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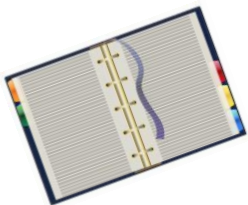
**Child Centredness, Teamwork and Community, Excellence, Learning,
Improvement, Responsibility, Optimism**

'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 1st February 2018

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

Dates for the Diary



- **Friends Pupil Disco** – Friday 2nd February
- **Pancake Day Special** – Friday 9th February
- **Last Day of Half Term** – Friday 9th February
- **Staff Training Day: School Closed** – Monday 19th February
- **Pupils back to school** – Tuesday 20th February
- **International Week** – Commencing Monday 26th February
- **World Book Day** – Thursday 1st March



School Disco

The School Disco takes place tomorrow, Friday 2nd February in the school hall. The Foundation and KS1 disco will be held 4.30-5.45pm and the KS2 disco will be held 6-7.30pm. This is a drop-off event and costs £3 on the door. The price includes a drink and a packet of crisps for each child. All money raised will be donated back to the school.

After School Club and Disco

If your child is attending the Spinney Afterschool Club they will be able to attend the disco if Mrs Cordy is in receipt of the consent form and remittance.

PARENT/STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING - INNOVATION TRUST WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2018

The Governing Body and Headteacher invite you to a Multi-Academy trust consultation meeting to share with you our vision of the proposed Multi Academy Trust conversion and to give you the chance to present your views, voice concerns or ask questions.

The meetings will take place on Wednesday 7th February at 3:30pm in the Team Room as well as 7:00pm in the hall.

A crèche will be offered for the 3:30pm meeting – however this must be booked in advance.

Views expressed at this meeting will be captured and included in the final considerations of the Governing Body.

Please send in questions beforehand to mat@spinney.cambs.sch.uk or alternatively, post your questions in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'MAT consultation' through the red letter box in the front entrance.

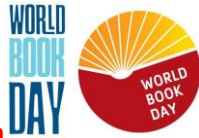
The formal consultation period will close at 5pm Monday 19th February 2018.



Code Club for Years 5 and 6

The last code club session for this block will take place next week on Wednesday 7th February. To enable other children to take part in this popular club, we are reopening registration for next half term. No places are guaranteed and as there are a very limited number of spaces these will be offered on a first come first served basis. If you would like your child to attend, please speak to the ladies in the school office. You will be informed if your child has a place prior to the first session which will take place on Wednesday 21st February. Please also let the office know if you will be picking your child up or if they are going home independently after the club. Code club takes place from 3:30 to 4:15pm in the year 5 class room.

Code club is open to children in years 5 and 6 and is part of CodeClub.org.uk network of clubs for children aged 9-11. For information about Code Clubs, please visit, <http://www.codeclub.org.uk/start-a-club/parents>



World Book Day Thursday 1st March

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite story book character. There will be a costume parade during assembly where prizes for each year group will be awarded for the most creative costume. There will be different activities during the school day exploring the characters they have dressed up as. We are looking forward to seeing the wonderful outfits and having time to enjoy some fabulous reading together.

School Access and Child Safety

We have recently reviewed our school access arrangements and we have highlighted certain areas of improvement. In light of our new afterschool club we have made some important changes to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children. The gate between the school playground and field will be locked at 3.30pm each day. Children are welcome to play on the field if they are supervised by their parent or carer. We will also be keeping the main carpark gates locked so that we can better monitor access during school hours. Our children's safety is extremely important and I am sure you will appreciate the need to review and improve our procedures. We very much appreciate your support in this matter.



Premier Sport Half term Multi Sports and The Spinney Primary

Premier Sport is holding a multi sports day and dance and drama session for Spinney Pupils on Friday 16th February. To sign up and to find out more information, please visit their website <http://sport.premier-education.com/>



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 15th January, and then every Friday afternoon from 3:20pm until 4:00pm.



Understanding Challenging Behaviour

Cambridgeshire Children's Centre is holding a workshop entitled "Understanding Challenging Behaviour" on Monday 19 February from 9.30am to 11.30am at North Cambridge Children's Centre. The workshop will help you understand why your child tests the boundaries and give techniques to help manage this. This is a free workshop but booking is essential due to limited spaces, please phone 01223 728118/729081 to book a place.



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 Christmas 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



Tuesday 13th February 2017 4.30pm – 7.30pm

This February half-term, take a leap into the unknown and explore 14 local museums and collections after dark... Experience museums and collections in a different way, discover somewhere new, and unearth some remarkable objects.

Twilight at the Museums is a FREE after-hours event for families where museums and collections across the city turn down the lights and open their doors for after-hours fun. With free, drop-in activities and themed trails across the venues, there is plenty for families to enjoy.

Pack a torch and experience some 'Neon Navigation' at All Saints Church, meet some Arctic explorers at the Polar Museum, set out on a scientific expedition across the Whipple Museum, and try your hand at code cracking with the Museum of Technology.

<https://www.cam.ac.uk/museums-and-collections/events/twilight-at-the-museums>



500 WORDS 2018

500 Words is now one of the most successful story-writing competitions for kids in the world. Nearly half a million pupils have written a story for us: that's over 277 MILLION words!

Children write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity...like Julie Walters, Jeremy Irons, Tom Hiddleston or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories.

Not only will the winners rub shoulders with the world's biggest celebrities and massive pop-stars performing at the Final, they'll meet real-life royalty: Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall, who returns in 2018 to support 500 Words.

The competition is now open and closes on Thursday 22nd February. For more information visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

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