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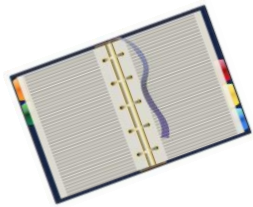
**Child Centredness, Teamwork and Community, Excellence, Learning,  
Improvement, Responsibility, Optimism**

# 'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

## Dates for the Diary



- **Don't Forget Egg for an Egg Competition – entries in by Wednesday please!**
- **Easter Stay and Play – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**
- **Easter Bonnet Parade – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Easter Egg Hunt – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Easter Lunchtime Special – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**
- **End of Term Celebration Assembly – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Summer Term Begins – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Helena Fasching Memorial Tree Planting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 3.30pm**



## Headteacher's reflections: Get Creative!

There are some wonderful opportunities next week for the children to get creative and use their imaginations as we celebrate the Easter season. **The Easter Bonnet parade** always produces a joyous atmosphere as the children parade around the playground. The wonderful variety and artistic creativity on display is always a delight to watch. A number of children have also started to bring in their beautifully and sometimes humorously decorated eggs for the **Egg for an Egg competition**. There is still plenty of time to participate and you can bring in your additions to add to the lovely entrance display. Creativity plays an important roll in our children's development and at The Spinney we value creativity in all aspects of the curriculum. Earlier this week our Year 5 children heard first hand how at the age of 6 Author Jo Cotterill wrote her first story about Christmas for her Grandma. She was delightfully entertaining and informative, encouraging the children to draw on their own experiences to help them portray their characters' emotions.

I encourage you all to be creative this weekend and help inspire your children to develop their creative talents.



## Helena Fasching Memorial Tree

We would like to invite you to join us on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April when we will be planting a memorial tree to celebrate the life and work of Mrs. Fasching. We hope this Magnolia tree will be a living tribute to Mrs. Fasching who we all remember fondly. We will be planting the tree at 3.45pm and you are also invited to join us afterwards for refreshments. It would be helpful for catering purposes if you are able to inform the ladies in the office if you are able to attend.



## Easter Stay & Play

Tomorrow, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March sees our Easter Special Stay & Play taking place in school. Come and join your child in class and help them to make a special Easter gift to take home. Sessions run from 9.15 – 10.15am and then again from 10.45 – 11.45 noon.

**Year 6 and Foundation** will be offering the first session only. Year 6 will be having a Stay and Revise session from 9.15-9.20 and Foundation will go to the Wild Wood from 09.15.



## Clip and Climb

We are delighted to inform you that over the summer term, each class will be visiting Clip & Climb Cambridge. The children will have the opportunity to enjoy 20 different climbing challenges over the course of an hour. Clip 'n Climb is suitable for everyone from 4 years upwards and is the fun and healthy activity. We are delighted to be able to offer this wonderful experience free of charge due to additional spots funding received as part of the London 2012 legacy. More information will be sent home to each class in due course. The visits will take place on the following dates.

18 <sup>th</sup> April	Foundation	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 2	13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3		



### Easter Bonnet Parade

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March the annual Easter Bonnet Competition Parade takes place in the playground during the morning. As usual the children will come into class briefly to register and then will parade in the playground for families to see. There will be a prize for the best Easter Bonnet from each class.

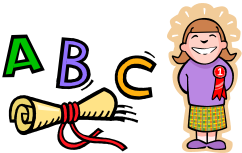


### Children's Easter Egg Hunt

The fun children's Easter Egg hunt takes place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm. Foundation Stage's Easter Egg Hunt will take place in their outside learning area. Key Stage 1's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the meadow, and Key Stage 2's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the field. Parents/carers are welcome to collect their child when they have successfully located their egg. However, parents/carers MUST sign to de-register their child from each class before taking your child home.



**Egg for an Egg, Egg Decoration Competition** – Our amazingly dedicated and creative Caretaking team (Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Cordy) have been decorating the front entrance with a traditional Easter Display and children are invited to bring in their beautifully decorated eggs to enter into our annual Easter egg decoration competition. There is a prize for each entry and the winners will be announced at our end of term Celebration Assembly on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.



### End of Term Celebration Assembly

Everyone is warmly invited to our end of term Celebration assembly which will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. As on previous occasions the assembly will be an informal opportunity for the children to share their thoughts, 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 term at The Spinney! We look forward to seeing you there.

### KS1 Choir and Instrumental Lessons with Mrs Rigby

There is no Foundation and Key stage 1 choir or instrumental lessons with Mrs Rigby next week (beginning 26<sup>th</sup> March) Lessons will then resume on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April for choir and instrumentalists.

