start this initiative on Wednesday 6th October.

Voluntary Project: If your child would like to produce a home project on either the effect of climate change on food production OR the effect of pollution on our planet we would love to receive them and share them with our partner schools!

We would like to thank you in advance for supporting these projects and helping your children to focus on ways they can help each other and the planet we live on. Our partner schools abroad will be mirroring these projects in their own way - working within their current restrictions.
Please see attached pledge sheet.

Waste Free Wednesday!

You are doing a brilliant job of supporting our waste free Wednesday initiative!

The results of waste free lunchboxes so far are as follows:



Year 6: 92%

Year 5: 68%

Year 4: 92%

Year 3: 35%

Year 2: 43%

Year 1: 79%

Reception 53%

Keep up your brilliant work and remember to try to bring a single use plastic waste free lunchbox every Wednesday!

SECONDARY TRANSFER APPLICATIONS:

A reminder to parents of children in year 6—please remember to complete your child's application to secondary school. The deadline is 31 October.

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS SEPTEMBER 2021:

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, you may apply online for a school place from 2 November. Visit Buckinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions to apply. The application deadline is midnight on 15 January 2021.

REMINDER: You should have received via email, information about the flu vaccination. Please remember to either decline or accept the opportunity for your child to receive the vaccination in school.

Kittle Photographs: Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on Wednesday 11th November

COVID-19 Reminders

I know that you will be aware that cases of COVID-19 are rising, so it is particularly important that social distancing is maintained and drop off and pick-ups are as quick as possible.

Please keep to your allotted times and, once your children are with you, please make your way home. Gatherings at the school gate are not allowed.

Please ensure that children come to school with all of the equipment they need, we are still having to deliver some forgotten items to the classrooms and we really don't want to do this.

We have reviewed our Remote Learning Policy and I have included information in this newsletter regarding arrangements for home learning should this be needed.

Schools are instructed to have rooms that are well ventilated; this means that we will have to keep some windows open in the classrooms, even in cold weather. Please ensure that your child wears warm clothing to school as the weather gets colder. Coats are essential for outside playtimes. It might be a good idea to purchase some extra thermals for the winter! Children will not be encouraged to wear coats in the classroom.

NHS— Test and Trace App

As you are aware, the Government have launched the NHS COVID-19 app today to support the Test and Trace system in England. You can find the privacy notice and more information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-covid-19-app-privacy-information/nhs-test-and-trace-app-early-adopter-trial-august-2020-privacy-notice>