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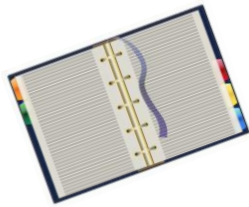
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# 'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

## Dates for the Diary



- **Rooted in Music Concert** – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm
- **Mothering Sunday Service, St. Andrew's Church**- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- **Mother's day Lunch** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- **Y5 Activity Day** – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March
- **Class Photographs** – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March
- **Y5 Science Festival Lecture** – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- **Y4 Golden Hinde Visit** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March
- **Y5 Big Read and Write** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March
- **Easter Stay and Play** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- **Easter Bonnet Parade** – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March
- **Easter Egg Hunt** – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March



## Headteacher's reflections: Multi-Academy Trust Consultation

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who sent in questions, or raised questions and/or attended the Multi-Academy Trust consultation meetings last month. The quality of the questions and the discussions have been an invaluable part of the consultation process and all your thoughts and suggestions have been really appreciated as they are helping to shape the thinking for the Governing Body. The questions raised at all three schools, the answers to these questions and a strengths and weaknesses document can be found on the [here](#) on the school website.

Although the formal parent consultation phase is finished as you will expect of us, we are keen to keep the channels of communication with the community open and your ideas are greatly valued. It is vitally important that everyone is able to participate in this process and I would encourage anyone to speak come and speak with me or Mrs. Child (Chair of Governors) if you have any questions or thoughts you would like to share. If an appointment with me is helpful, please do not hesitate to chat with the office ladies and they will help to find a mutually convenient time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Governing Body as they have been working tirelessly behind the scenes researching and investigating this process.

### **Fundraising for Cancer Research UK – Non Uniform Day 8<sup>th</sup> March**

We are delighted to inform you that our non uniform day has raised just **over £200** for the Rapid Scan Appeal. The money raised from will go towards helping fund research into an imaging technique currently being trialled in Cambridge. The hope is that this trial will progress the way cancer treatment is given and make therapy more effective for patients in the future. This new technique could potentially mean that doctors will find out much more quickly if a treatment is working for their patient instead of waiting to see if a tumour shrinks. For more information please read the launch article from the newspaper:

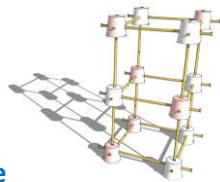
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### **School Council Tuck Shop for KS2 Pupils**

Over the next few weeks the School Council will be running a Tuck Shop selling apples, bananas and boxes of raisins. It will be open every Tuesday during morning break time in the school playground. Each item costs 15 pence each. If you would like your child to purchase an item from the Tuck Shop, please provide them with the correct money.

If the Tuck Shop becomes popular, the School Council plan for it to continue into the summer term.



### **Science Week: The Big Investigate**

As part of Science week the whole school will be taking part in The Big Investigate tomorrow. Children will be working together in House Families to foster collaboration and creativity. Please take the time to talk to your child about the investigation and what they discovered.

We would like to thank Tesco for donating all the items we are going to use for this project.



### **Mothering Service and Bring your Parent to School Day.**

We invite you to join us for our annual Mothering Day celebration at St Andrew's Church followed by 'Bring your Parent to School Lunch' taking place on Monday.

Come into school when you drop your child off and wait a few moments while your child is registered and then accompany your child's class as we walk together to St. Andrew's Church to share our traditional Mothering Day Service which will start at approximately 10:00 am.

After the service we will walk back to school and on our return to school at approximately 11:30-11:45am parents will be offered tea or coffee and biscuits. You can then join your child on the playground until it is time to go in with them for lunch at approximately 12:00. 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.



### **Class Photographs Day, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Polite Reminder: Dress Smart for Photographs**

Our school photographer will be in school on, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, to take class photographs. These are a lovely souvenir of your child's time here at The Spinney so please remember to wear smart school dress and your biggest smiles. Year 6 will also have their class pictures taken and will form part of their leavers pack later in the year.



