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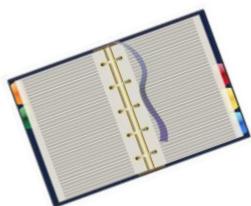
**Child Centredness, Teamwork and Community, Excellence, Learning,  
Improvement, Responsibility, Optimism**



# 'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

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

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,



- **Race for Life Schools** – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July
- **Year 6 Graduation Event: St. Andrew's Church** - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2pm
- **Summer Production** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July - 7:00pm starts, children to arrive at 6:30pm
- **Open Afternoon** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 1.15pm
- **Y6 Bowling** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July
- **Y6 Botanic Gardens Visit** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July
- **Y6 Leavers Assembly** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July
- **Y6 BBQ** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July
- **End of Year Celebration Assembly** – Monday 9.15am-10.45am

## Headteacher's reflections: End of Year Reports and Evaluations

The children will be bringing home their end of year reports tomorrow and I hope you are looking forward to reading about their progress and their successes from this year. It has been such a delight to see each of them grow and mature over the year. The Jump Up days this week have been a huge success and have shown how well-prepared and ready they are to move on to their next year group in September including our Year 6 children, who have also enjoyed time at their new secondary schools this week. At The Spinney we celebrate a broad and balanced creative curriculum that includes a focus on academic achievement and literacies, alongside important transferrable skills such as empathy, communication, problem-solving, creative and critical thinking, kindness and local and global competencies. In reading through the Reports, please take a moment with your child to reflect on the depth and breadth of your child's experiences and the high quality curriculum that has been curated by our dedicated, talented and experienced faculty of teachers, TAS and staff.

We are tireless in our professional commitment to our own and the children's learning. We would therefore be very grateful if you could also take a moment to complete the evaluation sheets that accompany the reports, thank you.

## The Tempest: Arrangements and Timings.

Performances of our summer production 'The Tempest' will take place in The Atrium at Netherhall Secondary School at 7:00pm on Wednesday 11th July and Thursday 12th 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.

## Wednesday's Performance of the Tempest- Important Information

I am sure you are aware that the England football team have made it through to the quarter finals of the World Cup and it is possible they will progress to the semi final the match will take place from 7pm Wednesday 11th July. As this semi final match would coincide with the Wednesday performance of The Tempest, we have made the decision to move the start time of the play to 5pm ONLY if England win their match on Saturday. We have

considered many options and feel that this is the best course of action, as it is a major sporting event that we feel that many families would like to support and enjoy. We appreciate that for some families this may be an inconvenience and are sorry for any that this change may cause. Please note that this change of time will only occur if England win their match against Sweden on Saturday.

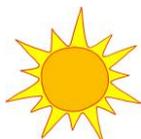


### Race for Life

In support of Mrs Lane and to raise money for Cancer Research, 25 members of the Spinney staff team are taking part in Race for Life Cambridge on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We would also like to give children the opportunity to take part in the Race for Life Schools 2018. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, each class will do a number of laps of the school field to highlight the work of this fantastic charity. Children can bring in a suggested donation of £1 on the day or you can donate via the Events section of your Simms Agora account. Thank you in advance for your kind support

### Open Afternoon

I hope you will be able to join us on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 1.15pm, as we have an open afternoon in which you can view your child's work from the past year. It is very affirming for the children when they see how much parents and families take an active interest in their work and learning and it re-enforces the view that school and home, work in partnership together to ensure that children achieve to their full potential.



### Sun Protection and Hydration

We are experiencing some lovely weather at the moment and the children are enjoying playing in the sunshine. We would like to remind all parents to provide their child with a water bottle and a sun hat so that they can stay safe in the sun. Please apply sun cream before coming to school.



### The Post Box Has Moved

The post box in the front entrance can now be found on the left hand side of the reception foyer, opposite the office window. The box can be used for all communications with the office including dinner money, absences requests, and letters for teachers and education visit payments. The post box is emptied on a regular basis and at least once a day. If you need to speak to one of the office team, please be aware the School Office is open between the hours of 8.30 -9.30am and 3pm-4pm.



### Lost Property

We currently have a large amount of lost property. As the box in the front entrance was overflowing, we have relocated some items to another area. If your child has lost anything or you would like to look through the bag, please speak to the office team. The box in the front entrance will still be in use for property that is found from today onwards.

### Year 6 Graduation Event: St. Andrew's Church Cherry Hinton Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2pm

Year 6 has been invited to attend a graduation ceremony at St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday 11<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 to 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 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.

