

Springwood Heath Primary School

'Success through Caring and Learning'

Friday 15th September



Introduction

We have all had a wonderful week in school this week. The children are not fully immersed in their new curriculums and I have spent a lot of time this week in class watching lessons and looking at books. The children are incredibly proud of their work and are keen to show me what they have learnt and remembered, which is fantastic! Some highlights include an interesting science investigation in Y5 exploring how the size and shape of objects affect the speed of sinking, Y4's first Ukulele lesson with the Resonate musicians and a fabulous self-portrait session in our new Reception class, we have artists coming through!



Our assembly this week focused on water safety and we asked the important question – *Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?* The children made some insightful contributions and were able to articulate the dangers of playing in open water. [Click here to share the article at home.](#)

We are aware of the SEN transport issues that many parents are having at the moment and we are also disappointed and saddened by the lack of consistency and last-minute changes. We are liaising with the transport service and are assured that they are working hard to improve the service. Please do continue to share these concerns with us so that we can advocate for the children and ensure that they are well looked after on arrival or when waiting to be collected.

Mrs Costello
Headteacher

Flu Immunisations

Many thanks to parents/carer who have already completed your child's e-consent form.

If you haven't yet school health really would appreciate your help with completing their form today to ensure they know your wishes and ensure they are using NHS services efficiently. Last year nearly 60% of parents didn't complete their child's forms before the deadline date resulting in them receiving further follow up calls, letters and texts from the service which we know can be annoying. To avoid this happening please complete their flu form today with a YES or NO at this link <https://econsent.mersecare.nhs.uk/>



Welcome to our Swans, Woodpeckers and Owls classes

We have three new classes at Springwood Heath which specialise in special educational curriculums specific to the needs of the children in those classes. We are incredibly proud of these classes and the skilled staff that work in there. We have already seen a phenomenal improvement in children's progress, attainment and behaviour and we look forward to seeing the children progress in these classes in the coming year. The Swans class follow the engagement model curriculum. The Woodpeckers class follow the TEACCH model and The Owl's class follow a combination of EYFS and engagement model activities.



Attendance

At times, it can be difficult to decide if your child is too ill for school. More often than not, children can come to school with a minor illness such as a cough or a cold and will be very well looked after in school. If you are unsure as to whether to send your child to school, please see this useful page from the NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Please be assured that we will always phone you if your child becomes too ill during the day.



Smartwatches

Please be aware that smart watches are not allowed in school. This is due to the fact that many watches can take photographs, record or audio record and this poses a safeguarding risk. Thank you for your support with this.



School Meals

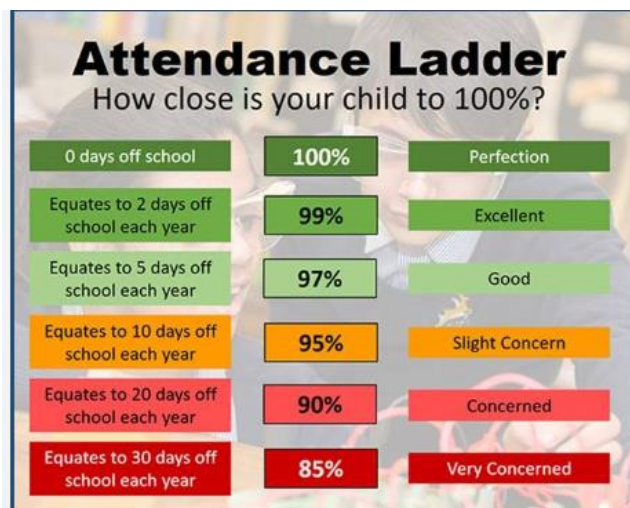
If your child wishes to move to school lunches, you must complete the attached Chartwells forms. If our child has any medical or dietary requirements, the medical confirmation must also be obtained and attached to the form before Chartwell's can serve your child's meal. Forms will be on the website and available from the school office.

First Holy Communion

Children in Year 4 or above, who are baptized Roman Catholic, are invited to join St Francis of Assisi's parish preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion. On Monday 2 October at 7.30 pm, Father David Potter, the parish priest at St Francis of Assisi RC Church in Garston, which serves the whole area of Garston, Allerton and Grassendale will be holding a meeting for interested parents of children attending all schools. It will take place in the church of St Francis of Assisi, Earp St, Garston, L19 1RT.

Attendance

Reception	98.65%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	89.2%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	90.8%
Year 5	90.9%
Year 6	90.9%
Whole school	93.32%



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 19 th September	Y2 Meet the Teacher 3.30-5.00
Wednesday 20 th September	Meet the Teacher 3.30-5.00 Classrooms
Monday 25 th September	Y6 Bikeability Week
Tuesday 26 th September	Y5 Dodgeball Competition
Tuesday 26 th September	Flu Immunizations
Friday 6 th October	Y2 boys Football Competition
Tuesday 10 th October	Y3/4 Girls Football Competition
Friday 27 th October	School closes for half term

Monday 6th November	School reopens for Autumn 2
Wednesday 8th November	Y6 Class Assembly – Y6 Parents invited 9am
Tuesday 14th November	Y3/4 Dodgeball Competition
Wednesday 15th November	Y5 Class Assembly – Y5 Parents invited 9am
Wednesday 22nd November	Y4 Class Assembly – Y4 Parents invited 9am
Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November	Parents evening
Wednesday 22nd November	School Photograph Day – Individual and sibling groups
Monday 27th November	Assessment Week
Tuesday 28th November	KS1 Gymnastics Festival
Wednesday 6th December	SEND Kurling Competition
Monday 11th December	PTA Santa Grotto Day
Thursday 14th December	Y6 Volleyball Competition
Wednesday 13th December 2pm and Thursday 14th December 9.30am	Y1+2 Nativity (2 tickets per family will be provided for one performance)
Thursday 14th December 2pm	Reception Nativity (2 tickets per family)
Tuesday 19th December	PTA Christmas Pantomime Day
Wednesday 20th December	SEND Sports Festival
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas 1.30pm