



A Message from Miss Budden



WOW!! Well, that's a wrap on the first half term of this academic year! In the blink of an eye, we find ourselves at the end of October, and another new term is just around the corner. The children have continued to settle in well to their new year groups and classes, making new friends, learning new routines, and exploring their new classroom layouts.

It has also been great to see so many of you attending our parent's information meetings at the beginning of the year, allowing you to find out what your child will be learning, and how you can help at home. For the past few years, the beginning of the academic year has been different and ever-changing, and it felt refreshing for all of us at school to hit the "reset" button on this academic year, enabling us to share expectations with you. It was also a real pleasure to be able to open our doors wide and welcome you all into the hall. We look forward to inviting you into school for more events throughout the year.

There were many key words that I took from all the meetings that will ensure that your child will have a successful year. Communication, partnership, fun and excellence were key words that were frequently used in all year groups by staff. These words are also very much linked to our PRIDE values, enabling our children to be the best that they can be. Thank you so much for your active participation in these sessions. Everyone at Springdale cannot wait to continue to share your child's achievements throughout the year with you in lots of different ways. We enjoyed seeing you all for Parent's Consultation this week, where teachers shared your child's targets with you, and celebrated the many successes that our children already have had this year.

It has been an incredibly busy half term at Springdale. School Councillors have been voted in. Extra-curricular clubs are well under way. Year 1 and Year 3 have been busy learning in our woods with our Forest School teachers. They have had an amazing time. I know that Year 2 and Year 4 are really looking forward to their sessions next term too. Year 4 have visited the heath and were learning all about the environment. Sadly, for lots of the children, (but not the adults) they did not spot any snakes, but there was plenty of other wildlife around, including some very inquisitive cows! Year 1 have taken a trip to the post box, after writing a very important letter – I wonder if you will get a reply?

The children were also serenaded for the afternoon by a brass band called "The Brass Kings". The children thoroughly enjoyed joining in singing some well-known songs. For some children, this was the first time that they experienced "live" music. I know that there will be many more opportunities for the children to appreciate live music as they continue their learning journey at Springdale.

We also welcomed visitors from United Reform Church and they celebrated Harvest with us. Thank you so much for your generosity when donating food to **Poole Food Bank**. I know that many families will benefit from the donations given.

Please have a restful half term. We have so many exciting things planned for the next half term that we cannot wait to share with you. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Budden

Brass Band

On Wednesday 4th October, we had a very exciting afternoon! We were treated to a live performance from a Brass Band! 'King Brass' performed songs from Disney to Jazz, all whilst showing us how each instrument played and which section of the orchestra they feature in. The children learnt about trumpets, saxophones, sousaphones and drums. This opportunity was made available to us from our music hub, 'Soundstorm'. The children left the performance with huge smiles saying things like, "I loved it," and "I was really interested because of the saxophone." Thank you, King Brass!



Harvest Thanksgiving Assembly

On Tuesday 10th October, we held a Harvest Thanksgiving Assembly in school. Rev Andy Hall shared with the children about the meaning of Harvest and its significance.

The whole school celebrated with some of their favourite Harvest songs. We are so grateful for all the food donations for Poole Food Bank. We know that it will go to good use supporting our local families and community. The School Council helped collect all the donations and were overwhelmed by all the generosity of our school community. Thank you for all your continued support.



Book Fair Competition

Supertato and the gang were looking for a new recruit to join the team! The children who wanted to enter were tasked with making a super veggie to join the Supertato family. There were 5 book vouchers up for grabs to spend at the Book Fair and as you can see we had some amazing entries!



Supertato and the Gang wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Book Fair Competition. They have met some amazing new heroes and villains, all of which were worthy of joining their exclusive gang. However, there were some that impressed our Super Judges the most with their creativity and independence. Well done to the following children who won themselves a book from the fair!



Reception – Henry (Wrens)



Year 1 – Arthur (Butterflies)



Year 2 – Maisie (Hares)



Year 3 – Isla (Owls)



Year 4 – William (Falcons)



Imagine, Believe, Achieve



Check out the rest of the new recruits...



Golfing Achievements

In April Mike Dodd from Sturminster Marshall Golf Club came into school to teach the children about golf. The aim of the sessions was to expose the children to a new sport of which many may not have played yet.

It was fantastic to hear that following these sessions several children attended taster classes at the club and have continued to play. On Saturday 23rd September a few of the children received awards and moved up a level. Congratulations on your achievements!



Christmas Parade

This year Springdale will again be taking part in the Broadstone Christmas Parade. The parade will take place on Saturday 2nd December. Letters for the parade will be going out to all children this week so please look out for them. If your child would like to take part in the parade, then please complete the reply slip at the bottom of the letter and return to school by Wednesday 1st November.



Halloween Safety



Trick or treating this October?

Dorset Police advice: -

- Children should always be accompanied by an adult when they are trick-or-treating.
- Only go to houses of people you know and who are happy for you to call.
- Stay safe, keep to places that you know and are well lit. Do not take short cuts through gardens, alleyways or parks.
- Watch out for traffic - drivers might not see you.
- The adult should have a torch and a fully charged mobile phone.
- Take care of lit candles, especially if children have long hair.

But what if you don't want trick or treaters this year? Many families have babies, or you might know of an elderly neighbour who really doesn't want anyone to call at their home during the evening.

Dorset police have a poster that can be displayed on the front door which can be accessed on the following link.

[Dorset Police No Trick or Treat](https://www.dorset.police.uk/halloween)

Perhaps you could be kind and offer to print a poster for someone who doesn't have access to the internet link.

Poppy Appeal



Springdale will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be on sale the first week back to school after Half Term. The School Council will be dropping into classrooms selling Poppies in return for a donation.

During the week of Monday 6th of November, the school council will be selling a variety of Poppy Accessories including, slap bands, wrist bands, zip pulls and reflectors. This will be before school in the bottom playground for a donation. We won't have any change, so please bring what you would like to donate. This is leading up to our Remembrance assembly on Friday 10th November.





Dates for Your Diary

October

30th INSET DAY - School is closed for children.

November

1st Individual Photos Fraser Portraits

17th Children in Need & Vision Screening YR

23rd Y4 Trip to Lockyers School

10th KS2 Remembrance Assembly

20th Non-Uniform day (donations for Christmas Fair)

December

1st Christmas Fair

7th National Christmas Jumper Day
& Y3 Christmas Performance afternoon

5th Y4 Carol Concert United Reform Church - Evening

8th Y1 Christmas Performance afternoon

11th Reception Nativity

13th Hot Christmas Lunch Day

12th Y2 Nativity

14th YR Trip Lighthouse (more info to follow)

Term Dates

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

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.



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://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

Win a Harry Potter double prize bundle

Win a fantastic Harry Potter double prize bundle when you support Your School Lottery this autumn term - a family ticket for the Warner Brothers Studio Tour, AND a theatre voucher for Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. It'd make the perfect trip for little (and no-so-little!) wizards, witches, and muggles alike! With our new Super Draw, there are exciting new flexible ways to play – so get your tickets now ready for the big draw on **Saturday 28th October!**



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**





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.



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.