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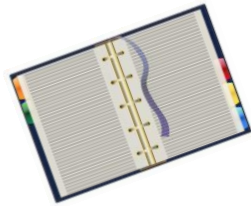
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'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Wednesday 28th March 2018

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

Dates for the Diary



- **Easter Lunchtime Special** – Thursday 29th March
- **End of Term Celebration Assembly** – Thursday 29th March. 1.30pm
- **Summer Term Begins** – Monday 16th April
- **Helena Fasching Memorial Tree Planting** – Monday 16th April 3.30pm
- **Foundation Visit to Clip and Climb** – Wednesday 18th April
- **Foundation Visit to South Angle Farm** – Friday 20th April
- **St. Georges Day Lunchtime Special** - Tuesday 24th April
- **Year 1 Visit to Clip and Climb** – Wednesday 25th April
- **Y2 Roman Day** – Friday 27th April



Headteacher's reflections: Children's Consultation

I was reminded during assembly on Tuesday, how engaged and astute children can be when invited to be involved in what we often consider to be grown-up conversations. The assembly was the start of our Children's Consultation regarding Multi-Academy Trust conversion. After giving them a presentation, similar to that we gave parents the children had an opportunity to ask questions, these were as pertinent and relevant as any of those we received during both the parent and staff consultations previously. The children were interested to know if there would be changes to the uniform, would more schools be joining and if we would be keeping our many traditions like the Easter Bonnet Parade and the Stay and Plays. I assured the children that these will remain the same, as will many of the other activities that we value. The children also presented their ideas of things we can share with other schools including the wearing of indoor shoes to protect our learning environment. I was delighted with the children's responses and this consultation will continue over the next term and I look forward to discussing it with them further and listening to their ideas and thoughts.

As Mrs. Child, our Chair of Governors, mentioned during the Easter Bonnet Parade yesterday morning, the Governors are still interested in your thoughts and ideas about the prospect of Innovation Trust and are very happy to answer any questions you may have. Please remember to look at the Parent Page of the website [HERE](#) for information so far. If an additional meeting with me or the governors would be helpful please pop in to see me or let the governors know.



End of Term Celebration Assembly

Everyone is warmly invited to our end of term Celebration assembly which will take place tomorrow, Thursday 29th 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.



Helena Fasching Memorial Tree

We would like to invite you to join us on Monday 16th 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.



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 th April	Foundation	16 th May	Year 4
25 th April	Year 1	6 th June	Year 5
2 nd May	Year 2	13 th June	Year 6
9 th May	Year 3		



Take Everything Home Please!

On Thursday afternoon, we will be asking the children to take their personal belongings home with them, PE Kits, indoor shoes, book bags, extra fleeces, etc. Unfortunately, we are unable to store mountains of property over the holiday. If you have not already done so please could you support your child by providing them with a named carrier bag to help them to get everything home? Many thanks.

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 23rd 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 plimsols 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

Hurry up, the Spanish Club is waiting for your child! There are still some places left! Two Spanish beginner courses are about to start next Summer term. 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! In response to parents' requests two different groups will be run, one on Wednesdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm for the little ones, Foundation and KS1 and Thursdays for KS2 from 3.30 to 4.30pm. It will be a 5-week course.

Regarding the price listen carefully...one child will be 55 pounds (resources included), any sibling will be half price (50%off)!!

We will start the first week after Easter, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th April. 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!

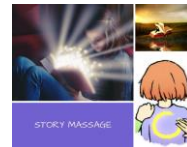


Inamojo Social and Emotional Learning Programme

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

KS1 Mad Science Club will begin on Thursdays from 3:15-4:15pm on 19th April – 24th May. The KS2 Club will follow on from 7th June-12 July. The cost is £46.50 for 6 one hour sessions. Registration information was sent home with children last week but can also be found at www.madscience.org/east



French Club

Year 1-2 French club takes place on Mondays from 3:25 to 4:10pm. The fee for the summer term is £53.50 starting on Monday 16th April. Year 3-6 French club takes place on Tuesday from 3:25 to 4:10pm, from 17th April and costs £ 64.20for summer term.

Please contact Tim Morley on 01223 911575 for further information, or sign up online at <http://westcambs.com/> New members also pay a joining fee of £12.50, for which they receive a songbook, downloadable mp3 songs, and access to the club's BabelZone website.

KS2 Choir

The KS2 Choir will recommence after the half term break on Tuesday 17th April. From next term it will be finishing at the slightly later time of 4.15pm. Please note that there are currently no spaces in the KS2 Choir.



Code Club will continue to take place on Wednesdays and the children will be informed at code club today when they return after the break..

Premier Sport Football KS2 Wednesday 25th and KS1 Thursday 26th April.



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 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
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 or 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.

Free Easter Sports Camps

This Easter Cambridge City Council are working in partnership with Anglia Ruskin University and their Sport students to deliver three multi sport activity camps across the city for young people. These activity camps have been planned and programmed by the students and will include a variety of fun team games, sports and activities for all participants. All participants will need appropriate sports kit, packed lunch, water bottles, sun cream/hat and waterproofs. All camps are FREE but booking is essential due to limited spaces. For more information and details of each event please visit <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sport-for-young-people>

And Finally....

I hope that you have a wonderful Easter break I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 16th April when I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us after school when we will pay tribute to Mrs Fasching as we plant the magnolia tree in her memory.



*Remembered in the flowering petals
bursting with pale beauty,
the magnolia blossoms like those she nurtured.*

With very best wishes,

Rachel Snape

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National Leader of Education