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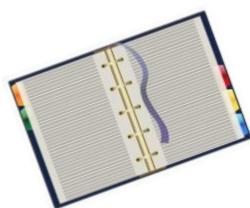


**Child Centredness, Teamwork and Community, Excellence, Learning,
Improvement, Responsibility, Optimism**

'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 14th June 2018

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,



- **Fencing Sessions KS2** – w/commencing 18th June
- **Parents Lunch** – Wednesday 20th June
- **KS2 Choir Singfest** – Thursday 21st June
- **Non Uniform Day** – Friday 22nd June
- **Rooted in Music Concert** – Friday 22nd June
- **Spinney Summer Fair** - Sunday 24th June at 2.30-5pm
- **Year 6 Activity Day** - Monday 25th June.
- **Sports Day** - Friday 29th June.



Headteacher's reflections:

As many parents will know The Spinney Primary School is a National Teaching School, the lead school of The Kite Teaching School Alliance and I am a National Leader of Education and the Chair of Cambridgeshire School Improvement Board. As a school we are delighted to have been invited by the Local Authority and the rest of the CSIB to project manage the Cambridgeshire Education Festival. This is the second year of the CambsEdFest as it is affectionately known. The Festival took place at The Faculty of Educational, on Hills Road last Saturday and brought together over 300 teachers and educational professionals from across Cambridgeshire and beyond. It was a thought provoking, optimistic celebration of education and we received very positive feedback from all quarters from professors and practitioners! There were a variety of talks and workshops aimed at developing and inspiring teachers with ideas, and putting positivity back into teaching. It has been an honour to be a part of and I am thankful to so many people for making the conference such a success, especially Suzie Young, Anna Taylor who are key members of the Spinney team and our various education and other partners including Cambridge University, Long Road Sixth Form, Linton Village College, Anglia Ruskin University and Cambridge Regional College, who were absolutely amazing and created some beautiful decorations and signs. We are already looking forward to next year's festival #Flamingle19 and sharing our hope for the future of education with even more people.



Bring your Parent to lunch Wednesday 20th June

You are invited to share a special Summer Lunch with your child on Wednesday next week. You can enjoy jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings, including cheese, tuna, baked beans, chilli con carne (both vegetarian & beef) served with a selection of salads followed by lemon tart and cream, mixed fruit, yoghurts or cheese and biscuits. If you would like to enjoy this special lunch, it is essential that it be booked in advance.

Tickets are now on sale via the school office at a cost of £3.50 per adult meal.

Unfortunately tickets for this meal cannot be purchased using the new SIMS Agora payment system. Unfortunately we will be unable to serve parents who have not purchased their tickets in advance.

(Child's meal remains unchanged at £2.50 per meal for Key Stage 2 pupils)

We hope that you can join us.



A Set of Pokémon Cards . . .

Parents and children, please can you keep a look out for a large pile of Pokémon cards that have gone missing? This happened after school time earlier this week. If a set of cards do turn up either at home or elsewhere that cannot be accounted for please can you let us know so that they can be returned to their rightful owner? We would also like to remind children not to bring anything of value to school including toys or swapping cards as unfortunately on occasion things can & do go missing. We would appreciate parents' support of this. It is very difficult for the school to take responsibility for things like this brought onto the premises and if they go missing it creates an additional challenge for staff to try to locate them. Thank you



Family Stay and Play, Sports Day.

This year's Sports day is on Friday 29th June. In the morning we hope that you will be able to come along and join in the fun of our summer term 'Stay and Play' session that will start from 9:30am. This will be a chance for parents to join in with a carousel of sporting activities and contribute towards collecting points for the Houses. Parents might therefore like to consider wearing your PE kit too! Everyone will be encouraged to join in the warm up and although none of the activities will be particularly strenuous please remember that all adults participate at their own risk. This is a fabulously fun activity and younger siblings may also join in. Traditional races will take place in the afternoon and parents are invited to watch from 1.15pm.

The Spinney Wraparound Care offer: Breakfast Club and After School Provision

The Spinney Wraparound Care offer provides care before and after school for Spinney pupils. We offer a safe, stimulating and happy environment where children are supervised by committed, professional Spinney staff. If you would like to enroll your child in either of these clubs, forms are available from the office team or downloadable from the school website from Monday. From the autumn term Breakfast Club will cost £4 per child (£3.50 for siblings) and After School Club will be £12 per session.

Breakfast provision

In preparation for a busy school day, the Breakfast Club offer focuses on quieter activities such as Lego, arts and crafts, puzzles, toys and board games.

Provision starts at 8:00am and the children are offered a selection of cereal, toast, yoghurt, fruit and juice. After breakfast, there is a range of activities on offer including board games, drawing, reading and construction play. Staff take children onto the playground for some fresh air at 8:45am ready for the school day to start at 8:55am.

After School provision

After School provision runs from the end of the school day and finishes at 6:00pm.

On arrival, children have a snack to keep them going. There are plenty of games and activities to keep everyone occupied, including jigsaws, board games and a 'comfy corner' with cushions to read and relax. When weather permits, staff take children onto the playground for a run around and some fun and games.

If you would like more information about the clubs or require booking details please contact the office team.

