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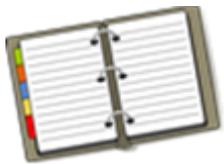
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'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Wednesday 19th July 2017

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

Dates for the Diary



- **Y6 Leavers Assembly: All Welcome-** Thursday 20th July 9.30am
- **Y6 BBQ** – Thursday 20th July
- **End Of Year Celebration Assembly** – Friday 21st July 1.30pm
- **Staff Training Day: School Closed** – Monday 4th September
- **Autumn Term Begins** – Tuesday 5th September



Headteacher's reflections for the week: **Be Bright, Be Brilliant, Light Up Your Corner of the World**

This year has been a wonderfully busy year with many enriching opportunities within our wide and varied curriculum. The children have grasped each and every one of these opportunities, enjoying their learning and making fantastic progress. We often have visitors in the school and many of them have commented on the children's enthusiasm and the wonderful atmosphere in the classrooms. The children have excelled at lighting up their corner of the world by being bright and brilliant each day. We will be saying farewell to our Year 6 children during a special assembly tomorrow and I am confident that they will continue to light up their corner of the world as they move on to their next stage in life.

This is the final newsletter for the academic year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to ensure that this has been yet another happy, creative and successful year in our school. Our ongoing success is a TEAM effort! Thank you to Staff, Governors, Friends, Parents and Carers and Children.

End Of Year Celebration Assembly

We are nearing the end of another fantastic year of "Teaching and Learning Together" and I am looking forward to marking the occasion and reflecting on the targets we set ourselves in September. We would like to warmly welcome you to participate in our end of term Celebration Assembly at 1.30pm on Friday 21st July. As on previous occasions the assembly will be an informal opportunity for the children to share their thoughts and ideas, and singing with you. We hope that everyone, families, friends and governors will join the children and staff to celebrate the end of another exciting year at The Spinney! We look forward to seeing you there.



Farewell to Year 6

We will be saying a good bye to our Year 6 children tomorrow, Thursday 20th July. We will hold our special leavers' assembly at 9.30am after which parents can join year six for refreshments and the traditional spot the baby competition. We hope you will be able to join us. At lunchtime there will be a fantastic traditional leavers' barbecue for the year 6 staff and children. Mrs. Moore will be serving a great selection of food and drinks and then pupils will have the opportunity to have fun on a bouncy castle. This is a lovely fun event and we are all very much looking forward to it.

Closing for the Summer Break

We would like to inform parents and carers that we will be closing the school office and grounds at 3.30pm on Friday. Please collect your children promptly at the end of the day and if you have any questions or matters to attend to at the office, please do so before hand. Your assistance is much appreciated.



Good Bye, Thank You and Good Luck

As we near the end of term, it is time to say goodbye, thank you and good luck to two of our wonderful Teaching Assistants, Mrs Hunt and Mrs. Livermore, both of whom have been at The Spinney for around 9 years. We would like to wish them well as they move on to pastures new. Thank you for all your hard work, commitment and dedication to the children and the school. You will both be greatly missed.

Welcome

We would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Ms Lawrence who will be providing maternity cover in Year 1 for Mrs Williman, from mid September next term. Ms Lawrence is a brilliant new addition to the Spinney Team as until recently she has been the fabulously famous Learning Bus Teacher! We are very lucky to have her.

Our **STEAM Family Learning Festival** will take place this year on Saturday 23rd September, at The Spinney Primary School. The event is free and – all are welcome (not just Spinney Families – so tell your friends and relatives!) We are currently arranging an exciting programme of FREE workshops. There is something for everyone in the family to enjoy and even Granny may learn something new! We hope to see as many of you there as possible and as we are opening this event to the Cambridge community please invite your friends, family and neighbours. More details will follow at the beginning of next term.

Dinner Money

Over the last 4 years we have been able to keep the cost of children's school meals at £2.20, however due to rising food costs, from September the cost of a meal will be £2.50. I hope that you understand the necessity of this increase especially as the food remains high quality and good value for money.



Book Amnesty

All school books should now have been returned to the school. The cost of purchasing new books is high and could potentially be reduced by the return of books from home. Could you please check under beds and in the boots of your cars and bring in any discovered books to school by the end of term.

Fire Drill

On Tuesday morning we performed a fire drill I am pleased to say that children conducted themselves in a calm and co-ordinated manor, making their way to the playground promptly and efficiently.

It was noted however that there were a number of children without indoor shoes on. Please remember to support your child by providing them with indoor shoes, this not only helps to keep the school clean but will protect their feet in these situations. Many thanks

Goodie Jar Tombola

The Friends of the spinney are running a Goodie Jar Tombola stall at the forthcoming Cherry Hinton Festival Day on Saturday 16th September 2017 to raise money for the school. In preparation of this, can we ask you to wash and save any glass jars over the summer holidays and hand them into the school office once the new term begins. Many thanks. Please note that we cannot accept any jars that have contained nuts (ie peanut butter).

Further information on the festival can be found at <http://www.cherryhintonfestival.org/>.



Take Everything Home, Friday 21st July

On Friday we will be asking the children to take all their personal belongings home with them, PE Kits, indoor shoes, book bags, extra fleeces, summer hats etc. Unfortunately, we are unable to store mountains of property over the summer holiday. Please could you support your child by providing them with a named carrier bag to help them to get everything home? Please don't forget your bike! Many thanks.



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



Summer Reading Challenge

Every year, thousands of families all over the country take part in the UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge, run by the charity The Reading Agency.

The aim of the challenge is to get children to read any six books of their choice from their library during the summer holidays.

This year's theme, "Animal Agents "

To enrol your child, go to your local library during the summer holidays – the sooner you go the longer your child will have to read six books. Staff will enrol your child and give them some fun materials to get them started on the Challenge and it's FREE to take part!



Summer at the Museums 22 July - 3 September 2017

Taking place in venues throughout Cambridge and the county, Summer at the Museums brings you everything from hands-on activities and storytelling, to drop-in events and museum trails.

Whether it's something to do on a rainy day, an outing close to home, or a bit of craft-based creativity, there are loads of activities and events for you to choose from. For a full programme please visit

<http://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/summer-at-the-museums>

And finally . . .

My best wishes to everyone, I hope you have a wonderfully relaxing and restful time over the summer break. I am looking forward to spending some quality time with my family and long walks with Bramble our dog. I would like to wish all those children and families moving on, good luck! We hope that you will take happy memories of your time at The Spinney with you and I am sure you will go on to...

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With very best wishes,

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