### A Message from the School Council: Lights Out for Earth Hour

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm is Earth Hour. This is a global event, organised by WWF, to protect our planet by raising awareness of the urgent need for all of us to live sustainably and tackle climate change. Last year around 9 million took part in the UK alone. Millions choose to mark Earth Hour by going 'lights out' for 60 minutes at 8.30pm. Some of the world's landmarks - Sidney Opera House, the Eiffel Tower, Buckingham Palace and Edinburgh Castle - switch off as a symbolic show of commitment for the planet. Of course, if you cannot take part on Saturday, there are many other ways to show your commitment. This isn't a one-off event, it's about making permanent changes. We will be following this up in school next term and would love to hear your stories of Earth Hour. Please visit <https://www.wwf.org.uk/earthhour> to find out more.

## New Afterschool Clubs for the Summer Term



### High 5 Netball Club

Mrs Moore and Mrs. Varley will be starting a High 5 netball club on Mondays, starting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 plimsoles or school shoes). If you would like your child to join the club, please sign up with the ladies in the office.



### Spanish Club is Coming to The Spinney! Just wish I could speak it better

A new language adventure is waiting for your child. Mayte Romero a Spanish native, currently working as a Teaching Assistant at the Spinney, will be running the Spanish language sessions while having so much fun! An informal introduction to language learning, we will sing, dance, listen, play games and many more surprises...Sorpresa! The sessions will be on Thursdays from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm. The maximum number of learners will be 10 students from KS1 and KS2. If enough people interested, the lessons will start on Thursday the 19th of April, the first week after Easter. The course will be run for 5 weeks. The price for 5 weeks, including resources is £55 pounds per child. For more information or to book a place for your child, please contact Mayte Romero, mayteflamingo@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you in Spanish lesson. **Adiós amigo! Gracias!**

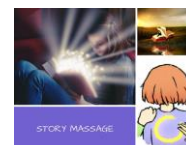


### Inamojo Social and Emotional Learning Programme

Inamojo Social and Emotional Learning Programme Inamojo™ is a unique Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) programme for children of primary school age (5-8 yrs), weaving together stories, movement, art, meditation and originally composed music. Designed to assist children with lessons, tools, and skills that will help them to navigate life's challenges with a greater understanding of themselves and others and build a greater resilience. Inamojo club runs on Wednesdays 3.15-4.45 for nine weeks.

Price £100 (9-weeks)

Please contact Tina via <http://allaboutchildren.org.uk> for further information.



### Story Massage Club

Story Massage clubs runs on Thursdays 3.15 to 4-15. Story Massage is a unique and enchanting new storytelling class combined with positive touch (peer to peer).

The magical combination of storytelling and positive touch can be incorporated into stories, songs, poems, quotes, nursery rhymes and also inspires personalised stories to be created. Over six weeks we will explore Story Massage through different themes and create our own Story Massages for the children to share with each other and their families. Price: £36 (6 weeks)

Please contact Tina Say via <http://allaboutchildren.org.uk> for further information.



### Mad Science New Club

There will be a new Mad Science Club taking place after school on Thursdays from 3:15-4:15pm during the summer term. There will be separate sessions for KS1 and KS2 which will run consecutively. More information will be available shortly.

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## Premier Sport at The Spinney Primary School Easter Holiday Dates

Premier Sport will be holding Multi-Sport as well as Performing Arts days on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th April here at the Spinney. For more information or to book your place, please visit [camps.premier-education.com](http://camps.premier-education.com) or alternatively call 01953 499 040.



**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/52stores](http://www.facebook.com/52stores)



### ChYpPS Easter Activities

ChYpPS have lots of fun sessions happening for children and their families over Easter. Many of the sessions are free and you can just turn up on the day. More information and details on how to book can be found at [www.cambridge.gov.uk/chypps](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/chypps) or [www.facebook.com/chypps](http://www.facebook.com/chypps)

PLEASE NOTE: This is not a childcare facility. Children are free to come and go as they please. Under 7's must be accompanied by an adult.



### Science Festival-

The 2018 Science Festival takes place from 12th- 25nd of March and as well as being great fun, encourages young people to consider a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. There are a wide variety of talks, interactive demonstrations, hands-on activities, film showings and debates covering a variety of subjects from astronomy to zoology. Some events have a charge or need to be booked in advance but the majority of events are free. For more information visit, <http://www.cam.ac.uk/science-festival>

### And Finally....

Don't forget that the clocks go forward an hour this Sunday. Although we lose an hour of sleep we can look forward to lighter evenings as we move into British Summer Time. The cold weather has stayed with us longer than usual but I have been enjoying watching the spring daffodils emerge outside my office window. Nature is a never ending source of inspiration, with its amazing patterns, textures and abundant colours, which can help to stimulate our own creativity. I hope you enjoy being creative together this weekend and I look forward to seeing the fantastic results next week!



*There is no better designer than nature.*

*Alexander McQueen*

With very best wishes,

*Rachel Snape*

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