



Newsletter – 09.12.22

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we head into the last week of term, I am reflecting on all we have achieved over the last few months. It seems like only yesterday that I was welcoming you to the new school year at our meet the teacher evening. Since September, we have covered a lot of learning and also been through our school review, the result of which was excellent. The children have worked incredibly hard and made super progress.

Star of the week

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Year 1 – Whole class **Year 2** – Plinio **Year 3** – Nuria

Christmas Performances

We have enjoyed wonderful Christmas performances from Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 this week. The children were fantastic and really shared the Christmas spirit. Thank you to all our parents and families that came along to watch and support them. We are looking forward to our final performance next Tuesday evening. This is for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and St Pauls church. Children need to be at the church no later than 5.45pm and in full school uniform. Parents, families and friends are free to join us for a beautiful carol concert.

Christmas Raffle

There is still time to buy tickets for our Christmas raffle. We have some lovely prizes, including: toy shop voucher, vouchers for food outlets, hamper, beauty treatments, speciality cakes. We will make the draw next Thursday morning so tickets need to be purchased before then. Good luck!

Scarlet Fever

Earlier this week, I sent out guidance from the government regarding scarlet fever. Cases are increasing and it is important to know what to look out for to recognise the symptoms.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by Group A Streptococcus or 'strep' (GAS). It is usually a mild illness, but can cause complications, and it is highly infectious. Therefore, it is important to look out for the early symptoms in your child, which include:

- a sore throat • headache
- nausea and vomiting • fever of 38°C or more
- after 12 to 48 hours a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel develops. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel
- a white coating on the tongue which then peels, leaving the tongue red, swollen and covered in little bumps (strawberry tongue) • the face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth

If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever:

1. Contact your GP as soon as possible - It's important that children get antibiotics if they have scarlet fever because it helps them get better more quickly and prevents severe illness and complications.
2. Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.
3. Make sure that your child takes the full course of any prescribed antibiotics

Website

Our new school website is now live and can be found at: www.springfield.sch.je. I am delighted that this is now up and running after such a long time in the development. There is still a lot to add over the coming months but we are already using many of the features – newsletters, calendar, policies, photo gallery and online safety. Keep checking back over the coming weeks to see the new content.

Christmas Hamper Appeal

As we move towards Christmas, we are thinking about supporting families and our local community. This can be a difficult time for some families and as a school, we strive to offer as much support as possible. Like the last few years, we are asking for food donations so we can put them together in hampers that can then go to those who would really benefit from it. If you would like to donate any dried food items (tins, pasta, packets, rice, biscuits etc) we would be very grateful. Also, any Christmas treats would also be a nice addition to the hampers. Many thanks in advance of your support again this year.

Christmas Parties

We are nearly into party season at school so just a reminder of our Christmas party dates:

13th Dec Nursery/Reception/Year 1 Christmas Party
15th Dec Year 2 – Year 6 Christmas Party

On party days, children can come to school in party clothes if they wish. Please make sure that clothes are comfortable as the children will be taking part in lots of fun activities.

Covid

The island is starting to see another rise in covid cases, so please remember to test your children regularly with lateral flow tests to help us limit the spread in school. Tests can still be ordered free of charge from:

https://covidsafe.gov.je/covidlft/orderlegal/?_gl=1%2Ac9qnc%2A_ga%2AOTYzMDY1MC4xNjY4NTEyODkw%2A_ga_07GM08Q17P%2AMTY3MDU3ODE3MC4xMy4xLjE2NzA1NzgxODQuMC4wLjA.


Online Safety guidance from Education Department

We are aware of concern from some parents about websites which enable children and young people to meet strangers online, with no moderation or age restriction. The most common of these are Omegle, Chatroulette and Kik, and they can expose children to inappropriate and unmoderated content.

While these applications are blocked on the school network, children and young people can still access them via their devices. Parents can access information about how to talk to their child about internet safety [via NSPCC](#). Information for children on what they can do if they see something upsetting is available [via BBC newsround](#).

Information on how to block specific websites and adult content is available for [apple devices](#) and [android devices](#).

Have a lovely weekend,



Mal Robson
Headteacher

Dates for the diary

Date	Event
13 th Dec	Y4/Y5/Y6 Christmas Performance 6.00pm
13 th Dec	Nursery/Reception/Year 1 Christmas Party
15 th Dec	Year 2 – Year 6 Christmas Party
16 th Dec	End of Autumn Term
2023	
5 th Jan 2023	Back to school – start of Spring Term
10 th Feb	HSA Bingo Night 6.00pm – 7.30pm
13 th - 17 th Feb	Half Term
30 th Mar	HSA Family Quiz Night 6.00pm – 7.30pm