

Friday 23rd October 2020

Springside School Weekly Newsletter



Head Teachers' Message:

As a School we are once again going to embark on a journey to become a rights respecting school with Unicef. Look out for our learner council sharing their stories, working towards silver accreditation.

Whilst I am aware Rochdale is now in tier 3 very high alert from today and restrictions are once again imposed at a local level, you can still continue to take your child out for local walks. Please remember to share photos if your child demonstrates a WOW moment.

After half term we will continue with the staggered start and finish times for each Bubble. Staff members will continue to wear masks and visors. We ask that all parents/carers (unless medically exempt) wear a face covering when waiting for your child or bringing them to School. Our practice in School will continue in the same way as the return in September with additional cleaning in classes and at key touch points across School.

Thankyou to those learners that have joined in with the scary dragon competition with the LA and for each of the classes decorating the pumpkins. The Halloween display looks wonderful on the corridor. The winner of this year's competition is Shanice in Meerkats.

Many thanks to Becky for leading the Experiential Phase over the past year. Becky's efforts have been instrumental in the operational management of the Experiential Phase and we will continue to run the provision, using many of the strategies Becky has suggested. Becky will now continue to focus on leading the Butterflies class in collaboration with Carole.

Olivia will continue to lead all of the Exploratory Phase, whilst Louise will temporarily lead the Experiential Phase in addition to the Investigative Phase. Both Chris and Joan will be the link Governors for the Exploratory Phase and Jody our Vice chair of Governors will be the link for the Experiential and Investigative Phase

We are hopeful within the next half term the learners will have some additional climbing equipment installed on the large playground.

Finally, thankyou to all the staff members for their support, positivity, flexibility and being solution focused. I feel privileged to work with such a dedicated team.

Take care, stay safe
Melody

Head Teachers' Awards

Well done!

Experiential: Hussain
Exploratory: Ola
Investigative: El Nathan

Stars of the week



Butterflies - Megan and Maddison

Wallabies - Hussain

Ducklings - Aqad

Zebbras - Yousuf

Rhinos - Rayyan

Elephants - Raiyan

Meerkats - Ayyan

Monkeys - Ayaan

Penguins - Sienna

Dinosaurs - Asiya

Giraffes - David and Dainton

Tigers - Ayyan

Certificates have been sent home via email to celebrate with your child

Reminders

School reopens on Monday 2nd November after half term.

Advance notice - our last day before the Christmas break is Friday 18th December 2020. We will return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021



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Experiential Phase

A great big well done to all the learners, families and staff in Experiential phase for getting us through our first and very different half term, you have all been amazing.



The learners have adapted brilliantly to our 'new way' as have all the staff. Working in PPE all day is no easy task, but keeping the learners, each other and ourselves safe is important to us all.

This is the final correspondence I will have with you all as the Experiential Phase lead, as my temporary role comes to an end. I will be returning to my substantive post as a job share class teacher of Butterflies with Carole Kelly who has returned from her maternity leave. It has been an absolute delight working with you all in this role and I will remember this time fondly.

Finally can I add a big thank you to Bilal Akbar of TJ textile limited for the very generous donation of bed sheets. These will be used daily in times where extra hygiene measures are in place. Thank you



Have a lovely holiday everybody!

Exploratory Phase

As we come to the end of a very different half term in the Exploratory Phase, I would like to reiterate just how proud I am of all the learners in my phase. The learners have transitioned back to school so well considering all the changes and different ways of working. We have also transitioned 14 new to Springside learners into school during tricky times. Thank you to all parents for your continued support to help keep our learners safe between home and school.



Thank you to all our wonderful staff for working especially hard this half term and getting used to a different way of working in our bubbles.



This week, myself and Shazye hosted an Exploratory Phase zoom session for parents of learners new to Springside. Thank you to those that attended. We hope to get your feedback and see what we can support you and your child with moving forward.



Have a well deserved rest this half term and enjoy special time with the special people in your bubble.



See you in November!

Investigative Phase

Another busy week in investigative phase. With the lovely fresh Autumn weather of Monday and Tuesday we had some fun outside collecting leaves and enjoying the fresh air. Some of our learners have accessed school from home this week and we are very proud of their engagement, thank you to our families who have supported our Springside team, together, as always, we achieve the best opportunities for our learners. I hope you all have a wonderful half term and stay safe. If you are isolating together try to enjoy the time with your loved ones and we'll continue to get through this together.



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