

## Message From Miss Budden

In the blink of an eye, another half term has passed us by. The children have continued to be engaged in their learning, developing skills as artists, scientists, historians, to name but a few. The knowledge that the children can remember on a wide range of topics is excellent, and this continues to be a focus for our curriculum for this academic year. Year Two have enjoyed a trip to Broadstone where they were able to develop their skills in Geography. Springdale have also taken part in a variety of sporting activities this term and the children returned having had a brilliant time. As always, their behaviour was impeccable, and they represented the school beautifully. Thank you for your continued support in helping the children with their learning – supporting the children with reading at home and completing homework tasks all help in ensuring that the children achieve the very best they can be.

Thank you so much to those parents who completed our questionnaire. We will be collating the responses and we look forward to sharing the results with you. Working in partnership can only lead to stronger outcomes for our children.

### Children's Mental Health Week – 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February

**WE'RE PROUD TO SUPPORT  
CHILDREN'S MENTAL  
HEALTH WEEK**

Last week, Springdale took part in Children's Mental Health Week. The theme was "Let's connect". During PHSE lessons, the children have been thinking about how they can connect with people through random acts of kindness, and the positive impact that this can have. KS2 also took part in a Yoga session. These activities were linked to "Five Ways to Wellbeing" which are Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give. Looking after our Children's Mental Health has never been so important in these challenging times and it is important that we all work together to ensure that everyone continues to feel safe and well.

### Safer Internet Day



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Springdale also celebrated Safer Internet Day on 7<sup>th</sup> February. The theme was “Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.”

Our digital leaders took assembly on this day to introduce the theme and the children had the opportunity to think about how they continue to keep themselves safe when using the internet. Our children had some great top tips for us all.

Keep your personal information and passwords a secret.

You need to check the games that you are playing are age appropriate.

Always tell a trusted adult if someone tries to speak to you online that you don't know.

Don't reply to any messages that pop up on screen, immediately tell an adult.



Finally, it just leaves me to say, have a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, healthy and happy.

Best Wishes

*Miss Budden*

## Pantomime

Live theatre is something that every child should get the chance to experience and with this in mind, we jumped at the opportunity to welcome M&M Productions to Springdale for a showing of *Beauty and the Beast*. This was a classic pantomime with lots of silly behaviour, classic 'he's behind you' moments and general fun for all of the children. They were in awe during the show, singing along to different songs such as *The Greatest Showman*, *Baby Shark* and *Green, Green Grass*.

The show itself was done to a very professional standard, with great settings and scene changes, wonderful costumes, expert lighting and sound systems and a wonderfully entertaining script. At the end, it was marvellous to hear all the children coming out saying comments such as 'that was the best day ever!' and 'what an amazing show!'

Enriching the curriculum with these types of experiences is an important part of a child's education and with that in mind, we will hopefully be able to provide more WOW moments like this in the future.







## Football Festival

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, eight Year 2 footballers were chosen to represent Springdale First School in a fun football festival at Longfleet Primary. This was a wonderful experience for the children to take part in what was not only their first football game outside of school, but also their first trip outside of school. While the weather started off icy in the morning, the sun soon came out for when the games began. The children got the chance to play five different games against other schools. Throughout each game, they continued to show improvement and ended up drawing their second to last game 1-1 (We scored a goal!). I was so impressed with the children's attitude to playing because it can be very hard to remain positive when losing all your games, sometimes by a hefty margin. Everyone played with great enthusiasm and came off the field after the final game with smiles of their faces. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported, you should be equally proud of them and hopefully in the future, we can attend another tournament with more positive results. Well done Springdale!





## Multisports Afternoon

On Friday 27th January, a group of Year 4 children attended Cornerstone Academy for a multi-sports afternoon. The idea of the afternoon was fun and participation. During the event, the children took part in four different games: Benchball, Dodgeball, Football and Capture the Flag.

