



## Newsletter – 08.09.23

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. I hope that you all had a good holiday and enjoyed some family time. Although we have had a shorter week, the children have made an amazing start. I have been in all classrooms and seen the hard work that has already started, really impressive. The children seem pleased to back with their friends and already resumed the super teamwork that we demonstrate at our school.

A special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception parents and other new starters across the school. We look forward to being part of your child's learning journey at Springfield. I would also like to welcome Mr Mendes and Mr Lewis to our teaching team. Mr Mendes is our new teacher in Year 5 and Mr Lewis is with Year 3. We also welcome Mrs Mbarek and Miss Marsh who will be working with different children to support their learning.

### Star of the week

**Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:**

**Year 1 – Jessica    Year 2 – Axel and Haris    Year 3 – Kirin    Year 4 – Filip    Year 5 – Laila    Year 6 - Antonia**

### Uniform

Our children look so smart in their uniform this term. Thank you so much for enabling this to happen – we like the children to have pride in their school and wearing the uniform smartly shows this. Please make sure all items of clothing are named as we have so many items of lost property that we cannot reunite with the children.

### Meet the Teacher

It was great to see so many parents at our meet the teacher event last night. If you weren't able to attend, please contact your child's teacher for the curriculum letter and information that was shared.

### HSA – Home School Association

Our home school association is made up of school staff and parents with the aim of supporting the children in school with both opportunities and fund raising. We are always looking for parents to help in some way and attend our short meetings if they can. We only meet once every half term for around 1 hour to discuss fundraising events and any decisions that can be shared or require parental input. If you feel you can help in any way and haven't already let Mr Robson know, please get in touch.

### School INSET/ Training

Earlier this week, the school staff have completed hours of training. We have all updated our safeguarding training, revised our homework policy and started to prepare learning experiences for the children. We have looked at the priorities for the school as we move into this academic year, and I shared these at the parents evening on Wednesday. Our specific focus will be on Writing, Multi-Lingual learners, Developing Oracy skills and the development of all staff.

### **St Marks Road crossing**

During the summer break, a pedestrian crossing has been installed on St Marks Road near the Janvrin Road junction. This means we now have safe crossing points for anyone travelling to school past Springfield Stadium or travelling that way following drop off. The suggested route is to use the crossing at Springfield Stadium, then the new system on St Marks Road and finally on to our school crossing point opposite our playground and gate.

### **Education Welfare Team**

The Education Welfare Team have produced some information that I been asked to share with you. Please see the attached letter.

### **Tinathon**

We are supporting the Shelter Trust with their tinathon again this year. This provides food for the homeless. If you can donate any tins of food, it would be really appreciated. Items can be brought into school and we have set up a collection box near the main office. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

### **After School Clubs**

Our after-school clubs start next week and the week after. Please see the dates below:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Year 5 and 6 Football

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 and 4 Football

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Y3/4/5/6 Street Dance

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Year 1 and 2 Football

Children attending will need to be in PE kit on the day of the club.

To secure a place at any of these clubs, please email Miss Carroll – [a.carroll@springfield.sch.je](mailto:a.carroll@springfield.sch.je) and she will confirm if your child has a place.

After October half term, we will change the activities to other sports to make sure we can offer activities that may interest other children.

### **ROK**

Next week will be the last chance for children to bring in their designs for the ROK building site fence. I will be meeting with the builders soon and they will be taking the artwork to be digitally printed for the fence.

### **Democracy week**

Democracy Week will run from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September. We will be looking at how democracy works on the island and hosting our elections for School Councillors and the Rights Respecting School team. In assembly this morning, Miss Carroll spoke to the children about what to think about if they want to put themselves forward for election and how to prepare a short speech to deliver to their class.

Have a lovely weekend,



Mal Robson  
Headteacher

**Dates for the diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Teaching Unions taking strike action – School closed
14 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET Day – School Closed
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Year 5 - John Muir Award
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 3 and Year 4 at Festival of Words
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 6 at Festival of Words
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – all classes except Nursery
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Life Expo for Y5
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Life Expo for Y6
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 Height and Weight checks          Reception – Hearing checks
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Individual Photographs
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Autumn Term

\*More dates will be added when we have them.