

## Springwood Heath Primary School

'Success through Caring and Learning'

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November



### Introduction

We began the week by actively participating in Anti-Bullying Week. Our school community came together to raise awareness, promote kindness, and celebrate our commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all. On Monday, we embraced individuality and celebrated our differences with Odd Socks Day. Children and staff wore mismatched socks as a symbol of acceptance and unity. It was a joyful and colorful expression of the uniqueness that each person brings to our unique school community!



Our Year 3 children had an enriching experience during their class trip to the Liverpool Museum. They actively engaged in Stone Age and Iron Age workshops, exploring artefacts that brought history to life. The visit extended to the Walker Art Gallery, where they immersed themselves in art, and they had the privilege of exploring the new John Moore's exhibition. Such experiences contribute significantly to their learning and foster a love for knowledge. We are immensely proud of our children for their curiosity, enthusiasm, and exemplary behaviour during the trip. A special thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff for organising and facilitating such an educational and enjoyable experience.

Mrs Costello  
Headteacher

### PTA

We would like to thank PTA members Michelle, Laura, Cora and Veronica who are all stepping down from their roles after many combined years of PTA dedication and hard work. The PTA have been instrumental over the past few years, raising money for the school which impacts directly on the children on a day to day basis. At Christmas, the grotto and the pantomime are both organised and funded by the PTA and will be enormously enjoyed by all this year.

Unfortunately, the PTA have not been able to find anyone to fill these roles moving forward and unless they can find volunteers to hand over to in the next few weeks, the PTA will sadly come to an end.

If you feel you could step up to support lead the PTA moving forward please contact the school office who will be happy to put you in touch with the current team for a handover. School staff are willing to support parents in this journey and the conference room is available in school for initial meetings to get plans in place. Please do consider this as we will really miss the PTA moving forward!



### Children in Need

A big thank you to all parents who sent their children to school in their own clothes today. We are delighted to share that, through your collective efforts, we managed to raise over £140 for Children in Need. This amount will go a long way in supporting children and young people facing challenges across the UK. Your contributions, no matter how big or small, have made a positive impact and truly reflect the spirit of compassion within our school community.



### Parents Evening Appointments

A reminder to send your parents evening appointment slip back to school to ensure you have an appointment to see your child's teacher next week. Appointments will be held in classrooms and there will be an opportunity to view your child's book.

### School Photographs

Please remember the school photographer will be in school on Wednesday next week. Please ensure your child is wearing full uniform and a great big smile!



### Attendance Thank You!



Thanks to your dedication and cooperation, our whole school attendance has seen a significant improvement from **92.1%** in July to an impressive **93.8%** currently. This positive trend is a testament to the collaborative spirit of our school community and the importance we collectively place on regular attendance. While celebrating this achievement, I want to share our ambitious goal of reaching a 94% attendance rate by Christmas. It's essential to highlight that improved attendance is directly linked to the success and future outcomes of our children. Regular attendance enhances their engagement in learning, builds a strong foundation for academic achievement, and instills valuable life skills that will benefit them in the long run. Well done Team Springwood!

### Attendance this week

Reception	91.52%
Year 1	97.78%
Year 2	98.18%
Year 3	95.48%
Year 4	89.9%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	92.5%
Whole school	94.16%

## Getting to school really matters. Did you know...

If your attendance during the school year...	You would have lost approximately...	or you would have missed approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	45 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	95 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	145 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	190 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	240 Lessons

You should not take holidays during term time.  
Please be punctual to maintain attendance.  
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

**Dates for the Diary**

Date	Event
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y4 Class Assembly – Y4 Parents invited 9am
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parents evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	School Photograph Day – Individual and sibling groups
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Assessment Week
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Gymnastics Festival
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Half Price Book Fair – School Library 3.20-4.00pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	SEND Kurling Competition
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Santa Grotto Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch (allergy forms must be completed)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Volleyball Competition – POSTPONED SEE BELOW
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	Y1+2 Nativity (2 tickets per family will be provided for one performance)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	Reception Nativity (2 tickets per family)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Pantomime Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	SEND Sports Festival
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Enterprise Day – More details to follow
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas 1.30pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	School reopens for Spring 1
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 Volleyball Competition
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5+6 Basketball Competition
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Class Assembly – Y2 parents invited 9am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Class Assembly – Y3 parents invited 9am
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Liverpool Schools Reading Festival
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens Spring 2
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 Football Competition
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Phonics Parent Workshop for Reception parents 9.30-10.00am school hall
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Dress as a book character!
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Trip – Liverpool Philharmonic
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Football Competition
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – own clothes day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y3 Football Competition
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet Parade and own clothes day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter Break 1.30pm