There was a mixture of schools who attended, and the children had the chance to compete with and against other children. It was great to see how welcoming and friendly all the children were, especially when playing on the same team as other children from different schools.

As always, the children were impeccably well-behaved and a credit to Springdale. The whole afternoon was full of laughter, smiles and a lot of running around. I am sure they all slept soundly that night.

Thank you to the parents who were able to take and pick up their children. Without your support, these afternoons and events would not be possible.



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## Friends of Springdale



We sent two bags full of preloved school uniform to St Bakhita Primary in Kenya. A fire broke out in a local slum recently and affected 150 homes. They were incredibly grateful for the uniform.

Also, FOS have raised approx. £4000 through events last term and continue to save hard to purchase much needed technology for the children, such as updated class I pads, laptops and modern technology to support learning.



## Year 2 Field Trip

At the beginning of February, Year 2 conducted some Geography fieldwork on Broadstone High Street. Year 2 have been learning about urban and rural environments in Geography. They walked to Broadstone to see what features of an urban environment they could spot. They had a great time investigating how much traffic passes through Broadstone, what shops and amenities are on the High Street and what road safety features were present too. This trip also supported our safety curriculum, helping the children to put into practise their learning about safe road crossings, reflective clothing and the importance of staying with a trusted, known adult.





### Year 3 Art

In Year 3 art this half term, the children have been learning about Pablo Picasso. They annotated and explored Picasso's painting of 'The Lady in the Blue Hat.' Using this as their source, they learned about his unique style of cubism and the idea of drawing and painting from different viewpoints and perspectives. They practised these skills and discovered how to create tertiary colours from only using the primary colours. With all these new skills, the children then created their final piece of artwork putting everything they learnt together.



### Art Club

In Art Club this half term, the children have been using their drawing skills to create a parrot. Then, using oil pastels, they coloured in their drawings, smudging and blending where needed. The children really enjoyed using this medium. The next piece of art was based on using straight lines with tracing and using shapes. The children designed a drawing with overlapping shapes and patterns and then they could choose which medium they wanted to colour it in. They used paint, felt tips and colouring pencils. All the children should be very proud of themselves and the effort they put in! Their art looks amazing!







## Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Springdale First School are seeking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor for 5 Hours a week, Term-Time only.

*WE ARE SEEKING A PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN:*

- Serve hot meals
- Assist children while they are eating (hot meals or packed lunches)
- Maintain a calm and orderly environment while children are eating and playing
- Lead play activities (may be indoors or outdoors)
- Ensure that children are safe at all times
- Work across all age ranges (Reception to Year 4)

If you feel you would like to contribute to a successful, vibrant and happy school community then please contact the school for further information.

## Dates for Your Diary

### February

22<sup>nd</sup> Navigator Drop-in session

### March

1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day- Dress up day
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Assessment Information Evening 6pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Dress up day for British Science Week
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/Y4 Netball Tournament
17 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4 PGL Information Evening 6pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Solar Farm Visit
24 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Football Tournament
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt Week
27 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening
28 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Corfe Castle Trip
29 <sup>th</sup>	PTA event TBC <b>No After School Club</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening

### May

8 <sup>th</sup>	Extra Bank Holiday (Coronation)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 BSO trip to the Lighthouse Poole



## Polite Reminders

- Please can we remind parents and carers that no dogs are permitted on the school grounds. This includes when picking up from After School Club.
- Please can parents/carers be considerate to our community and neighbours when parking for school drop-offs and collections. The safety of our children and the wider community must be paramount.
- With a lot of winter bugs on the rise please can you make sure that you inform the school office of any absences before 8:30am if possible. This can be reported by phone, email or Parent Mail.
- Please can you ensure that all uniform is clearly named, as we are finding various items of uniform that haven't been.

