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**Child Centredness, Teamwork and Community, Excellence, Learning,
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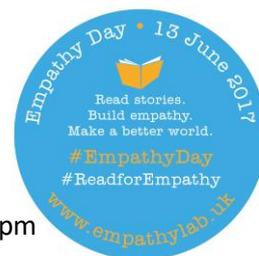
Thursday 8th June 2017

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

Dates for the Diary



- **Great Get Together: Community Picnic** - Friday 16th June 3.30-5pm
- **Bring Your Parent to Lunch** – Monday 19th June
- **Y3 and 4 Youth Games** - Thursday 22nd June
- **Sports Day Stay and Play** – Friday 23rd June
- **Y3 Educational Visit to Kentwell Hall** – Thursday 29th June
- **KS2 Choir SingFest Concert** – Thursday 29th June
- **Year 1 Food and Farming Day: Peterborough**- Friday 30th June



Headteacher's reflections for the week: **Read Stories, Build Empathy, Make a Better World!**

The Spinney is very proud to have been invited to be an [EmpathyLab](http://www.empathylab.uk) school which fits very well with our other partnerships with Ashoka Changemaker Schools, Mind Up, SEAS4All and Random Acts of Kindness! Empathy Lab was founded by Miranda McKearney OBE who started the National Reading Agency. Next week on Tuesday 13th June we will be taking part in the first ever Empathy Day. In assembly and in class we will read stories, build empathy and think about ways that we can make the world a better place! We would encourage parents to join in at home to share favourite books and talk about why they are meaningful and what great stories can teach us!



Great Get Together: Community Picnic Friday 16th June 3.30-5.30pm



You are invited to join in the The Spinney School's Great Get Together on Friday 16th June at 3.30pm. Families can bring along a picnic and a blanket and join together on the school field to celebrate our community. The Great Get Together is an initiative inspired by the Jo Cox Foundation: Jo Cox MP lived her life spreading her belief that we have more in common than divides us. In that spirit, her family and friends are inviting people across the country to mark the anniversary of her death by organising or attending a celebration in their community on 16-18 June. Play equipment and toys will be made available.



Bring Your Parent to Lunch – Monday 19th June

You are invited to share a special summer lunch with your child on Monday 19th June. There will be a choice of macaroni cheese or macaroni cheese with ham, garlic bread a variety of side salads. There will be muffins and fresh fruit for dessert.

Lunch will be served from approximately 12noon. Foundation Stage Pupils and KS1 pupils will go in first with their parents, and siblings will be accommodated so that families can eat together.

We love having parents in school but as ever we rely on your patience in ensuring that this process, which understandably takes a little longer than usual, can flow as smoothly as possible. Thank you for your understanding. If you would like to enjoy this special lunch, it is essential that it be booked in advance. Tickets are on sale via the school office at a cost of £3.00 per adult meal until Wednesday 14th June. Unfortunately tickets for this meal cannot be purchased using the new SIMS Agora payment system.

We hope that you can join us.



The Wind in the Willows, Costume Information for years 3, 4 and 5.

The Wind in the Willows promises to be a wonderful production. In order to make the play as much fun as possible, we ask that you help your child(ren) to find a costume.

Any kind of costume to represent an animal would be great. Obviously it would be best if your child(ren) were dressed as a woodland animal, but if you have a great costume for a different kind of creature then that is also fine.

Use your imagination! Do bear in mind though that your child(ren) will have to sit down for some time in the costume (and be able to walk up several stairs on to the stage). As a result it would be better if the children did not wear a mask! We need to see who they are - and they need to be able to see the steps up to the stage.

Wind in the Willows: Request for Props

If you have anything at all that you think may be useful for our summer production of The Wind in the Willows then please do bring it in and show it Mr. Mawson. You might have possible props or items that we could use as part of someone's costume hiding away in a cupboard or attic! (If you do donate clothes then please let us know if you want it back in the same state in which you brought it.)

Here are some of the things that we need: any old 'animal' costumes; fake fur coats and jackets; any old, unused alicebands; barrister's or judge's wigs and a graduation gown. Thank you in advance.



Year 6 BBQ and Leavers' Assembly

We would like to inform parents that the date of the Year 6 BBQ and Leavers' Assembly has been moved to Thursday 20th July. Parents will be invited to join the Year 6 class for their special assembly in the morning. We hope you will be able to join us.

