



## Message from Miss Budden

We are finally coming to the end of our first term for this academic year, and what a term it has been! Our children, our incredible children, continue to show all of our PRIDE values in everything that they do. We cannot be any more proud of them. In every classroom, you see children trying their best, not giving up, reflecting on what they could do better and also encouraging each other to keep going. Everyone has worked so hard in school to keep everyone safe, and without the support of you, our families, this would not have been possible – we thank you all so very much.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the staff for their relentless drive to ensure that your children get the best possible education that they deserve. When guidance has changed and new routines and systems have had to be implemented with no time at all, this has been done with determination and professionalism throughout. We are incredibly lucky to have such dedicated staff.

It has also been a pleasure to get your positive feedback from our parent consultation meetings for this term. Telephone consultations were new to us all and were a very different way of discussing your child's progress. The teachers have enjoyed sharing the progress that the children have made over this term, another thing to be proud of.

This last week of term has seen the children getting into the festive spirit. It was great to see so many festive jumpers on Friday, we had a wonderful movie night and the children have been busy making cards for their families. I also hope you enjoy the special Christmas messages from the children that were sent to you on your child's TEAMS account or Tapestry if you are in Reception. The spirit of Christmas has certainly been at Springdale!

For many of us this year, Christmas is looking somewhat different as the pandemic continues to test our resilience and patience. Christmas is also a time for us to reflect on what has passed and to look forward to the future. Whatever your Christmas is looking like this year, please ensure that you all continue to keep yourselves safe and make choices that enable you to enjoy many more Christmases with loved ones. Use this time to make new traditions rather than feeling sad that existing ones cannot happen.

- If the turkey is a little bit dry - It really does not matter.
- If your wrapping paper does not match – It really does not matter.
- If you run out of gravy – It really does not matter.
- If you accidentally bought the wrong size or colour in something – It really does not matter.

What does matter is that you continue to stay safe and we are able to welcome you back in January. Please cherish what you have and don't regret what you do not have.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Budden



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## Thank You Mrs Rigler

Mrs Rigler, our Chair of Governors, will be stepping down as Chair at Christmas. Mrs Rigler has been on the board of Governors for 14 years and has made a huge impact in all aspects of school life. She has also supported the school through many changes over the years. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank her for the positive impact she has made during her tenure and wish her all the best for the future, knowing that she will always remain a friend of Springdale. Your dedication, kindness and commitment to the role was second to none and you will be greatly missed.



We are also looking to appoint new governors to the board. We would like to invite you to get in touch if you have an interest in these roles or if you would simply like more information. You can contact any of the following:

Simon Harwood – Deputy Chair of Governors @ [sharwood@springdale.poole.sch.uk](mailto:sharwood@springdale.poole.sch.uk)

Jamie Homer – Governor @ [jhomer@springdale.poole.sch.uk](mailto:jhomer@springdale.poole.sch.uk)

Katherine Hall – Clerk of Governors @ [khall@springdale.poole.sch.uk](mailto:khall@springdale.poole.sch.uk)

School Office – [office@springdale.poole.sch.uk](mailto:office@springdale.poole.sch.uk)

## Thank You Year 4 2019-2020

Thank you to our Year 4 from 2019-2020 for buying the school these beautiful chairs to go into our new play area. They really help set the scene and are great for telling stories about the sea. Your generosity was amazing.



## Term Dates

### Autumn Term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

### Spring Term

Monday 4th January to Thursday 1st April 2021

Spring Half Term break: Monday 15th to 19th February 2021

Easter Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

### Summer Term

Monday 19th April to Friday 23rd July 2021

Summer Half Term break: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

### INSET DAYS:

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Friday 25th June 2021



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## E-Safety

As we get nearer to Christmas some of you will no doubt be buying or looking to buy digital devices and gaming consoles as gifts for children. While these can open up fantastic hobbies, learning and opportunities, it is also important to consider their safe set up and use, as well the age-appropriateness of the content on them, to help keep your loved ones safe online. We have put together a shortlist of resources to help parents promote online safety and set up devices in the best way possible.

## Internet Matters

The parental controls page provides details on how to set up devices safely for children to use. About halfway down the page, you can select popular devices and consoles to see a setup guide specific to that device.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Safe setup checklists can be found here

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>

## Net Aware

Provides a searchable database of age limits for apps, games, and social networks provided by O2 and NSPCC

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

## Common Sense Media

A great place to double-check age certification and appropriateness of digital media and platforms

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

## Be Internet Legends

Online safety training from Google

[https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en\\_uk/parents/](https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/)

## Think U Know

A safety resource providing information about online child exploitation

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4\\_7/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/)

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online/>

## Childnet International

Provides information on a variety of key online topics

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics>

They also provide parent and carer toolkits to support online learning

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>

**Report Harmful Content** is a site that allows parents to do just that

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>

If you have any questions regarding any of this, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Miss Budden or Mrs Washbrook.