



Dear Parents and Children,

In the summer term, I informed you that it was my intention to **retire** at the end of 2019, following a significant birthday in November. This is my 25th year here as **Headteacher**; a position that I have always been extremely proud to hold. It will be with very mixed emotions that I retire at the end of December but I feel it is the right time to make this lifestyle change. Last week, Governors and a Local Authority Adviser successfully appointed a new Headteacher for Spring Grove. Mrs Sue Colley will be the school's new Head from 1st January 2020. Mrs Colley has been a Headteacher previously, as well as working for the Local Authority. Some of the children already know her as she is currently a governor and has done some supply teaching here over the last couple of years. I am sure the school will continue to go from strength to strength in her capable hands, supported by the amazing staff, pupils, governors and parent community.

Well done to children and staff for a very **hard-working first half term** of the school year. On Friday of this week, school closes for the **half term** break and we will return on Monday 28th October. **Happy Diwali** if you are celebrating during the half term holiday.

Thank you to all who wore a yellow accessory to raise awareness of **World Mental Health Day** last week. In school, we took the opportunity to remind children what they should do, and who they should speak to, if they have any worries. Public Health England has launched its Every Mind Matters campaign and has created a useful website which gives information, expert advice and practical tips to support good Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health. Please follow this link for details: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>. Always make time to have proper conversations with your children and at a time when all electronic devices and telephones are switched off.

The term of office of your current **parent governors** comes to an end in December of this year. Mr Husain and Dr Tahir have been parent governors for the last four years. We extend our thanks to them both for the time and commitment that they have given to the school over this period. Letters will come to you in the first week back after half term for you to consider either standing for the position of parent governor yourself or nominating someone for this role. More details will be included in the paperwork you receive after the break.



On Thursday of this week, we welcome **two special visitors** (Latifa and Khadija) into school who work for the charity **Education for All, Morocco**. Latifa is a house mother who takes care of female students who live in boarding houses near their schools because their families live in remote areas of the Atlas Mountains. Without such houses, the girls would not attend school. The charity, visited earlier this year by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, raises funds for the



building of these boarding houses so that girls continue to attend school beyond primary age. Khadija is a former resident in the first house that was built; she has just graduated from university with a degree in Biology. Spring Grove has taken part in fundraising activities in the past and our children have written in French to penpals in the boarding houses. Our association with such a vibrant and positive charity helps to raise our pupils' awareness of the huge importance of education to us all, as well as increasing our knowledge about another part of the world. Latifa and Khadija will meet the older children and take year 6's letters (written in French) back to the girls in their houses.

OTHER ACTIVITIES



FINALS OF THE DAILY MAIL FOURSOMES 2019

Congratulations to our sporting star, Ms Griffiths, who recently played in the finals of the Daily Mail Foursomes 2019 Golf competition.

Ms Griffiths and her golfing partner came 9th best ladies pair in Scotland, England and Wales. Congratulations from us all. I am sure that you will agree, this is an amazing achievement!

SKY INSPIRED SPORTS DAY

Year 5 attended the Sky Inspired Sports Day earlier this week at Osterley Sports Hall.

Simran wrote....."Children from many different schools attended the event. We took part in sporting activities such as: basketball, volleyball, cricket and martial arts. It was sensational and breath taking. This trip was a once in a lifetime experience. My jaw dropped when it was announced that we had won the competition. I was over the moon when I received a shimmering golden medal, glistening in the sun. Miss Griffiths was going to be on top of the World when we showed her the elegant trophy back at school. I felt like I was famous."



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCT 21- 25 - HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)

OCT 31 - INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH DAY

NOV 12 - PARENTS EVENING (4PM-6PM)

NOV 13 - PARENTS EVENING (5PM-8PM)

DEC 10 - YEAR 2 NATIVITY PLAY

DEC 13 - EARLY YEARS FESTIVE SINGALONG @ 9.15AM

DEC 12 - CHRISTMAS LUNCH

DEC 17 - CAROL CONCERT (Y3, 4, 5 & 6)@ 2.30PM

DEC 18 - END OF YEAR CLASS PARTIES

DEC 19 - LAST DAY OF TERM (SCHOOL ENDS AT 1.30PM)

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

For the period 26th Sept to 15th Oct

Class	Attendance	Punctuality (No of lates)
Winners 🏆	Year 6	Year 2 (1)
2 nd Place	Year 3 - Apple	Year 6 (3)
3 rd Place	Year 4	Year 1 (6) Year 5 (6)
4 th Place	Year 2	Reception (9)
5 th Place	Reception	Year 4 (10)
6 th Place	Year 3 - Lime	Year 3 – Lime (17)
7 th Place	Year 5	Nursery (18) Year 3 – Apple (18)
8 th Place	Year 1	
9 th Place	Nursery	

A huge 'Well done' to Year 6 & 2 for excellent attendance and punctuality this week.

Please help your children to arrive on time - 8.55 am at the latest.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

MAKE THE MOST OF HALF TERM WITH SEASONAL EVENTS, DIWALI CELEBRATIONS AND HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS.



- AUTISM- FRIENDLY FAMILY DAY - Monday 21 October (11am - 3pm) – Free
- HALLOWEEN WAND CRAFTING - Thursday 24 October (10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3.30pm) - £12 per person
- DIWALI CELEBRATION WEEKEND - Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 October (10am - 4pm) - Free, no booking required

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