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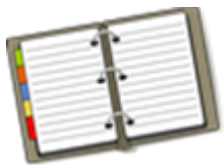
**Child Centredness, Teamwork and Community, Excellence, Learning,  
Improvement, Responsibility, Optimism**

# 'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

## Dates for the Diary



- **End of Year Reports** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- **Dress Rehearsal** – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July am
- **Lunchtime Summer Special** – Wednesday 12<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 1.15pm
- **Year 6 Visit to the Botanic Gardens** – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July
- **Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July
- **End Of Year Celebration Assembly** – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1.30pm



## Headteacher's reflections for the week:

The children will be bringing home their end of year reports tomorrow and I hope you are looking forward to reading about their successes. It has been such a delight to see each of them as they have "lit up their corner of the world" over the past year. I am sure you will agree how well-prepared and ready they are to move on to their next year group (or school) in September.

This is a very busy time of year the children are not just reflecting on the past year but also looking to the future. Over the past two days, the children have spent time with their teachers for next year and have been enjoying "Jumping Up" It is always a pleasure to see them growing and maturing and relishing new challenges.

Please take time to talk to your children about their achievements from the past year and also about their expectations of the year to come.



## The Wind in the Willows: Dress Rehearsal Timings.

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July the whole school will be walking to Netherhall Secondary school for the ks2 dress rehearsal of 'Wind in the Willows'. If you are able to help out by walking with your child(ren)'s class to Netherhall then please let the class teacher know. KS2 will be setting off at 9.30am and KS1 will be setting off at 10.00am all of the classes will leave Netherhall at 12.40pm. Please do stay and watch the play.

## Performances

Performances will take place in The Atrium at Netherhall Secondary School at 7:00pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Refreshments at the Performances

There will be a refreshment stall at the evening performances where you will be able to purchase tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and popcorn. Everything will be 50p.

### Tickets

If you would like extra tickets for either performance, there are still some available. Please send your requests and any payment to the office. All proceeds from the ticket sales are to cover the costs involved.

### Open Afternoon

I hope you will be able to join us on Monday 17th 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.

### 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.

### Dinner Money

Over the last 4 years we have been able to keep the cost of children's school meals at £2.20, however due to rising food costs, from September the cost of a meal will be £2.50. I hope that you understand the necessity of this increase especially as the food remains high quality and good value for money.



### Lunchtime Summer Special

On Wednesday 12th July there will be a special summer lunchtime menu for the children. There will be a choice of Beef Burger in a bun or Quorn sausage in a hot dog roll, Coleslaw, Chips and mixed salad. Dessert will be Ice cream and fresh fruit.



### Afterschool Club Information

**KS2 and KS1 Choirs** have finished for the term.

**Multi-skills** will finish on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Please note there is no session on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**French** Monday 10<sup>th</sup>/ Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jul



**Drama** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July



**Code Club** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Circus Skills** KS1 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July KS2 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

**Premier Sport Football** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July





### From the Friends

A big thank you to everyone who came along and helped at the Summer Fair on Sunday. Also a big thank you to Carter Jonas Estate Agents, for their sponsorship.

We hope you and your family enjoyed the sunshine, stalls and the activities that were on offer.

The Friends undertook a final count on Wednesday night and are pleased to report that the fair made £1800 for the school. A big well done to everyone!

**Frozen Friday** will be held this Friday after school. Ice pops and mini milks will be priced at 50p each. The Friends will also be selling the last few remaining 2016/17 Spinney School Tea Towels for £2 each.



### 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 Thursday 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 and then pupils will have the opportunity to have fun on a bouncy castle. This is a lovely fun event and we are all very much looking forward to it. Also on Thursday 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. Please remember to return your child's consent form and contribution as soon as possible.



### End Of Year Celebration Assembly – Be Bright, Be Brilliant, Light up Your Corner of The World

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 1.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</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.



### 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

### Cambridge Youth Forum A project for Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Are you interested in joining the Cambridge Youth Forum? Would you like to have your say about what happens in Cambridge? ChYpPS (Children and Young People's Participation Service) are inviting children to join sessions taking place during the summer and in the first school term from September 2017. This is a great opportunity for the children to speak directly with Councillors and help to change Cambridge for the better.

A meeting has been arranged at the Spinney on Wednesday 19th July from 3.20pm-4.20pm. For more information please call Steph on 07753431347 or email [steph.burwitz@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:steph.burwitz@cambridge.gov.uk)



**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 Goes to The Big Weekend

On Saturday 8th July - 52 Stories - Goes to The Big Weekend on Parker's Piece

You can find us in a Tent on Parker's Piece where Story Reading will take place from 12pm to 5pm.

Please come and join many of our regular readers and some new ones.

The event is free.

52 Stories will NOT take place in Cherry Hinton Library as usual on that day, but will return on Saturday 15th July at 10.30am.

## Big Weekend: Friday 7th - Sunday 9th July on Parker's Piece

Summer just wouldn't be summer in Cambridge without the highlight of the city's free outdoor events – The Big Weekend and Cambridge Mela, City Events provided by Cambridge City Council and organised by Cambridge Live. Headliners ABC kick off the weekend on Friday with thousands expected on Parker's Piece to enjoy a dazzling array of entertainment.

On Saturday, there's so much to enjoy, including the French Market, Sports Zone, Gaming Hub and The Big Read & Write, covering 10 entertainment and activity packed hours of free entertainment for all.

On Sunday, as well as community choirs, the Sports Zone and French Market, the Big Weekend will feature the ever popular Cambridge Mela, celebrating Asian culture.

An entertainment and activity packed Big Weekend with something for everyone, looks set to be an unmissable highlight in the city this summer!

The Cambridge Big Weekend takes place from Friday 7th - Sunday 9th July on Parker's Piece. All events are free!



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>



## Cambridge Mosque Open Day

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 10am-4pm Cambridge Mosque cordially invites everyone in the community to join their Open Day. This is an opportunity for you to have a guided tour of the mosque, see how Muslims pray and ask any questions you may have. The Abu Bakr Mosque is situated at 1A Mawson Rd Cambridge.

## And finally . . .

I am very much looking forward to the KS2 Production next week. I have been able to hear the songs being rehearsed from my office, the children sound fantastic. I hope you are able to join us as I am confident that it will be a fabulous performance, we are in for a real treat!

*“Be Bright, Be Brilliant light up your corner of the world”*

With very best wishes,

*Rachel Snape*

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