

Fortnightly Newsletter 10th January 2025

Headteacher's comments

It has been so lovely seeing all of the children back excited to be in school for the new year. It has turned extremely cold so please remember to provide your children with appropriate, warm clothing. Please also take extra care while walking around site.

We have really launched our new outdoor play equipment with the children at play and lunchtimes and it has been lovely watching the children build large construction and engage with the new creative activities we have on offer.

Please can I also remind you how important it is to be reading or sharing a book with your child on a daily basis as this will have such a positive impact on their progress.

Laura Fielding

PE Kit (sports kit)

Please ensure your child comes to school on their PE days with a change of clothes in line with the school uniform policy. Black shorts or jogging bottoms, a white or red t-shirt and a black jumper or hoodie with no labels or brands as well as trainers. They will be expected to change into this for each PE (games) lesson. If you are struggling to provide a change of clothes for your child for these sessions due to financial pressures, please speak to the school office and we will be able to assist you.

Nursery sessions and Tax-free childcare

For those children attending nursery please be aware of your options for tax free childcare for working parents. This, in essence, is a 20% contribution to childcare fees from the Government. More information can be found on the following website: [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

Car parking

Please can I remind you once again that the car park is only for those who have prior agreement with the school. This means that priority is given to those children who have additional needs. Please can you also be mindful when parking outside the school and park respectfully.

Crossing patrol officer

The Local authority are still advertising for a PSO (Lollypop man/woman) to assist our children with safe crossing in the morning and end of school day. If you or someone you know would be interested, please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Book Fair

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting another scholastic book fair on 5th – 10th February 2025. The book fair will run between 1515 and 1530 each day in the school hall. This is a great opportunity to purchase new books, some at a discounted rate and the school will receive a percentage of the profits.

Attendance

We understand that there are many illnesses going around at this time of year. Please remember to report any absences to the school office **by 9am**. Please also check the NHS guidance: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/child-illness/) Please can we also remind you that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea,

they should not return to school until they have been clear of sickness and diarrhoea for 48 hours to try and stop the spreading of any illnesses. This is in line with Government guidance.

Year 2 Admissions

If your child is leaving Spring Meadow at the end of this academic year, please be reminded to complete the admissions forms for where you would like them to attend Junior school. If you would like any support with this, please speak to Miss Duff in the school office.

School closures

At this time of year we can sometimes experience severe weather which forces us to close the school due to safety concerns. If this happens we will send you an in-app message and email via Arbor and will update the school website as soon as we are aware. I must stress this would be at a last resort.

Unit expansion

I would like to once again express our delight in the good news that our unit expansion has been fully agreed and plans for the opening will continue over the next two terms to welcome 20 new places in September 2025.

Dates for the diary:

17 th January	Buttercup coffee afternoon @1430
22 nd January	Clovers parent lunch
24 th January	Bluebells coffee afternoon @1430
February 2024	
7 th February	NSPCC Numbers day
5 th February	Daisy parent lunch
5 th – 10 th February	Book Fair
12 th February	Poppy parent lunch
17 th February-21 st February	Half term





Could you be a School Crossing Patrol Officer?

Could you spare half an hour in the morning and half an hour in the afternoon?

We are looking for reliable School Crossing Patrol Officers to assist children and adults in crossing the road to and from school safely.

If you are interested please contact Andy Swallowe (School Crossing Patrol Service Manager) on 01223 699959 or e-mail Andy.Swallowe@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The hours vary between 08:15 - 09:00 and 14.50 - 15:50 Monday - Friday term time only

Please note: Applicants for positions that involve working with children are required to complete a DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) check.

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