

## Positive, open channels of communication between home and school are key!

If you ever have a concern about your child's happiness, safety, learning or progress in school, we want to hear about it. Please pop in to see your child's class teacher at the end of the day for a quick chat or if it requires longer time, please make an appointment by speaking to the ladies in the school office.

There is a suggestions box in the front entrance for your comments, complaints and suggestions. As a school we are always keen to keep improving and we welcome constructive feedback and suggestions.

The school has an Open Friday afternoon each week where you are welcome to come into your child's class after school to look at their books and to find out what they have been learning that week.

You will receive a final End of Year report about your child's learning and progress at the end of this term and there will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher. However, if you ever want to talk to us at a different time, we will always be pleased to see you. Just make an appointment via the school office.

Mrs Snape, Mr Mawson and other members of the senior leadership team are available at the beginning and end of every day (except on Monday mornings when the staff have a weekly briefing). Please come and chat to us if there is anything you need to let us know.

The school uses Parent Mail to ensure that parents receive information in an efficient way. We use this to send home information regarding educational visits and activities taking place in school, including the weekly newsletter every Thursday.

The school website has lots of useful information including details of the lunch menus. There is also a notice board with an up to date calendar of upcoming events for the week.

The Chair of The Friends, Mrs Wallman, works closely with the school in preparing this termly events calendar. If you have any suggestions for other activities, please speak to Teresa Wallman via the school office.

Suzie Young is the **Spinney's Family Partnership Coordinator**. Suzie also works as the Alliance Coordinator for the Kite TSA which means she's in school on most days and able to offer her time flexibly in both roles. Please feel free to text, call or email her on 07969 685971 or [syoung@spinney.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:syoung@spinney.cambs.sch.uk).

*The Spinney Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well being of all its children and young people.*

## Summer "Teaching and Learning Together" Calendar 2017





"Parents' active engagement with their children's school and their learning is the most important long-term influence on academic success and behaviour"

The Spinney School is committed to securing strong Family and Community Links so please look inside to find a number of ways that parents, carers and families can be involved in the life and learning of the school.



### "Be bright, be brilliant and light up your corner of the world"

1. Make a concerted effort to join in one of **the Friends of The Spinney** activities taking place in school this term. Offer your face painting skills, offer to run a stall at the Summer Fair, or offer to help out with the Disco.
2. Remember to put your PE kits on and join in with **our Summer Stay and Play** as well as **Sports Day** later on this term.
3. Attend the end of term **celebration assemblies**.
4. Volunteer as a **Learning Partner** in either Reading or Maths (ask at the school office for more details)
5. Leave the car at home and join in with **Walk to School Week**. This is a lovely opportunity to enjoy a walk, a talk and (hopefully) the sunshine!
6. Pop in to your child's class after school for **Open Friday**, where you have an opportunity to see your child's books and talk with your child about their learning and progress. Come along to our **Open Afternoon**
7. Offer to help out by accompanying your child on their **Educational Visit** this term. Both you and your child will gain a lot from this experience and it will give you lots to share and talk about at home.
8. Take time to **share the curriculum map** and think of ways to extend your child's learning at home by visiting museums, libraries or going on visits to learn more about the area being studied.
9. Bring your skills into school and help out by **volunteering** sometime in school e.g. with gardening, cooking, or helping in the Wildwood
10. Come along and share a delicious lunch with your child on our special **Bring your Parent to Lunch** day.

DATE	EVENT	HOW TO GET INVOLVED
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Term starts	For more fun and teaching and learning together!
24 <sup>th</sup> April	EYFS educational visit to South Angle Farm	A wonderful educational visit for all the senses! Full of fun, sights, sounds, smells
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week	National tests for all Year 6 pupils take place this week
19 <sup>th</sup> May	 Pupil Disco	*After school discos for both key stages. Parent volunteers to help run these events are much appreciated.
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week	Try to leave the car at home and enjoy a walk and a talk on your way to school at the start and end of the day,
26 <sup>h</sup> May	Y5 educational visit to The Fitzwilliam Museum	A wonderful educational visit for Year 5! A great opportunity to enjoy one of our local fantastic museums!
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term Holiday	Relax and enjoy some well-earned time together
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school	For more fun and teaching and learning together!
15 <sup>th</sup> June	New Parents evening	*An evening for the parents of our new foundation class to meet the Spinney staff and Friends and find out more about our school.
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Bring your Parent to Lunch	Come and enjoy a summer lunch with your child – hopefully in some glorious summer sunshine!
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Stay & Play and  Sports Day	*Another fun Learning Together family event with a sporting theme followed by traditional races in the afternoon.
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 educational visit to Kentwell Hall	A memorable day that is out of this world! The children will dress up in traditional Tudor clothes and step back in time!
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 educational visit to The East of England Showground	Year 1 are off to the East of England Showground to learn about how are food gets from 'Farm to Fork'
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Friends' Summer Fete	*Come and Enjoy this annual extravaganza organised by the Friends.
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Spinney "Jump Up" Days	Your child will be meeting their new teacher this week and learning about the rules, routines and expectations for their new class.
4 <sup>th</sup> July	New Foundation morning	An opportunity for our new to Foundation children to come and explore their new school
4 <sup>th</sup> July	New Foundation afternoon	
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Teddy Bears' picnic	The new Foundation class will come to meet The Spinney Teddy Bear for a special Teddy Bears' picnic and will bring their own teddies.
5 <sup>th</sup> July	The Big Write Assembly	Ask your child about the special assembly and what the whole school writing activity was.
7 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports	Share your child's achievements and celebrate their successes
12 - 13 <sup>th</sup> July	 Y6 Production	Come and see our fantastic "Wind in The Willows" performances on stage at Netherhall
14 <sup>th</sup> July	The Big Count 	On this day, the children work in House Teams to complete an exciting interactive maths challenge. At the end of the day ask your child about all the mathematical learning they have done.
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon	An opportunity to call into school if you would like to discuss your child's end of year report.
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' BBQ Y6 Leavers' Assembly	A special celebration assembly for our Y6 leavers and their families followed by a pupil fun barbecue
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Celebration Assembly	Join us for our end of term assembly and see all that we have achieved!

\*Activities in conjunction with the Friends of The Spinney, please speak to Mrs Wallman via the office