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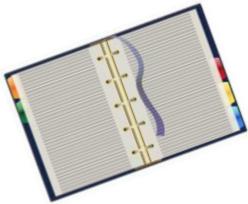
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'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 8th February 2018

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

Dates for the Diary



- **Pancake Day Special** – Friday 9th February
- **Last Day of Half Term** – Friday 9th February
- **Staff Training Day: School Closed** – Monday 19th February
- **Pupils back to school** – Tuesday 20th February
- **International Week** – Commencing Monday 26th February
- **World Book Day** – Thursday 1st March
- **Passport to the World Day** – Friday 2nd March
- **Parent Teacher consultations** – Monday 5th March



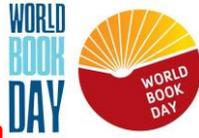
Headteacher's reflections "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you"

Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated globally on Tuesday this week with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you". Our wonderful teaching staff took the opportunity to highlight some of the issues surrounding internet use and how children can use this amazing resource in a safe and positive way. It is extremely important for us to engage our children in positive conversations about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. I would like to encourage you all to continue these conversations with your children, reinforcing this positive message and supporting them as they navigate their way through an ever increasingly complex but wonderful technology.

There are a number of resources available on both the Spinney School website and the Safer Internet Day website. <http://spinney.cambs.sch.uk/parents/computersafety.php> as well as at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>

P.E. and Sports Premium Funding

We are excited to inform you that this year, the school has been awarded a P.E. and Sports Premium Grant. This premium is for funding additional PE and sport provision to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles. The funding is to be spread across all years and each class will be given the opportunity to take part in a special sporting activity that will be subsidised by this funding. We hope that the children will enjoy these activities and the opportunity to do something physical and fun that we would not normally be able to provide. Details of each class's activities will be sent home at the appropriate time over the spring and summer terms. In due course the Sports Premium Statement will be available on the school website and this will include information on how the fund is used and the impact it has on the children's outcomes in Sports, Games and Physical Development. The Sports Premium will not only be monitored and evaluated by the school but will also be monitored by the Governing Body.



World Book Day Thursday 1st March

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite story book character and this year we are focusing on characters you show empathy. There will be a costume parade during assembly where prizes for each year group will be awarded for the most creative costume. There will be different activities during the school day exploring the characters they have dressed up as. We are looking forward to seeing the wonderful outfits and having time to enjoy some fabulous reading together.



Code Club for Years 5 and 6

The last code club session for this block will take place next week on Wednesday 7th February. To enable other children to take part in this popular club, we have reopened registration for next half term. No places are guaranteed and as there are a very limited number of spaces these will be offered on a first come first served basis. If you would like your child to attend, please speak to the ladies in the school office. You will be informed if your child has a place prior to the first session which will take place on Wednesday 21st February. Please also let the office know if you will be picking your child up or if they are going home independently after the club. Code club takes place from 3:30 to 4:15pm in the year 5 class room.

Code club is open to children in years 5 and 6 and is part of CodeClub.org.uk network of clubs for children aged 9-11. For information about Code Clubs, please visit, <http://www.codeclub.org.uk/start-a-club/parents>



International Week

The week beginning 26th February will be International week. Each class will be learning about a different country including their culture, customs and celebrations. This year there will be a specific focus on the linguistic brilliance and diversity of our school, community and world. On Friday the children will participate in "Passport to the World Day" where they will have the opportunity to hear about the countries other classes have been learning about.



Chinese New Year

This year, Chinese New Year - The Year of the Dog - begins on Friday 16th February. We would like to wish all families celebrating over half term a very happy New Year. 新年好



Premier Sport Half term Multi Sports and The Spinney Primary

Premier Sport is holding a multi sports day and dance and drama session for Spinney Pupils on Friday 16th February. To sign up and to find out more information, please visit their website <http://sport.premier-education.com/>



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.



Understanding Challenging Behaviour

Cambridgeshire Children's Centre is holding a workshop entitled "Understanding Challenging Behaviour" on Monday 19 February from 9.30am to 11.30am at North Cambridge Children's Centre. The workshop will help you understand why your child tests the boundaries and give techniques to help manage this. This is a free workshop but booking is essential due to limited spaces, please phone 01223 728118/729081 to book a place.



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 Half Term Activities

ChYpPS have lots of fun sessions happening for children and their families over half term. All the sessions are free.. For more information please visit their Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/chypps>



e-Luminate Cambridge: 9th – 14th February

Colour and light will bathe the city centre in February when e-Luminate Cambridge Festival once again returns to enchant, entrance, fascinate and inform. As day turns to night, see Cambridge's most iconic buildings drawn from the darkness and transformed by an array of breathtaking light-art installations, created by some of Europe's leading artists. For more information visit <https://www.cambridgelivetrust.co.uk/e-luminate>



Tuesday 13th February 2017 4.30pm – 7.30pm

This February half-term, take a leap into the unknown and explore 14 local museums and collections after dark... Experience museums and collections in a different way, discover somewhere new, and unearth some remarkable objects.

Twilight at the Museums is a FREE after-hours event for families where museums and collections across the city turn down the lights and open their doors for after-hours fun. With free, drop-in activities and themed trails across the venues, there is plenty for families to enjoy.

Pack a torch and experience some 'Neon Navigation' at All Saints Church, meet some Arctic explorers at the Polar Museum, set out on a scientific expedition across the Whipple Museum, and try your hand at code cracking with the Museum of Technology.

<https://www.cam.ac.uk/museums-and-collections/events/twilight-at-the-museums>

And Finally....

I hope you have a wonderful half term break. There are some fantastic opportunities coming up for the children over the next half term and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 20h February.

With very best wishes,

Rachel Snape

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