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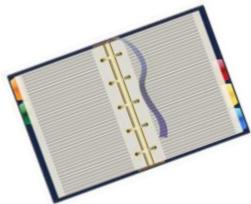


**Child Centredness, Teamwork and Community, Excellence, Learning,
Improvement, Responsibility, Optimism**

'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 19th April 2018

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,
Dates for the Diary



- **Foundation Visit to South Angle Farm** – Friday 20th April
- **St. Georges Day Lunchtime Special** - Tuesday 24th April
- **Year 1 Visit to Clip and Climb** – Wednesday 25th April
- **Y2 Roman Day** – Friday 27th April
- **Year 2 Visit to Clip and Climb** – Wednesday 2nd May

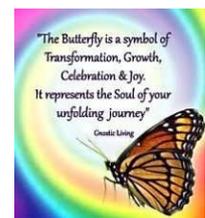
Headteacher's reflections: Transformation

At this time of year I often find the view from my office window to be absolutely exquisite. The Cherry Trees are in blossom and the pinks have been transformed by the beautiful sunlight we are experiencing this week. On Monday we added another new tree to the ones that have been here since the school was built; a beautiful Magnolia tree.



This was planted in front of our Team Room as a beautiful memorial to Mrs. Fasching, our friend and colleague so that she will always be near by and with us. We held a very gentle event to mark the planting of the trees and we told stories about Helena and how she had added so much positivity into our lives and the life of the school, and who had helped shape the lives of so many children with her passion for teaching, reading and books.

It was lovely to see children, parents, staff and governors gather to honour Mrs. Fasching's memory and legacy and we were very pleased to be joined by her husband Peter and daughter Hannah, as we shared memories and stories in celebration of her life and her daughter Laura's life.



Mr Fasching spoke towards the end of our event, he thanked everyone for their words, particularly the children and he reminded us that it was always Helena's passion and drive to make a difference in children's lives. Mrs Fasching certainly achieved that. We have all been made richer and better by having Helena and Laura (and the family, including Maxi) in our lives and we are very grateful to them both and all for the lasting legacy they have had on our little school.

I would like to thank every one who attended for sharing their memories so authentically and also to those who contributed to help make this happen.

Just as the Cherry Trees will do, our special Magnolia will also come into bloom at this time of year. We hope therefore that every year at this time in the Spring when the world looks transformed, we will take a particular moment to remember Mrs Fasching to honour her legacy and to thank her as a truly wonderful, unique, vibrant, funny, creative, passionate and talented woman who made a difference and transformed the lives of so many people!

Thank You Helena

Change to Calendar Date

We have made a change to the advertised date and time of our End of Term Assembly. This will now take place on Monday 23rd July at 9.15am.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor at here at The Spinney. We will be sending letters home tomorrow with more information about the role, details of the process and an application form. We would like to invite everyone to consider if they would like to apply for this invaluable role within our school community.



Open Fridays

Find out more about what your child has been doing in school each week and celebrate their achievements and progress. We offer parents and carers the opportunity to come into the classroom with their child, so that the children can talk to you about their learning and show you the work they have been doing. Open Friday session will start this term on Friday 20th April, and then every Friday afternoon from 3:20pm until 4:00pm.

Curriculum Maps

Your child's curriculum map for term will be sent home next week. Please take time to read this through with your son/daughter and share with them the learning experiences they will enjoy over the next few weeks. Please also consider the ways you can support the learning themes at home through visits to the local library or local museums and art galleries.



Look Smart Be Smart

We are hoping there will be a chance to enjoy some warmer dryer weather now that the Summer Term has arrived. Please note the school summer uniform consists of grey or black trousers or shorts (not sport shorts please), white polo shirts and a red spinney fleece or sweatshirt as necessary. Girls can choose to wear red and white gingham checked dresses if they wish and a red cardigan as necessary. Indoor shoes are an essential part of the school uniform and can be either slippers or plimsolls or something similar. Children are required to change their shoes every time they come in after playtime and this makes a huge difference to the cleanliness of the school. School PE kits comprise of a plain white t-shirt with black sports shorts and either plimsolls or trainers as required. Thank you for your help in providing your child with the appropriate wear – we find that school uniform promotes a good sense of well being and belonging. Items of school uniform can be purchased on line from www.myschooluniform.co.uk or from good local supermarkets.



