

Headteacher: Mrs R Snape  
Deputy head: Mr L Mawson  
School Business Manager: Mrs S Jelliman

Telephone/Fax: 01223-568836  
Email: office@spinney.cambs.sch.uk  
Web: www.spinney.cambs.sch.uk

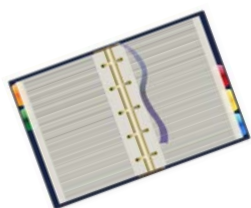
**Child Centredness, Teamwork and Community, Excellence, Learning,  
Improvement, Responsibility, Optimism**



## 'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,



- **KS2 Choir Singfest** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June
- **Non Uniform Day** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- **Rooted in Music Concert** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- **Spinney Summer Fair** - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30-5pm
- **Year 6 Activity Day** - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Sports Day** - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Spinney Jump Up Days** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July
- **Year 6 Graduation Event: St. Andrew's Church** - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2pm



**Come and join in the fun at the Spinney School Summer Fair on  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

### Headteacher's reflections:

I hope you will be able to join us this weekend for The Friends Summer fair which always proves to be a fantastic event. There will be a delightful atmosphere which fosters the community spirit that we are so proud to be part of here at the Spinney. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful support from the families of children at this school and especially from those who have been part of The Friends of the Spinney for some time. The Friends are an amazing group of people who have given their time and skills and helped us to offer wide and varied extra curricular activities and events over a number of years. They have also raised a considerable amount of money to enable us to purchase equipment that we would otherwise find difficult to fund. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped in this way and especially those on the committee who are stepping down at the end of this summer term, your efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone. THANK YOU!

This is also the perfect time to encourage anyone who would like to continue the wonderful work that has been done so far by the Friends team. Parents' active participation in their child's school is known to have a positive effect on their education and behaviour and volunteering is a sociable way to meet new people and to feel an even greater part of The Spinney Community.

A parent recently sent me a quote from an unknown Greek philosopher, that captures perfectly how volunteering can make an important difference,

*"Society grows great when people plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit"*

**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 is 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.uk](mailto:friends@spinney.cambs.sch.uk).

**Non-uniform day:** In preparation of the summer fair, there will be a non-uniform day tomorrow, **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Children brought raffle tickets home last week for you to purchase and further tickets will be available to purchase at the Fair. Raffle prizes include £50 cash, a Pimms hamper plus 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.



#### **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!



#### **Family Stay and Play, Sports Day.**

This year's Sports day is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 their children in a carousel of sporting activities whilst contributing towards collecting points for their Houses. Parents might therefore like to consider wearing PE kits too! Premier will be on hand for a full school warm up and everyone will be encouraged to keep hydrated throughout the morning, 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.



## **Make The Most of Storytime** **FREE EVENT for Spinney Parents of EYFS, Y1 and Y2 Children**

As parents and carers will be aware we have been involved in a year long project as a pioneer school with [EmpathyLab](#). This has been a very successful initiative and in partnership with Bewick Bridge we have worked on various elements including Teacher Training, the EmpathyLab Big Read and Write at Lady Mitchell Hall and The Empathy Awards. Last week all of KS2 visited Bewick Bridge for an Empathy afternoon which included a visit from Ross Montgomery (which can actually be seen on the [EmpathyLab website!](#)) and now we would like to tell you about another wonderful activity for Spinney and Bewick Bridge families too.

A **Reading Together Workshop** will take place on Wednesday 27th June at Cherry Hinton Library and is being led by Courtney Froehlig. The aim is to help you to promote thinking and communication through storytime. Topics covered include bringing more enjoyment, connection, and conversation to storytime, supporting your child's social perspective-taking and relational reasoning, building your child's confidence in communicating and explaining their ideas. The focus is for parents and carers of children in Early Years Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2, however it will be useful for all parents. More information will be sent home to EYFS and KS1 family shortly. To reserve your place, please email Courtney at [cef51@cam.ac.uk](mailto:cef51@cam.ac.uk).

## **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.

As part of **Water Safety week**, Year 3 enjoyed learning some life saving skills during their swimming lesson this week. They practiced the techniques required to not only help themselves when in the water should they find themselves in trouble, but also how to help others



## **Summer Production**

Thank you to all of those who have so far requested tickets for our wonderful KS2 summer production of The Tempest. Please do apply to the office for a ticket request form if you need one.

Mr. Mawson has spoken to the year 3,4 and 5 children about wearing a Tudor costume for the play. As well as this, he would like to put a plea out for anyone who has any waistcoats or bright hair broaches at home in their attic or half-forgotten cupboard; we can use these in the play.

Finally details will be coming soon about the dress rehearsal at Netherhall. This will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July during school time when KS2 will be performing The Tempest to the KS1 children.



### British Red Cross Dance Competition

Year 3 students Ana, Kamilia and Maria have taken part in the British Red Cross dance competition 'Make Your Move'. The dance troop comprised of several children from Cambridge and the team won the 'Best Costume' award and also the 'Silver Fundraising Award' for raising more than £250 towards the charity. Well Done girls, what a fantastic achievement.



**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](http://www.52stories.co.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/52stories](https://www.facebook.com/52stories)



### 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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July 9am-5pm and a Family Forest days on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30am-3.30pm. For more information please see [www.cambridgewoodlandacademy.com/holiday-clubs](http://www.cambridgewoodlandacademy.com/holiday-clubs)

### And Finally....

Our KS2 Choir and a number of Year 5 children are taking part in the SingFest Choir festival tonight at West Road Concert Hall. I would like to wish them all the best and hope that they enjoy the experience which has proved a highlight for many in the past.



*"I think music in itself is healing.  
It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by.  
No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."*



*Billy Joel*

With very best wishes,

*Rachel Snape*

Headteacher  
National Leader of Education