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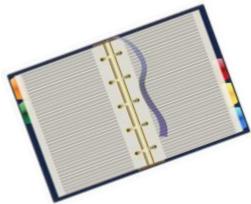
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'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 26th April 2018

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

Dates for the Diary



- **Y2 Roman Day** – Friday 27th April
- **Year 2 Visit to Clip and Climb** – Wednesday 2nd May
- **Y4 Amazon Visit** – Tuesday 8th May
- **Year 3 Visit to Clip and Climb** – Wednesday 9th May
- **Year 5 visit to C.A.S.T.** – Wednesday 16th May



Headteacher's reflections: Sports Premium Funding – A London Olympics Legacy

It has been fantastic to hear that our Foundation Stage and Year 1 classes have had such an amazing experience at Clip and Climb recently and I am sure that the other classes are looking forward to their upcoming visits. We are delighted to be able to offer this additional physical activity to all children and hope that it encourages them to take risks in safe environments and gain the sense of achievement in doing something that challenges their resilience and sense of self, so positively. The funding for this, which is an extension to our PE curriculum, has been possible due to the increase in Sports Premium funding which is has been made available to all primary schools in the country with the intention of helping to support children to have healthier, more active lifestyles. The teachers have worked together as a Faculty to think about the PE and Outdoor Learning Provision to ensure that it is broad and balanced, is inclusive for SEND pupils and is an offer that allows our children to develop a range of skills, including both physical and social. Teachers have also worked closely with our partners Premier Sport to think about the nutritional aspects of health and some of our classes will also be learning about healthy nutrition and making healthy food choices. With the help of Mr. Sharman the teachers have also audited and updated our P.E. equipment to enhance what we can offer pupils in their weekly P.E. lessons. This all fits very well with our theme for the year and our Wheel of Well Being in particular in the area of Being Active.



Wheel of Well-being



Together we hope to provide an environment and experience where everyone can enjoy sport and physical exercise which will help to lay the foundations for all children to lead active and healthy lifestyles now and into their future. The Spinney is committed to supporting the physical and emotional well-being of the pupils, but we recognise it is a partnership with our community. We know that many of our parents and families share in our aim and many of you are already aware of the advice that can be accessed at home with the NHS [Change for Life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life) website. This is a fantastic resource for parents and children alike and aims to motivate families to make sustainable changes to improve health.

The Spinney Primary School Election of Parent Governors

The governing body of The Spinney Primary School has a parent governor vacancy. You will have received a letter last week asking if you would be interested in becoming a school governor at this important time when the governors are considering Multi-Academy Trust status.

Nominations should be sent in to the school office by Friday 4th May at 3:30pm. If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact us.



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.

Year 6 visit to Thorpe Woodland will now take place on Monday 25th June.



Class Photographs

The children will have brought home a proof of their class photograph earlier. 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. You can also place orders on line using the details on the proof card.



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.



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



Remember Once a Week Take a Peek!

Remember Thursday night is **Once a Week Take a Peek!** Please comb and check your child's hair tonight, and re-check it every Thursday evening. Putting long hair in plaits or bunches may also reduce the possibility of headlice transferring from one head to another. Thank you to the many parents and children who are already doing this. Please do not keep your child away from school because they have lice.



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

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.



Free English Lessons!

There will be free English Lessons taking place at Chesterton Community College on Friday April 27th at 9.30am. For more information or to book a place please contact Sarah Adams sadams@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk



The Reach Ride takes place on the day of the historic country fair in the village of Reach at the end of Devil's Dyke. This year's ride will take place on the Bank Holiday Monday 7th May. Cyclists assemble in front of the Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge from 9am for a 10am departure. Arriving at Reach riders can enjoy all the fun of the 800-year-old fair, Maypole, rides, beer and food tents, entertainment and meeting fellow cyclists. For more information please visit <https://www.camcycle.org.uk/events/rides/>

And Finally....

I am looking forward to taking my lovely dog Bramble for a long walk this weekend. He's finally had a summer hair cut and he looks adorable. Although getting a dog was my children's choice, as in many families it is the adults that seem to end up walking them! However, on a positive note Bramble has helped towards my daily step count! And when the weather is as lovely as it has been recently it is always a joy to walk in the countryside, enjoying the benefits that come from fresh air and exercise and just occasionally I am able to convince my two equally adorable teens to join me!

Whatever you do this weekend, I hope that you find pleasure in it and maybe you too will also be able to get outdoors, to enjoy the spring weather and delight in nature's beauty.



*I believe the world is incomprehensibly beautiful -
an endless prospect of magic and wonder.
Ansel Adams*

With very best wishes,

Rachel Snape

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