Archery & Fencing Taster sessions

Pupils in Key Stage 2 will be getting the opportunity to try out some new sporting activities over the next couple of weeks. Next week, the team from Premier will be in school to show the children some archery skills and the following week they have the chance to try out fencing. These activities are provided as part of the Olympic Legacy Sports Funding that we have received to give children the opportunity to try out new activities. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit with them every day next week so that they can join in. I hope that they will enjoy telling you all about these sessions over the next couple of weeks.



**Come and join in the fun at the Spinney School Summer Fair on
Sunday 24th June 2018 at 2.30-5pm on the School Field**

There are lots of activities and events planned including a bouncy castle, inflatable obstacle course, premier sports, BBQ, face painting tombola, raffle and many more games and stalls.
Entry is £1 for adults and 50p children/concessions

Non-uniform day: In preparation of the summer fair, there will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 22nd June** and in return children are asked to bring donations for the 'raffle hampers' as follows:

Yousafzal – Pampering

Marie Curie – Chocolate/Sweets

Shakespeare – Gardening

Dahl – Summer holidays

Raffle tickets: Raffle tickets for the summer fair were sent home this week so please check your child's school bag. Tickets cost £1 each and all money raised is for the school. Please return completed stubs in a marked envelope to the school office (please retain the ticket). Cheques can be made to the 'Friends of the Spinney'. Please return any unused tickets. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the Fair. Raffle prizes include £50 cash, a Pimms hamper and there are many more prizes including vouchers for Anglesey Abbey, Shepreth Zoo and Wimpole Hall. If you are able to donate a raffle prize, then please leave this with the school office.

Frozen Fridays: With the warmer weather now upon us, Frozen Fridays will be held after school every Friday until the end of term in the school playground (weather permitting). Ice pops and mini milks are priced at 50p each.

The Friends Committee: As previously mentioned, current committee members will be stepping down from their roles from July 2018. This means there is an opportunity for other parents to volunteer for the roles of committee chair, treasurer and secretary and to get involved in arranging fundraising events for the school. No special skills or qualifications are needed. Being a 'friend' is a great way to get involved in school life and to meet other parents, and it's also a great deal of fun. Unfortunately, without the core committee members, there will no more summer or winter fairs and other fundraising events such as Christmas card designs and mugs. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the current Chair, Teresa Wallman, for an informal chat at friends@spinney.cambs.sch.



Request for Plastic Bottles

Ready to blast off at the Spinney Summer Fayre? In order to find who can keep it up for longest in the rocket launch competition, Micah and George (Y6) need your 1.5 - 2 litre plastic bottles please. If you have any please hand them into the Spinney office and they can be offered a new lease of life prior to recycling!

TEMPEST

Summer Production

Rehearsals are now in full swing in preparation for the KS2 Summer Production of 'The Tempest'. This is a wonderfully entertaining musical show based on Shakespeare's play. Years 3, 4 and 5 are playing supporting roles and are enjoying learning their songs. Costumes for their roles could be based on the costumes that they wore when they visited Kentwell Hall. The performances take place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th July at Netherhall and tickets are on sale week via the ladies in the school office.



My Cambridge is a growing partnership of organisations and individuals committed to making sure that all young people feel part of the rich variety of culture in Cambridge. This link will help you to discover all the latest events, news and training opportunities for adults working with young people plus creative activities for children in Cambridge <http://www.cambridgeartsnetwork.com/my-cambridge>



52 Stories Information

52 Stories Takes place every week at Cherry Hinton Library on Saturdays from 10.30am – 11.15am.

If you would like to become a 52 Stories Reader or become a volunteer to help us please come along to Cherry Hinton Library during one of our sessions and talk to one of the 52 Story Team Members. www.52stories.co.uk
www.facebook.com/52stories



Labelling Workshop

On Thursday 21st June from 1pm – 3pm Cambridgeshire family workers will be running a short informal workshop looking at the power of our words and how to use them to bring out the best in our children!
Booking essential, please call 01223 728118 or 729081 for more information or to book a place.
The workshop will take place at the North Cambridge Child and Family Centre.



Understanding Challenging Behaviour Taster Session

A parenting workshop to help parents understand why their children are expressing challenging behaviour. You will have the opportunity to learn positive discipline strategies and access free advice and support. The course takes place on Tuesday 26th June 09.15 - 11.15am at St Matthews Primary School, 19 Norfolk Street, Cambridge, CB1 2LD Call or text Zoe on: 07824 569 789 to book a place or email Zoe.Dennis@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Cambridge Woodland Academy Summer 2018

Cambridge Woodland Academy, who have been working with our Foundation Stage class this term, will be holding summer sessions during the school holidays on 26th and 27th July from 9am-12pm for children aged 1-4years and 1pm-4pm for ages 5-8. There is also a holiday club for children aged 8+ on 30th and 31st July 9am-5pm and a Family Forest days on 28th and 29th July from 10.30am-3.30pm. For more information please see www.cambridgewoodlandacademy.com/holiday-clubs

And Finally....

We are pleased to be welcoming our new Foundation Stage families into the school this evening, the first of a number of events aimed at helping our newest members to feel part of the Spinney Community. The older children will be taking part in their own Jump Up days in July as we look forward to the new school year as well as celebrating this year's successes and achievements.

*"We want an education system based on hope not fear
one that appreciated the humanity
of human beings!"*

Professor Yong Zhao



Rae Snape
Headteacher/National Leader of Education