Term Date Correction

We would like to make you aware of a correction to the Autumn Term dates for the academic year 2017/18 that have been advertised on the school website. Please note that our first training day of the year will be on Monday 4th September and not Friday 1st as previously advised. Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2017. Sorry for any confusion.

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



Breakfast Club

Mr. Ingram is in the process of creating a Breakfast Club page on the school website. This page will provide information for current and prospective parents about what we offer before school. The page will include the booking form for the relevant half term to enable parents to access this at their convenience. We have also created an email address, breakfastclub@spinney.cambs.sch.uk, so that parents can contact Mrs. Cordy directly with queries, this will be checked every weekday morning. This email address can also be used to forward your completed booking forms. We hope to have this in place after the half term holiday and we hope you will find it useful.

From The Friends

Second Hand School Uniform

This year there are plans to have a second-hand uniform sale at the Summer Fair. Therefore, if you have any logood items (e.g. book bags, fleeces, polo shirts, t-shirts and jumpers) that you no longer need, and they are clean and in good condition (no stains or holes please) can you please hand them into the school office or to Becky Hawker (Years 2 & 4). We would be grateful if any name labels are removed in advance. Many thanks for your help.

Raffle Prizes

If anyone is able to donate a raffle prize for this year's summer fair being held on Sunday 2nd July please let one of the Friends know or inform the school office. This may be an unwanted gift or if you have your own business, possibly a voucher. Any donations are greatly appreciated. All donations can be left with the school office. Many thanks.



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

www.facebook.com/52stores



Daddy's Diaries

Jane Bower is a professional actress, teacher and writer, and an elder of Emmanuel United Reformed Church, Cambridge. She has devised and performed one-woman shows for over thirty years.

From she will be performing "Daddy's Diaries" inspired by her father giving her his war diaries after he became blind. The show reveals the inescapable legacy of WWI, the family's unexpected link with Germany, Len's memories, illustrations and original recordings to create a picture of one man's journey towards peace.

The play is particularly suited to children aged 11 or above studying WWII at school. Performances take place at Corpus Playroom Thursday 13th – Saturday 15th July at 7pm. Tickets cost £8/6 and can be purchased from

adctheatre.com or by phoning the box office on 01223 300085. More information about the play can be found at www.janebower.com



Great Entertainment in the Summer Holidays - 250 places.

If you're thinking about the summer holidays, please note that there will be a Holiday Bible Club for 5-11 year olds between Monday 24th July and Friday 28th July; 10am-12:30pm. Now in its 28th year, the holiday club will have the usual mix of drama, songs, craft, games and the soaking of the yellow shirted helpers. Although it takes place at Colville School it is run by Cherry Hinton Churches and is open to children from all schools. It costs only £10 per child for the week (or £5 if on pupil premium) and this year has the theme of the Seaside. Book places now at www.ch-bc.org.uk/HolidayClub or on forms which will come out through schools at the end of June.

Bio-Blitz: This Saturday

A Bio Blitz will be taking place at The Hobson's Brook corridor from Nine Wells Local Nature Reserve (south of Addenbrooke's Hospital) to Empty Common (near Brooklands Avenue) between 12 noon Saturday 10th June and 12 noon Sunday 11th June 2017.

Bio Blitz is a family friendly celebration of environmental conservation, good science and good healthy activity. Wildlife experts will be working with and informing the general public, creating a snapshot of the variety of wildlife in the area.

The Hobson's Conduit corridor is an important green lung of Cambridge and is under acute pressure as the city grows. This Bioblitz is the first in a series of events to take place over a 10 year span. For more information and to book the a place, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hobsons-brook-bioblitz-2017-tickets-34791761094>

Family Guide To Cambridge



Family Guide To Cambridge is a resource for families in Cambridge who are looking for one place to go where they can find out about family friendly local events, things to do, classes, groups and places to eat and drink.

The information on the site is not just a listings service, but pulls together other useful local information and blogs articles of use to families. <http://familyguideto.co.uk>

And finally. . .



My final thoughts this week are to reflect on the inspirational courage of Brendan Cox and all the Cox family in looking for the positive in the world and in creating a hopeful legacy for MP Jo Cox. I think we should take in and enact the powerful words that Jo Cox gave us, which are so important for our nation at this time. And I hope that you will all join us for our **Great Get Together: Community Picnic Friday 16th June 3.30-5.30pm**



With very best wishes,

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