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

# 'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017



Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

## Headteacher's Thoughts for the Week! Be a #FlamingoofHope

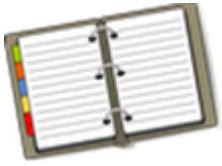
We are looking forward to the Summer Fair on Sunday and I am sure it will be a wonderful event! Another event I would like to tell you about is the first ever [Cambridgeshire Festival of Education](#) which The Spinney School as lead school of The Kite Teaching School Alliance is helping to organise. CambsEdFest has been a week of amazing professional development activities across schools in Cambridgeshire and culminates in a one day Conference on the 1<sup>st</sup> July at Anglia Ruskin University! There is an amazing programme of speakers and workshops! And tickets are still available. If you are a teacher, or are interested in getting into teaching or you are someone who is interested in the education landscape, please feel free to buy a ticket and come along. Please mention this lovely opportunity to others in your networks.

This Optimistic Festival has 5 key themes and includes an invitation to teachers and educators to be a #FlamingoofHope rather than a lemming of despair!

I also wrote an accompanying article for the Times Education Supplement online which you can read about [HERE](#).



## Dates for the Diary



- **Year 1 Food and Farming Day: Peterborough-** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June
- **Friends' Summer Fete** - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2.30-5.00pm
- **Spinney Jump Up Days** – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- **End of Year Reports** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- **Wind in the Willows** – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July
- **Year 6 Graduation Event: St. Andrew's Church** - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2pm
- **The Big Count** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July
- **Open Afternoon** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July
- **Year 6 Visit to the Botanic Gardens** – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July
- **Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

## Sports Day

It was lovely to see so many of you last week at our Annual Sports Day. There was a wonderful atmosphere, with everyone enjoying taking part in the games in the morning and cheering on and supporting the children in the afternoon. I was also very grateful to the many parents who helped during the day by setting out and tidying away chairs as well as organising the drinks during the morning. Your contribution to the smooth running of the day is yet another demonstration of the community spirit we foster here at The Spinney. Thank You

Our fantastic Friends have also been extremely busy planning for the Spinney Summer Fair, which takes place this weekend. It is always a marvellous affair, with something for everyone, and an opportunity to spend time together with other parents and families. I hope that you will be able to join us.



Come and join in the fun at the Spinney School Summer Fair on Sunday 2nd July 2017 at 2.30-5pm.

There are lots of activities and events planned including Zorbs, Circus skills, Bouncy Castle, Inflatable Obstacle Course, BBQ, face painting, hair braiding, and many more games and stalls.

Entry is £1 adults and 50p children/concessions

## Raffle Tickets

Please return any purchased raffle tickets in a marked envelope to the school office. Cheques can be made to the 'Friends of the Spinney'. Please also return any unused tickets. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the Fair. Raffle prizes include £50 cash, a party voucher from Premier Sports, a Pimms hamper and many other prizes.

## HELP!

Any offers of help at the fair for 30 minutes or 1 hour will be greatly appreciated. A fair rota is displayed on the school noticeboard in the playground so if you are able to help please leave your details with the school office or let one of the Friends know. Any offers of help on the day, are also greatly welcomed – just let one of the Friends know on the day.

## 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. Ice pops and mini milks are priced at 50p each.



## Jump up Days

Next week on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July the children from Foundation to year 5 will be meeting their new class teachers and learning about the rules, routines and expectations for their new class. We will also be welcoming our new Foundation 2017 children into school this week as they come to familiarise themselves with their new school.



### Rooted in Music Lessons and Choir Practice

We would like to wish everyone taking their music exams this weekend "Good Luck!" I am sure all your practise and hard work will serve you well. Please be aware that next week will be the last instrumental lessons and KS1 Choir sessions with Mrs Rigby for this term.

Our KS2 Choir Practice has finished for the term. We look forward to hearing a selection of your songs from SingFest concert, at our end of term assembly.



### Seaside Postcards

If you have any spare seaside postcards, Foundation Stage would like to use them for their seaside roleplay area. Please bring them to the school office or hand them to Mrs Williman directly. Many thanks

### After School Club: Register Your Interest

We are currently looking at the feasibility of starting an after school club here at The Spinney. As part of this we would like to hear from parents who would be interested using such a facility for their child's after school care. Please contact the school office by e-mail if you would would like to register your interest.

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### The Wind in the Willows: Arrangements and Timings.

