



Introduction

As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the highlights and successes we've experienced together as a school community. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Headteacher, and I'm grateful for the warm welcome I've received. One of the standout achievements this term has been the successful implementation of curriculum changes aimed at enriching our children's learning experiences. Programs such as Ready Steady Write, Steps to Read, and CUSP have not only demonstrated positive outcomes but have also contributed significantly to fostering a love for learning among our students. Our commitment to involving parents in the educational journey of their children has taken various forms. The introduction of curriculum assemblies provided a valuable opportunity for parents to gain insight into our teaching methods and classroom activities. Likewise, the launch of SEND parent coffee mornings has allowed for meaningful discussions and shared experiences, fostering a strong sense of community and support.



We've celebrated numerous successes, from our children's achievements in sporting competitions to the festive performances during the nativity plays. The book fair was another delightful occasion that not only promoted literacy but also encouraged a passion for reading among our students.

As we anticipate the start of the next term, I'm excited about the continued positive momentum. We plan to build on the success of curriculum assemblies and expand opportunities for parental involvement. Further coffee mornings will be organised, offering a relaxed setting for parents to connect, share experiences, and support one another. Next term promises to be equally engaging, with planned curriculum assemblies, educational trips and visits, and insightful parent workshops. These initiatives aim to strengthen our partnership in nurturing the holistic development of your children.

I want to express my gratitude to each of you for your support, involvement, and commitment to the Springwood community. Together, we are creating a positive and enriching environment for our children to thrive.

Wishing you all a restful Christmas break and looking forward to the exciting opportunities that the next term will bring!

Mrs Costello
Headteacher

Attendance Education Welfare Officer



We have recently welcomed Carolyn Pettigrew from the local authority as our new Attendance and Educational Welfare Officer. As the Attendance and Educational Welfare Officer, Carolyn will play a crucial role in monitoring and supporting children's attendance. Her responsibilities include identifying and addressing attendance concerns and working closely with parents to understand and resolve any challenges that may be affecting regular attendance.

Carolyn will be in contact with parents of children whose attendance is a cause for concern in the new year.

Y6 Enterprise Day

The Y6 children really shone this week during their enterprise event. The children worked hard to run Christmas stalls to raise money for school. Thank you to parents and children who attended the stalls and took part in the many games and stalls available. The event raised over £600 for school. This will go towards end of year celebration events for Y6! Well done Y6!



A wish for Peace

The school council led the school in the “Let’s Spread Peace” Picture News campaign this week. We try to share happiness and joy with our children at Christmas and as there is so much uncertainty and unrest in the world, we felt that writing down and sharing our messages of peace with others would be a small but powerful way to use our voices. Every child wrote their wish for peace onto a slip for paper and shared them in our whole school assembly where we joined them all together. Many other schools also took part with the goal to create a paper chain that measured from John O’Groats to Land’s End!

Springwood’s chain measured 12metres in length which we think is a great contribution!



House Winners!

The winning house this term was Lennon! The children collect house points throughout the term for good work, a positive attitude and for acts of kindness and respect. The points are collected and totalled each week by our Y6 house captains and this term, Lennon house won. Members of Lennon house will take part in a Christmas movie and popcorn morning in the hall as a prize! Points will be reset in January ready for the Easter winning house! Well done Lennon!



Online Safety for Parents

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

Click [here](#) to read this week’s online safety notice. This will be particularly useful for new toys/games/devices received during the Christmas season.

Attendance this week

Reception	92.2%
Year 1	90.4%
Year 2	93.1%
Year 3	93.4%
Year 4	91.1%
Year 5	92.2%
Year 6	93.4%
Whole school	91.4%



Dates for the Diary

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