## Term Dates

### 2022 - 2023 Academic Year

#### **Spring Term**

Tuesday 3rd January to Friday 31st March 2023

**Spring Half Term Break:** Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023

#### **Summer Term**

Monday 17th April to Friday 21st July 2023

**Summer Half Term Break:** Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

#### **Inset Days**

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Friday 30th June 2023

**\* Extra Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023 \***

### 2023 - 2024 Academic Year

**Autumn Term** Friday 1st September to Friday 15th December 2023

**Autumn Half Term Break:** Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023

**Spring Term** Tuesday 2nd January to Thursday 28th March 2024

**Spring Half Term Break:** Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

**Easter Holiday:** Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024

#### **Summer Term**

Monday 15th April to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

**Summer Half Term Break:** Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

#### **Inset Days**

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Friday 28th June 2024





## **WORRIED ABOUT YOUR RISING ENERGY BILLS???**

Drop In on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

at Turlin Moor Family Hub

10.30am – 12.00noon

An opportunity for a friendly talk and interactive discussion from Ridgewater Energy about how you can save energy at home and the types of support that may be available to you.



## **WORRIED ABOUT YOUR RISING ENERGY BILLS???**

Drop In on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

at Old Town Family Hub

10.30am – 12.00noon

An opportunity for a friendly talk and interactive discussion from Ridgewater Energy about how you can save energy at home and the types of support that may be available to you.





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Don't forget that Springdale First School has signed up to **"Your School Lottery"**. This will enable the school to gain additional revenue from a scheme that is already in operation.

### How it works

- Tickets cost £1 per ticket, per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to our school.
- Guaranteed Cash Prizes every week.
- Chance to WIN £25,000 every week.
- Draws are every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online.
- Easiest and quickest way to join in is online where payment can be either by Direct Debit or Debit Card
- Go to [Your School Lottery](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)



We understand that times are tough, so we're extremely grateful for your support

## YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

We're facing financial challenges too  
If you can, please help our fundraising



To support your school, go to:

**[yourschoollottery.co.uk/play](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk/play)**

and search for: **Springdale**

## Shop and Give

Help our cause each time you shop online, just go via the Shop&Give platform to raise a free donation for us.  
<https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/springdale-first-school/>

Visit the link and enter our unique code: **19997**



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## Families Dorset Magazine

Here is the **link** to the next issue of [Families Dorset Magazine- Issuu](#)

The **Jan/Feb 2023** issue is loaded with useful information for parents including:

- Top children's books for 2023
- Family meals made easier.
- DIY your own garden wildlife haven
- Make 'n' dos to liven up winter
- Managing children's anxiety.
- Dangerous things (you should let your child do)
- Family night in ideas
- and loads more.....

## Well-Being

As a school, Well-being continues to be a focus to ensure that all members of our school community are well, both physically and mentally. We will continue to work on our Well-being offer next term, to ensure that it is supporting everyone who needs it. We will keep you updated with our progress.



Hamwic Education Trust is pleased to partner with Shout 85258 - a free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service for any of our students, staff or parents who are feeling overwhelmed or struggling to cope. The service is staffed by trained volunteers who will work with students, staff or parents to take next steps towards feeling better. They can help with issues such as stress, anxiety, worry and relationship problems and are there to talk at any time of day or night.

For more information visit <https://giveusashout.org/>

### Other websites and resources you may find helpful:

- [Childline](#) – information about mental health and a free helpline 0800 1111
- [NHS Moodzone](#) – lots of practical advice, interactive tools, videos and audio guides to help you feel mentally and emotionally better.
- [MIND A-Z Mental Health](#) – a list of mental health topics to help you understand.
- [Young Minds](#) – the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health.
- [The Mix](#) – support for under 25s on mental health and other life topics.
- [BBC – My Mind and Me](#) – lots of information, advice and videos around stress, anxiety and mental health.
- [Papyrus](#) – the national charity for the prevention of young suicide.
- [NSPCC](#) – advice and support around mental health.
- [Samaritans](#) – offer support and advice to anyone experiencing feelings of distress, despair or considering suicide and their free helpline is available 24 hours a day. Call 116 123 from any phone.