Performances of our summer production 'Wind in the Willows' will take place in The Atrium at Netherhall Secondary School at 7:00pm on Wednesday 12th July and Thursday 13th July. Children need to be at Netherhall, in full costume, on both days at 6:30pm. We anticipate that the children can be collected again at 8:30pm. Please note that all children will need to be signed in with their class teacher as they arrive and signed out again before they can leave. Children will not be permitted to walk home alone.

### Wind in the Willows; Request for Props

Thank you to those who have brought in items that they think may be useful for our summer production of The Wind in the Willows. There are still items that would be very useful such as: foam rubber packaging material that looks like Toblerone; any old 'animal' costumes; fake fur; medium-sized wicker basket and waistcoats.

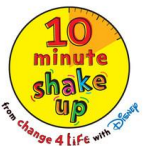
### Year 6 Graduation Event: St. Andrew's Church Cherry Hinton Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2pm

Year 6 has been invited to attend a graduation ceremony at St. Andrew's Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. This is a chance for Cherry Hinton to celebrate its Year Six pupils as they leave their primary schools. There will be representatives from the local community and a chance to meet others going on to the same Secondary School. Parents, friends and family are all welcome too attend. We will be walking to the church, leaving school at 1.30pm. We would welcome parents to join their child on the walk to the church and we anticipate returning to school for 3.15pm. Those parents wishing to take their child directly from the church will be able to do so, once they have been signed out with Mr. Mawson. Please inform Mr. Mawson if you will be walking to the church with your child.

### Shake Up Your Summer Change4Life

This summer, Change4Life in partnership with Disney have devised a simple way to inspire children to get active over the summer. Tomorrow, very child will be bringing home a "Shake Up" passport and stickers to help them keep active over the summer. Please take the time to look at these together with your child and enjoy the "shake ups" together this summer.

let the fun start  
10 minute shake up





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



**Parklife 2017** is a free and fun family event organised by South Cambridgeshire District Council in partnership with Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust. Come and enjoy getting outdoors and active with plenty of sports and activities to try including paddleboarding, canoeing, kayaking, cycling, fencing and archery and much more! The event takes place at Milton Country Park, Milton, on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00am– 5.00pm. More information can be found at <http://www.miltoncountrypark.org/events/>



Taking place for the first time this year, Wimpole History Festival is the product of a unique partnership between Cambridge Literary Festival and the National Trust. Set in the beautiful Wimpole Estate with its country mansion, rolling parkland and library of more than 10,000 books, this is the perfect backdrop to welcome some of Britain's best and most engaging historians.

The children's programme has some great names including Francesca Simon, Lucy Worsley, Philip Ardagh, Helen Moss, Christopher Lloyd and Mad Science. Details of the programme can be found at

<http://www.wimpolehistoryfestival.com>

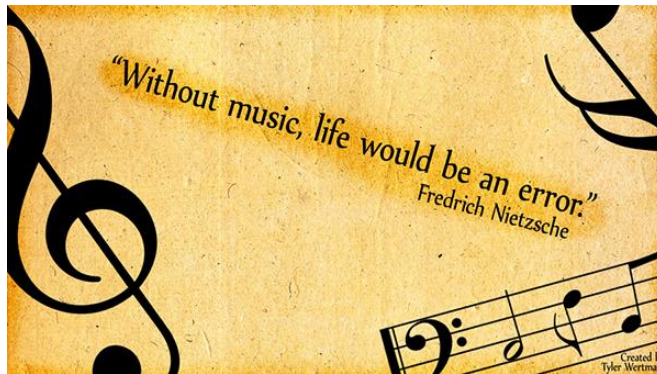


Do you love wild flowers? Would you like to know more about them and help save them for the future? People are having less contact with wild flowers than previous generations and with fewer flowers around us and we seem to have less time to enjoy them. Taking part in the Great British Wildflower Hunt is a great way to enjoy flowers, whether you're familiar with them or not. By letting Plantlife know what you're found, you'll help our work to make sure that there are more flowers and that the next generation can enjoy them.

For more information on how to take part visit <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/wildflowerhunt/>

**And finally . . .**

The KS2 choir are performing at West Road Concert Hall tonight, alongside other school choirs and The English Pocket Opera. Children, I hope that you have a wonderful time performing songs from Romeo and Juliet; I know you have been practising hard and sounding amazing so I am sure your audience is in for a real treat. Well Done all of you and to the teachers and parents supporting.



With very best wishes,

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