### Easter Stay & Play

Friday 23rd March sees our Easter Special Stay & Play taking place in school. Come and join your child in class and help them to make a special Easter gift to take home. Sessions run from 9.15 – 10.15am and then again from 10.45 – 11.45 noon.

**Year 6 and Foundation** will be offering the first session only. Year 6 will be having a Stay and Revise session from 9.15- 9.20 and Foundation will go to the Wild Wood from 09.15. Please note that the planned Tuesday visit to the Wild Wood will not take place on 20th March.

Sign up sheets will be available shortly so that you can book your place in class. A crèche will be available for pre-school children but please remember that spaces in the crèche are limited so booking is required, please see the ladies in the office. We hope that many of you can join us in school for another fun session of Stay & Play.



### Easter Bonnet Parade

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March the annual Easter Bonnet Competition Parade takes place in the playground during the morning. As usual the children will come into class briefly to register and then will parade in the playground for families to see. There will be a prize for the best Easter Bonnet from each class.



### Children's Easter Egg Hunt

The fun children's Easter Egg hunt takes place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm. Foundation Stage's Easter Egg Hunt will take place in their outside learning area. Key Stage 1's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the meadow, and Key Stage 2's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the field. Parents/carers are welcome to collect their child when they have successfully located their egg. However, parents/carers MUST sign to de-register their child from each class before taking your child home.



**Egg for an Egg, Egg Decoration Competition** – Our amazingly dedicated and creative Caretaking team (Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Cordy) will be decorating the front entrance with a traditional Easter Display shortly and children are invited to bring in their beautifully decorated eggs to enter into our annual Easter egg decoration competition. There is a prize for each entry and the winners will be announced at our end of term Celebration Assembly on Thursday 29th March.



**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](http://www.52stories.co.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/52stores](https://www.facebook.com/52stores)



## Cambridge Lakes: a rare opportunity to visit hidden lakes in Cambridge



Members of the public have an opportunity to visit hidden lakes in Cambridge. The flooded chalk pits at the end of Mill Road will be accessible during a special open day on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March. Dubbed locally as "Romsey Beach", developers want to transform the East Cambridge Lakes into a new urban oasis. More information about the day can be found in this [Cambridge News](#) article.

## Tickets are now on sale for **The Barrington Hippo!**

The Barrington Hippo is a charming, short show for children and adults with shadow puppets, music, and storytelling, all about the fossilised hippo currently on display in the Sedgwick Museum.

The show takes place on Saturday 17th March from 11am and 2pm at The Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences. The performance is most suitable for ages 7 to 11 but all ages welcome. It's sure to be popular and is part of the Cambridge Science Festival so do buy tickets in advance. <https://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/>



## Saturday Kids Art and Craft Club



Maxwell and Scott will be starting their Saturday Kids Art and Craft Club here at The Spinney starting on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The Sessions take place from 10:30am-12pm and are for children aged 6-11 years (4/5 year olds may join but must be supported by a parent) The cost is £8 per session or £7 when booked for a block of 5. Booking is essential. Activities include: Painting, collage, mosaics, ceramics, clay, printing and much more. To book your place please contact Tel: 07771 765348 [maxwellandscott@gmail.com](mailto:maxwellandscott@gmail.com) [www.maxwellandscott.co.uk](http://www.maxwellandscott.co.uk)



Netherhall Sports Centre is starting a new **Rollerskating Club** on Thursdays from 5.00 – 6 pm starting on Thursday 15th March. The club is for children aged between 4 – 14 years and their parents and costs £ 3.00 per session. For more information call 01223 712142 Bring your own Skates and pads!

## And Finally....

This week the children have been busy preparing for Monday's Mothering Sunday Service. We are delighted to again be welcomed into St. Andrew's Church and have the opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate those things that unite us. The children are always eager to share their work and this is a wonderful opportunity for you to come and be delighted by their enthusiasm and creativity.

*"Coming together is a beginning;  
keeping together is progress; working together is success."*

*Henry Ford*

With very best wishes,

*Rachel Snape*

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