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'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 15th June 2017

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

Dates for the Diary



- **Great Get Together: Community Picnic** - Friday 16th June 3.30-5pm
- **Bring Your Parent to Lunch** – Monday 19th June
- **Y3 and 4 Youth Games** - Thursday 22nd June
- **Sports Day Stay and Play** – Friday 23rd June
- **Non Uniform Day** – Monday 26th June
- **Y3 Educational Visit to Kentwell Hall** – Thursday 29th June
- **KS2 Choir SingFest Concert** – Thursday 29th June
- **Year 1 Food and Farming Day: Peterborough**- Friday 30th June



Headteacher's reflections for the week: **The Great Get Together: Community Picnic Friday 16th June 3.30-5.00pm**

With community being one of our core values, I am delighted that we will be hosting a Spinney Community Picnic tomorrow as part of The Great Get Together in memory of Jo Cox.

Jo Cox was an inspirational women who had a strong belief in the value of community, and whilst celebrating diversity believed that “..we have far more in common with each other than things that divide us”.

The picnic is an opportunity for us to gather together with friends and families, have some fun and celebrate what we hold in common. We value our sense of community here at The Spinney; the positive effect this has on our children's experience of school, as well as their attitude towards others around them. Nurturing this sense of teamwork and community is fundamental to the ongoing success of our school and helps to create a positive and sustaining atmosphere filled with unity, harmony and friendship.

I am attending a conference in the afternoon tomorrow so may be a little late in joining you, but will be leaving you in the capable hands of the wonderful Mrs Wallman Chair of the Friends and her fabulous team to welcome you. I look forward to joining you as soon as I can. Please bring along a picnic and a blanket, play equipment will be made available.

As this is an afterschool event, please may I remind you that parents/carers are responsible for supervising their children and monitoring activity and interactions. For more information on The Great Get Together visit

<https://www.greatgettogether.org/>



Bring Your Parent to Lunch – Monday 19th June

We look forward to welcoming you to a special summer lunch with your child on Monday 19th June. Lunch will be served from approximately 12noon. Foundation Stage Pupils and KS1 pupils will go in first with their parents, and siblings will be accommodated so that families can eat together.

We love having parents in school but as ever we rely on your patience in ensuring that this process, which understandably takes a little longer than usual, can flow as smoothly as possible. Thank you for your understanding. We hope that you can join us.

Please be aware that this is a ticketed lunch and we are unfortunately, unable to offer further places as the kitchen has been given final numbers.

Year 6 Graduation Event: St. Andrew's Church Cherry Hinton Thursday 13th July 2pm

Year 6 has been invited to attend a graduation ceremony at St. Andrew's Church on Thursday 13th July at 2pm. This is a chance for Cherry Hinton to celebrate its Year Six pupils as they leave their primary schools. There will be representatives from the local community and a chance to meet others going on to the same Secondary School. Parents, friends and family are all welcome too attend. We will be walking to the church, leaving school at 1.30pm. We would welcome parents to join their child on the walk to the church and we anticipate returning to school for 3.15pm. Those parents wishing to take their child directly from the church will be able to do so, once they have been signed out with Mr. Mawson.



Family Stay and Play, Sports Day.

This year's Sports day is on Friday 23rd 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.



Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club page on the school website is now live! This page will provide information for current and prospective parents about what we offer before school. The page will include a booking form for the relevant half term to enable parents to access this at their convenience. We have also created an email address, breakfastclub@spinney.cambs.sch.uk, which is also now active. Parents can contact Mrs. Cordy directly with queries and this will be checked every weekday morning. This email address can also be used to forward your completed booking forms.



The Wind in the Willows: Arrangements and Timings.

Performances of our summer production 'Wind in the Willows' will take place in The Atrium at Netherhall Secondary School at 7:00pm on Wednesday 12th July and Thursday 13th July. Children need to be at Netherhall, in full costume, on both days at 6:30pm. We anticipate that the children can be collected again at 8:30pm.

Please note that all children will need to be signed in with their class teacher as they arrive and signed out again before they can leave. Children will not be permitted to walk home alone.

Tickets

Seating in the Netherhall auditorium is strictly limited so, in order to ensure a fair distribution of tickets, there will be up to 4 tickets made available for each Key Stage 2 family. Letters regarding the ticketing process were sent home to parents of KS2 Children last week. Please speak to the ladies in the office if you have any questions.

