



Newsletter 15

What a wonderful week it has been! It has been a joy to be reunited as a whole school again and we are relishing being back together and reconnecting with each other. It has been wonderful to see so many children and staff dressed up today as book characters and it is has been a great way to round up our book week activities. The children (and staff!) have also enjoyed the silent discos this week and they have provided an opportunity to relax, express, and have a giggle together which is so important at the moment.

Lessons are currently focusing on settling children back into routines and identifying where loss of learning has taken place. Interventions and booster sessions to support all pupils are being arranged and details will follow in due course where appropriate. We are confident that we will successfully enable the children to achieve their true potential despite the impact of the national lockdowns.

It has come to our attention that several children at Spring Grove have had exposure at home to console games that are aimed at children aged 15+. Often younger children have been playing these games with older siblings but the vocabulary and content is totally inappropriate for primary age children. In addition, some of our younger pupils have been discussing the plots and storylines of inappropriate TV programmes that they have been watching with their families. Please be aware of what your child is watching or playing at home and ensure that it is age appropriate. What children play, watch and listen to does have an impact on the language they use and their social interactions with others.

We have been monitoring our back to school arrangements closely, in particular our start and finish times. We have decided to make some small changes and they will take effect from **Monday 15th March.**

Revised Start and End Times

Year Group	Start	End
Nursery	8.45am	11.45am (15 hours) 2.45pm (30 hours)
Reception	8.50am	3.10pm
Years 1 and 2	8.40am	3.10pm
Years 3,4,5 and 6	8.45am	3.20pm

Please make sure that your child arrives on time for school. We have had some children arriving late all week and this does not support them in settling back into a routine. Developing punctuality is an important life skill and this is expected at Spring Grove.

At the start of the day - children should say goodbye to parents at the school gate and enter school independently.

At the end of the day - parents are permitted to enter the school site but should be careful to maintain a social distance from each other. Once children have been collected families should leave the school site without delay. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Red Nose Day – 19th March 2021

On Friday **19th March** we will be taking part in activities for Red Nose Day. There will be a special assembly explaining to the children the reasons for Red Nose day and the work of Comic Relief. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed in bright colours and they are requested to make a donation of £1 to Comic Relief. Collection boxes will be available in school.



Let's Count – 21st March 2021

National Census Day is taking place on **Sunday 21st March**. In order to help our children understand what this 10 year event is all about we are taking part in the Let's Count project for schools.

On **Wednesday 17th March** all classes will work on a variety of activities related to the national census.

Parent Evenings – Spring 2021

Parent Evenings will take place on **23rd and 25th March.**

We are sorry that we cannot invite you into school with the current situation. The meetings will once again be via **telephone.**

As usual you will be able to book your appointment via our booking system - we will send you the link next week.



The results are in!

All children are to be congratulated on their efforts and creativity and they should all feel proud of themselves.

Results of the Christmas Story Writing competition

Class	Winner	Runner Up
1-Donaldson	Leon	Dhylan
2-Gray	Dillon	Adarsh
3-Zephania	Zakariya	Lilly
4-Horowitz	Sajna	Eeshal
4-Rauf	Livia	Skyla
5-Rundell	Shreya	Joodi
6-Tan	Ava	Khai

Family Maths Challenge

Hello Mathematicians,

Each Family Maths Challenge will run for two weeks now, so below is a reminder of the challenge. I'm really looking forward to seeing your multiplication wheels.

Multiplication Table Wheel

If any of you know me, you will hear me talking about the importance of learning the times tables all the time. By the end of Y2 you should know and be able to recall the 2, 5 and 10 times table. By the end of Y3 you should also know the 3, 4 and 8 times table and by the end of Y4 you should know all of the times tables up to 12.

Times tables are so important to learn. If you cannot multiply you will not be able to divide. Times tables also helps us to do fractions, ratio, proportion algebra and so many other areas of mathematics.

This week I would like you to make a multiplication wheel. I suggest you choose a times table you need to learn or improve on. There is a link below that shows you how to do this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZ7qL7rGLN0>



Please upload a photo of your multiplication table wheel for me to see.

Thank you for taking the time to do this.

Mrs Jasavala

The Family Food Club

School holidays can be challenging for families. Perhaps your financial situation has recently changed or your budget means that you are struggling to put healthy meals on the table during the holidays.

The Family Food Club is excited to be launching this Easter, providing fresh and free takeaway meals, food parcels and activities to any family with children that is in need of a helping hand.

Launched by a group of local volunteers, this club will run at lunchtime on **Wednesday 7th and Wednesday 14th April** for families to come and collect a takeaway hot meal, offering a choice of meat and vegetarian dishes. Food collection will be from St Johns Church Hall on St Johns Rd and will be compliant with COVID safety guidelines.

To book your collection slot please contact Rachel (a Year 4 Rauf mum) at rachelmaclure@stjohnsisleworth.org.uk