Lunchtime: New Menus

We have new lunch menus for the summer term. These can be found on the school website or by following the link below. Please take time to talk to your child about the choices available to them.

http://spinney.cambs.sch.uk/school_office/lunches.php



High 5 Netball Club

Mrs Moore and Mrs. Varley will be starting a High 5 netball club on Mondays, starting on Monday 23rd April. This club is open to all children, boys and girls, in years 5 and 6. High 5 is the popular entry game of netball. Designed specifically for children, aged 9-11, it's a great way for children to get active and enjoy themselves. It uses fun and variety to get them into the game, polish skills and aid fitness. The Club will run from 3.30pm-4.30pm and is free of charge. Children will need to wear P.E. kit at it is important that they have suitable trainers (not plimsols or school shoes). If you would like your child to join the club, please sign up with the ladies in the office.

Please note that for everyone's safety the playground will not be accessible to families during the netball sessions.

Class Photographs

The children will be bring home a proof of their class photograph today. If you would like to order copies as a memento of your child's time here at They Spinney, the proofs and payment need to be returned to the office by Tuesday 1st May. Please take special care to write your name on all order forms to avoid any confusion when the photographs arrive.



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/52stores

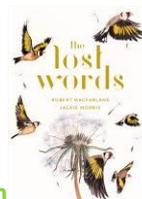


Saturday Kids Art and Craft Club

Maxwell and Scott will be starting their Saturday Kids Art and Craft Club here at The Spinney. The Sessions take place from 10:30am-12pm and are for children aged 6-11 years (4/5 year olds may join but must be supported by a parent) The cost is £8 per session or £7 when booked for a block of 5.

Booking is essential. Activities include: Painting, collage, mosaics, ceramics, clay, printing and much more. To book your place please contact Tel: 07771 765348 maxwellandscott@gmail.com www.maxwellandscott.co.uk

Fairy Fair will be taking place on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May from 10am-5pm at Primrose Woods, Norfolk, PE33 9HA. This is a magical day out for the whole family and includes Fairyland Trust workshops, live music, storytelling and many other drop-in activities. More information and booking can be found at creativeorchardevents.com Tickets cost £10 adults, £9 children and under 3's free
Sorry No Dogs. Dressing up welcome



The Lost Words Campaign with Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination

"We're losing nature as well as the names for nature" - Robert MacFarlane

Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination (CCI) creatively connects children with their local landscapes through real and imaginary adventures. The Lost Words, written by Robert MacFarlane and illustrated by Jackie Morris, is a gorgeously illustrated book that conjures lost words and species back into our everyday lives. Together they want to (re)connect children with the wondrous free natural opportunities that exist on their doorsteps.

The Lost Words Campaign hopes to get Cambridgeshire children back to nature by getting a copy of The Lost Words book into every Primary School in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, as well as bespoke inspiring activities that creatively connect children with the outdoors. For more information about this campaign please visit the CCI Website

Spring Fete in aid of Cancer Research Uk

The "Young at Heart" ladies group have organised a Spring Fete in Cherry Hinton Village Centre which will take place on Saturday 28th April from 11am-1pm. There will be a variety of stalls including tombola, hook a duck, bric-a-brac and refreshments will also be available. Admission is free.

And Finally....

I hope you are able to spend sometime outside this weekend in the lovely spring sunshine and take time to appreciate the wonderful display of spring colours in the blossoms and flowers that are all around us.

*What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.*

William Henry Davies

With very best wishes,

Rachel Snape

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Head Teacher
National Leader of Education

