

Spring Bank Primary School

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Friday 27th October

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it to the end of a really long half term and I know that all the children and teachers are ready for a well-deserved rest. The last two weeks have been very exciting in school so apologies for the extra-long newsletter this week!

Training Day

Our next Training Day is on Monday 6th November which means that we start back at school on **Tuesday 7th November.**

International Week

This week has been International Week in school and our theme was French Speaking Countries and Territories. Each class studied the geography of a different country/territory and we had a special assembly today to present what we had learnt. The places studied were Madagascar (Reception), Canada (Y1), Vanuatu (Y2), Belgium (Y3), French Guiana (Y4), Senegal (Y5) and Haiti (Y6). All the children have improved their geography and their French over the week. A big thank you to Mrs Ward for organising this special theme week. Here are some photographs of the work.



Hallowe'en Discos

Thank you so much to the PTA for organising the spooktacular Hallowe'en Discos yesterday. These were really well attended by children, parents and staff alike and as a result the PTA managed to raise a fantastic £385 for school funds. All the children made a huge effort with their costumes and looked great. Well done to Savannah and James for winning the best costume competition at the KS1 disco and Lenny, Connie and Aleena for winning the best costume at the KS2 disco.



The Owl Experience visit Reception

Last Monday, the Owl Experience visited Reception and the children found out all about how to handle and fly an owl. The children all listened carefully and showed lots of curiosity about the different species of owls, how they feed and how they hunt. Well done Reception!



Year 2 Visit Keighley and Worth Valley Railway

This week, I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 2 on a visit to Keighley and Worth Valley Railway as part of their history topic on George Stephenson. All the children experienced riding the full line on the steam train as well as exploring the museum at Ingrow Railway Station and sitting in different carriages. It was a fantastic day out! Well done Year 2!

Leeds United Road to Wembley Football Competition

A group of KS2 children represented Spring Bank at Bodington Playing Fields in a football competition last Thursday. They all showed excellent sportsmanship and resilience when playing some tough opponents and Mr Wrangmore was very proud of them all. Well done Isaac, Danylo, Seb, Harry, Alex, Nav, Hassan, Rose, Ayda!

Pumpkin Appeal

Thank you to all the families who have generously donated items for Rainbow Junction in our 'Pumpkin Appeal'. These will be taken down to Rainbow Junction, along with the giant pumpkin.

Bikeability

Year 6 took part in Bikeability cycle training last week. After four days practising a range of skills, all the children were ready to put their skills into practice on the road. It was great to see their improved confidence and independence as the week progressed. Well done Year 6!

Attendance

We have a small number of children in school who are 'persistently absent' (attendance below 90%). Pupils who regularly attend school make much better progress socially and academically. Regular attendance enables pupils to adapt better to routines, schoolwork, and friendship groups. Letters will be sent to all the families of pupils who are 'persistently absent' today and you will be invited into school to discuss your child's attendance after the half term holiday. We have also updated our attendance policy and this can be viewed on the website

<https://www.springbankprimary.org/page/?title=Policies&pid=21>

Open Morning and Open Evening for Prospective Parents in Reception

After half term we have an open morning on Wednesday 8th November 9:30-11:30 and Wednesday 15th November 6-7pm for parents looking for a place for Reception in September 2024. Please can you help to spread the word!

School Photographs

School Photographs will be taken on Tuesday 14th November.

PTA Winter Fair 2023

The PTA are delighted to announce that the Winter Fair will be taking place on Saturday 9th December from 12pm till 2pm.

There is a flyer attached and also a little ask for help for a variety of things - if you would like to get involved you can drop a message in the PTA Whatsapp group or message Mandy on 07872339357

We also have a helpful new website where you can donate directly to the PTA, buy raffle tickets when the time comes and find information about our upcoming events - this is here: <https://springbankpta.carrd.co/>

We can't wait to see you there and thanks in advance for any support!
SB PTA

Community Pantry

There is a community pantry situated in Headingley. For a small weekly subscription of **£4.50**, members of Vineyard House Pantry are able to purchase a weekly food shop including fresh fruit and vegetables and family favourites to stock up the cupboard and fridge. You can find out more details here <https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/leeds-vineyard-house-pantry/>

Art Camp

There are still places available on the Art Camp which is held at Shire Oak in Headingley during the Half Term Holiday. Please see the leaflet below for further details.

Have a lovely half term holiday and please stay safe if you are planning to go trick or treating for Hallowe'en or to any Bonfire Night Parties. We will see you all again on Tuesday 8th November. Please do not hesitate to contact me at a.houldsworth@springbankprimary.org if you have any questions or queries.

Amy Houldsworth

Acting Head of School

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Training Days for this year

Monday 6th November 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Dates for Next Half Term

Tuesday 7th November Autumn Term 2 starts

Tuesday 7th November Open Morning for prospective Reception parents 9:30am

Thursday 9th November Peace Museum for Year 6

Friday 10th November Stone Age Workshop Year 3

Monday 13th November Year 5 Planetarium 1pm

Tuesday 14th November School Photographs

Wednesday 15th November Open Evening for prospective Reception parents 6pm

Friday 17th November Year 6 visit to Lotherton Hall (World War 1)

Thursday 23rd November Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament Year 5/6 Girls

Thursday 30th November and Friday 1st December D-Side Internet Safety

Thursday 7th December Jolly Christmas Postman Workshop for Reception

Tuesday 12th December Year 1 Toys Workshop

Tuesday 19th December Years 1-6 Christmas Performance 2:15pm

Wednesday 20th December Reception Nativity 9:15am

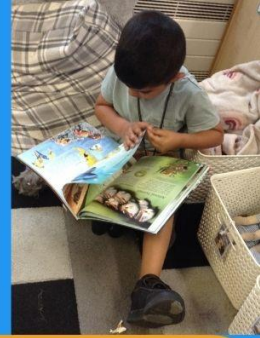
Wednesday 20th December Years 1-6 Christmas Performance 2:15pm

Friday 22nd December Autumn Term ends



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PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OPEN DAYS

FOR CHILDREN STARTING RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2024



WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
9:30-10:30AM

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
18:00-19:00

COME ALONG FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
LOOK AROUND OUR RECEPTION AND MEET
THE TEACHERS. THERE'S NO NEED TO BOOK,
JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY.



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WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!



Art camp UK



**We are pleased to announce
our brand new price of £35.
A week of Didgeridoo playing,
Story telling, Sound Gong experience,
Animation, Rap workshop,
Thriller dance routine,
Circus Pete and his Hula Hoops,
African dance, Messy Art, and
Mini disco and a Magic show.
We would love to see you there this
October 30th-Nov 3rd**

For children aged 4.5 to 11 years old

**Shire Oak Primary school Wood Ln,
Headingley, Leeds LS6 2DT
8.45 - 5pm
www.artcampuk.com**



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WINTER FAIR

STALLS, CRAFTS, GAMES, TOMBOLA,
REFRESHMENTS, SANTA'S GROTTO, RAFFLE
AND MORE..

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

12PM - 2:30PM

Suggested donation:

£2/adult





How you can help...

WE WILL NEED DONATIONS OF THE
FOLLOWING:

- LUCKY JARS
- RAFFLE AND GAME PRIZES
- CAKES AND SWEETS
- CRAFTING SKILLS & SUPPLIES

ARE YOU A MUSICIAN OR PART OF A BAND
WHO COULD PERFORM?

DO YOU KNOW A BUSINESS OWNER WHO
COULD DONATE A VOUCHER?

CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME TO SET UP THE
NIGHT BEFORE OR HELP ON THE DAY?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN A STALL?

LET THE PTA TEAM KNOW