Programme Front Cover Competition. Deadline Tomorrow

Thank you to all of those children who have brought me an entry for the Wind in the Willows programme front cover competition. Please note that the final date for an entry is Friday 16th June.

Wind in the Willows; Request for Props

Thank you to those who have brought in items that they think may be useful for our summer production of The Wind in the Willows. There are still items that would be very useful such as: foam rubber packaging material that looks like toblerone; any old 'animal' costumes; fake fur; medium-sized wicker basket and waistcoats.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who donated their Sainsbury's voucher to school. Mrs Williman (Y1) has kindly counted all 11,751 of them! We are delighted to have ordered a variety of sports equipment for the children to use which will be delivered in the autumn term.

Cambridge Youth Forum A project for Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Are you interested in joining the Cambridge Youth Forum? Would you like to have your say about what happens in Cambridge? ChYpPS (Children and Young People's Participation Service) are inviting children to join sessions taking place during the summer and in the first school term from September 2017. This is a great opportunity for the children to speak directly with Councillors and help to change Cambridge for the better.

A meeting has been arranged at the Spinney on Wednesday 19th July from 3.20pm-4.20pm. For more information please call Steph on 07753431347 or email steph.burwitz@cambridge.gov.uk

From The Friends



Come and join in the fun at the Spinney School Summer Fair on

Sunday 2nd July 2017
at 2.30-5pm.

There are lots of activities and events planned including Zorbs, Circus skills, Bouncy Castle, Inflatable Obstacle Course, BBQ, face painting, hair braiding, and many more games and stalls.

Entry is £1 adults and 50p children/concessions

In preparation of the summer fair, there will be non-uniform day on **Monday 26th June 2017** and in return children are asked to bring donations for the 'raffle hampers' as follows:

Nightingale – Summer Holidays

Marie Curie – Gardening

Shakespeare – Chocolate/Sweets

Darwin – Pamper

Raffle tickets for the summer fair will be sent home this week so please check your child's school bag. Tickets cost £1 each. Please return purchased tickets in a marked envelope to the school office. Cheques can be made to the 'Friends of the Spinney'. Please also return any unused tickets. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the Fair. Raffle prizes include £50 cash, a party voucher from Premier Sports and a Pimms hamper. If you are able to donate a raffle prize, then please leave this with the school office.

Any offers of help at the fair for 30 minutes or 1 hour will be greatly appreciated. We really need your help otherwise we may not be able to run the many stalls we have planned. A rota will be displayed on the school noticeboard in the playground from Monday 19th June so if you are able to help please leave your details with the school office or let one of the Friends know. Any offers of help on the day, are also greatly welcomed – just let one of the Friends know on the day.

As a result of your continued support and generosity, the Friends were able to donate £1,875.00 towards the refurbishment of the school hall floor. I am sure you will agree that it was a job well done which the children will benefit from for years to come.

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. Ice pops and mini milks are priced at 50p each.



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

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/52stores



Great Entertainment in the Summer Holidays - 250 places.

If you're thinking about the summer holidays, please note that there will be a Holiday Bible Club for 5-11 year olds between Monday 24th July and Friday 28th July; 10am-12:30pm. Now in its 28th year, the holiday club will have the usual mix of drama, songs, craft, games and the soaking of the yellow shirted helpers. Although it takes place at Colville School it is run by Cherry Hinton Churches and is open to children from all schools. It costs only £10 per child for the week (or £5 if on pupil premium) and this year has the theme of the Seaside. Book places now at www.ch-bc.org.uk/HolidayClub or on forms which will come out through schools at the end of June.

And finally . . .

I love seeing parents bringing the children into school in the morning whenever I can. This morning I had a very uplifting conversation with a Mum of two delightful children (all the Spinney children are delightful) and we both agreed, that given the complexity and challenge and some of the very sad things happening at the moment, we are very lucky that The Spinney is such a positive Oasis of calm and harmony! As a school we celebrate our diversity – which is our pride! One school, One World for Everyone! As we think about commemorating Jo Cox at our picnic tomorrow I am sure that we all agree that “..we have far more in common with each other than things that divide us”

Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.
- Ryunosuke Satoro -

With very best wishes,

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