## Afterschool Club Information



**KS1 Choir** has finished for the term. **KS2 Choir** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Netball Club** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**French** Monday 9<sup>th</sup>/ Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jul



**Lego Club** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

**Mad Science** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July



**Code Club** Has finished for the term

**Premier Sport Football** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July



## Farewell to Year 6

We have a few events taking place as we begin to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July there will be a fantastic traditional leavers' barbecue for the year 6 staff and children. Mrs. Moore will be serving a great selection of food and drinks. This is a lovely fun event and we are all very much looking forward to it. Also on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July we will hold our leavers' assembly at 9.30am after which parents can join year six in a spot the baby competition. We hope you will be able to join us. Consent forms will be sent home shortly. This year The Friends have offered to fund an end of term Y6 Ten Pin Bowling visit for the children to enjoy. This will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July



## End Of Year Celebration Assembly 9.15am – Well Being: be active keep learning, give, connect, take notice, care

We are nearing the end of another fantastic year of "Teaching and Learning Together" and I am looking forward to marking the occasion and reflecting on the targets we set ourselves in September. We would like to warmly welcome you to participate in our end of term Celebration Assembly at 9.15am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. As on previous occasions the assembly will be an informal opportunity for the children to share their thoughts and 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 year at The Spinney! We look forward to seeing you there.



**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>



**Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer?** If so, now is a great time to start your fostering journey as Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering service is currently recruiting carers to a wide range of rewarding roles. To find out more about how you can make a difference to the lives of local children and young people, call today on 0800 052 0078 or visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering)



## 52 Stories Information Dates for The Summer

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). Children must be accompanied by an adult [www.facebook.com/52stores](https://www.facebook.com/52stores)

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - 52 Stories Celebrates Our 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - 52 Stories Goes to The Big Weekend on Parker's Piece - 52 Stories will NOT take place in Cherry Hinton Library, you will find us in a Tent on Parker's Piece. Story Reading will take place from 12pm to 5pm. Join many of our regular readers and some new ones there. The event is free.

**Saturday 21st July** - 52 Stories in Cherry Hinton Library at 10.30am - Pam Smy, Author & Illustrator will be reading.

52 Stories will continue as normal on Saturdays through the Summer Holidays

Another idea started at The Spinney is making waves in the city with the **My Cambridge**

**Culture Yurt** being at **The Big Weekend** - Saturday 14th 12-3pm at The Big Weekend

Hosted by students from the Activate project at Coleridge Community College.

The **MyCambridge Yurt** will be open from 12-3pm with performances scheduled for 1pm and 2pm.

Join us for a cup of tea, art and maps.

Lots of activities for families of all ages.



## The Museum of Maps: Tales from Beyond the City

Meet the map-makers and explorers who have excavated little-known parts of Cambridge.

Beyond the medieval city-centre and in its dark corners, they have discovered artefacts and myths depicting some extraordinary lives. Takes place at the [Cambridge Junction](#) this Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> July.



This year's theme is 'Mischief Makers', in partnership with The Beano. Explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become an ultimate mischief maker! Solve clues and collect stickers, have lots of fun and adventures along the way! There is a medal and certificate for all children who read 6 books to complete the challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to pre-school and primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities.

Children will be able to sign up for the challenge from Saturday 14 July.

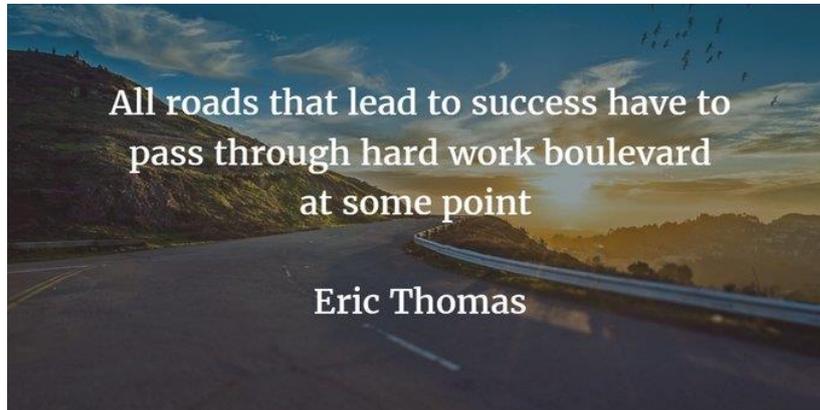
We also have lots of opportunities for young people to volunteer to help with the challenge. From helping host events and activities to registering readers and listening to the children talk about the books they have read. Ask at your local library for details of how to sign up as a volunteer.

This year we are also offering young people aged 13-24 the opportunity to become a Reading Hack and develop their volunteering experience - find out more at

<http://readinghack.org.uk/>

### Finally....

As we come close the end of another year, let's try to find some time to reflect on our successes. It is often too easy to keep moving onto the next thing, always rushing ahead on to the next goal or target. But this weekend offers a great opportunity as a time to take stock, to look back and to celebrate all that has been achieved, not just by the children but the adults in the family as well. It is good for children to hear from their role models in the community, their parents and grandparents recognising their own accomplishments and acknowledging the pride that comes from a job well done.



With very best wishes,

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