

Springwood Heath Primary School

'Success through Caring and Learning'

Friday 15th December



Introduction

As we approach the end of term, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our incredible Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). Your hard work, dedication, and countless hours of voluntary service have not gone unnoticed. The success of this week's activities, made possible by your tireless fundraising efforts, is a testament to your commitment to enhancing the school experience for our children.

From selling tickets for the pantomime to coordinating Santa visits and ensuring each child receives a selection box, your generosity and thoughtfulness have put a smile on the children's faces. These moments create lasting memories for our children and contribute to the vibrant and supportive environment that defines our school.

I want to acknowledge the hard work that often goes on behind the scenes — the meticulous planning, careful financial management, rigorous risk assessments, and the necessary paperwork that accompanies these initiatives. All of this, undertaken alongside your already busy schedules, is truly commendable! On behalf of the entire school, I extend my sincere appreciation to each member of our PTA. Your contributions are much more than a volunteer's work; they are a gift to our entire community!

As mentioned earlier this term, the PTA does not have the volunteers moving forward to continue the marvellous work that they do. **If you can offer to help with the PTA and take on a role, please do contact the school office who will be happy to advise you on next steps.**

We held our nativity performances this week and what memorable experiences they were for both children and their families. The effort and creativity put into these performances contribute to the festive spirit and help build a sense of community within the school. It's a special time for young children to showcase their talents and enjoy the festive season with their peers. They performed amazingly and I was proud of each and every one of them! A huge thank you to the staff who helped bring these performances to life!

Mrs Costello
Headteacher

Christmas finish

A reminder that school closes early on **Friday 22nd December at 1.30pm** for Christmas. School reopens on Tuesday 9th January for the spring term.

Y6'S £5 Christmas Challenge!

Next Wednesday (20th) we are hosting our Year 6 Market. The Y6 children have been given £5 per group to organise a stall and enterprise event. There will be stalls selling Christmas crafts, raffles, toys, books, etc. Each class will visit during the day so please do send the children to school with a small amount of change to spend at the event. We will also be holding an adult and child hamper raffle and a toy stall after school as well so please do stop by at the end of the day to buy a raffle ticket and browse the stall! This will be on the playground from 3.15pm.

Mrs Leslie's Retirement

Many of you will know Mrs Leslie as a long-standing member of our school teaching staff. Mrs Leslie has worked at Springwood Heath for over 30 years and will be retiring at Christmas to spend more time with her family and friends. Mrs Leslie will say her goodbyes next Friday 22nd December. On behalf of everyone at Springwood Heath we would like to thank her for her dedicated service to all of the children and families she has helped over the many years and wish her well for her, well-deserved retirement!



Online Safety for Parents

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

Click [here](#) to read this week's online safety guide 'Tech Free Christmas'

Attendance this week

Reception	92.12%
Year 1	91.2%
Year 2	93.69%
Year 3	95.31%
Year 4	87.07%
Year 5	92.28%
Year 6	94.27%
Whole school	93.36%



Attendance reports will be sent home again on Friday 22nd December so you can track your child's current attendance. Parents of children with attendance less than 90% attendance are classed as 'persistent absentees' and will be invited to a meeting with Mrs Dunbar in the New Year to discuss

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 19 th December	PTA Christmas Pantomime Day
Wednesday 20 th December	SEND Sports Festival
Wednesday 20 th December	Y6 Enterprise Day – More details to follow
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas 1.30pm
Tuesday 9 th January	School reopens for Spring 1
Friday 12 th January	Y6 Volleyball Competition
Wednesday 16 th January	Y5+6 Basketball Competition
Wednesday 17 th January	Year 2 Class Assembly – Y2 parents invited 9am
Monday 29 th January– Friday 2 nd February	Liverpool Schools Reading Festival
Friday 2 nd February	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am
Monday 5 th -9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 3 Class Assembly – Y3 parents invited 9am
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 19 th February	School reopens Spring 2
Thursday 29 th February	Y6 Football Competition
Friday 1 st March	Phonics Parent Workshop for Reception parents 9.30-10.00am school hall
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Dress as a book character!
Friday 8 th March	Y4 Trip – Liverpool Philharmonic
Thursday 14 th March	Y4 Football Competition

Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day – own clothes day
Thursday 21st March	Y3 Football Competition
Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 28th March	Easter Bonnet Parade and own clothes day
Thursday 28th March	School closes for Easter Break 1.30pm