

Friday 5th March 2021

Springside School Weekly Newsletter



Head Teachers' Message:

Thank you to all the families for your engagement in World Book Day, we have loved hearing your stories and seeing pictures of you and your favourite books.

We look forward to welcoming more learners back into the School building over the next couple of weeks, but with this in mind, we wish to take this opportunity to send a few reminders:

- Parents - when dropping off/collecting your child please ensure you wear an adequate face mask, if you are exempt due to medical reasons you must provide proof
- Learners need to wear clean clothes every day. This can either be non-uniform or uniform but **must be clean daily**
- Please send a spare set of clothes that can remain in School
- Do not send in bags/packed lunch boxes. Lunches sent from home must be in a disposable bag
- Do not send your child to School if they have any of the symptoms such as the **recent onset of a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss/change in their normal sense of taste or smell**. Please call us on the morning of the first day of absence to inform us.
- If your child shows any of these symptoms at School, you will be asked to come and pick them up as a matter of urgency. As such, it is imperative we have up-to-date contact details.

Finally, please check your emails regularly and make sure you read the letter regarding comic relief which will be sent out on Monday.

Thank you for your continued support
Stay Safe
Melody

Head Teachers' Awards

Well done!

Experiential: Haroon and Alfie

Exploratory: Ellis, Shanice, Yousuf, Yusra, Raky, Musa, Raky and Danyal

Investigative: Blake and Sienna

Stars of the week



Butterflies - Eesa

Wallabies - Alfie

Ducklings - Moosa, Danny & Deacon

Zebras - Aayan and Danyal

Rhinos - Araf

Elephants - Derley and Tayyab

Meerkats - Ayyan

Monkeys - Jayden

Penguins - Mary

Dinosaurs - Yusuf

Giraffes - Dainton

Tigers - Yu Fan

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

Reminders

IMPORTANT - The virtual Headteacher was due to be held 17th March, this has had to be rearranged and will now take place on **Wednesday 24th March** instead. Details to follow.



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Experiential Phase

In experiential phase we have been delighted to welcome a couple of learners back into the building, our returning butterfly absolutely made my day with his huge, warm smile. Well done to everyone who remains at home, your commitment to learning and skills are amazing. I am hearing wonderful things about your increased interaction, work with learners and some fantastic observations so thank you for continuing to work so hard with school.



In wallabies The 'Fantastic Four' have had a fabulous time "down on the farm" this week in school. We have been producing lots of art work for our new 'Old Macdonald' classroom display; learning about the different farm animals along the way. We have also been learning about Spring and we planted some seeds for our class competition to grow the tallest sunflower. Haroon enjoyed dressing up as the 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' and the rest of the gang celebrated 'World Book Day' with the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We are really looking forward to seeing both Blakeley and Zain next week in school for a good old catch up!!

Exploratory Phase

Another week has flown by in the Exploratory Phase. This week, we have enjoyed exploring our new bikes, trikes and scooters on the MUGA. The weather has stayed dry so we have enjoyed exploring the outdoors to begin our learning on Spring and picnics!

On Thursday we enjoyed exploring our favourite stories for World Book Day. Some of us have dressed down in our pyjamas for the day and snuggled down with a hot chocolate. How lovely!

We have had another special delivery of some weighted equipment including gilets, blankets, neck wraps and ankle bracelets. With advice from the occupational therapy team, we will be trialling this equipment out with those learners who will benefit from their use.

Don't forget to join us every Friday on zoom for our phase assembly at 1.30pm!



Investigative Phase

Investigative phase have been hard at work learning about changes. We've seen lots of changes and planted our potatoes. We loved world book day and hunted for lots of different characters, recipes and themes in different stories. Our planting is seeing some great results to with some pretty impressive cress ready for sandwich making!



Tigers have had a lovely week learning all about life cycles. We have looked at butterfly, frog and hen life cycles as well as learning how to play some different games. We have also taken part in a world book day quiz.



We are so excited to welcome lots of our learners back with us next week. Have a great weekend and see you all soon.



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Rights Respecting School News

As you will be aware, as a school we have embarked on our journey to become a 'Rights Respecting' school. Our steering group have got off to a flying start and I am excited to share with you that recently we have been given our first award of bronze status for being a school that is committed to ensuring children's rights are upheld for our learners. Over this half term, your child will begin to learn about their rights and focusing in particular on their 'Right to Education' (Article 28) and their 'Right to Play' (Article 31). Please do email in any pictures you have of your child utilising these rights at home as we would love to see and share them! Keep an eye on our social media page and newsletter for our focus right of the month and ways you can help your child to uphold their rights both at home and in school. If you would like any further details or support on how you can support your child with their rights, please do feel free to get in touch with me!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kirstie Rathbone



Uniform Swap

Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council are supporting Rochdale Parent Carers Voice to organise a school uniform swap scheme across the Borough. This scheme will help families whose children have outgrown their uniform over lockdown. We have been asked for your support in circulating this to parents and carers.



How does it work?

Families can donate items of school uniform that are too small or no longer needed to Rochdale Parent Carers Voice. They can either receive the same number of items back in a bigger size or state that they do not want anything back in return. Families who are struggling can also contact Rochdale Parent Carers Voice discreetly and request items of uniform without donating anything. We appreciate that some families have a great relationship with their schools but also that some might feel uncomfortable telling their children's school that they are struggling financially at the current time. Where possible, Rochdale Parent Carers Voice will make sure that each family receives donated items in the correct size. The items can be school-specific e.g. sweatshirts, blazers, coats, ties, cardigans or polo shirts or generic shirts, trousers, skirts, school shoes, pinafore dresses or PE kit.

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice are not collecting underwear, socks or tights.

Who is it for?

This scheme is for everyone in Rochdale.

COVID Safety

The swap will take place at our base at Blue Pit Mill which is a COVID secure place with strict protocol for social distancing, hygiene and disinfecting and parents/carers will book slots on Eventbrite to come along. The parent/carer forum have worked with the Public Health Infection Control team to ensure suitable and sufficient infection control measures are in place.

If you have any questions, please email RochdalePCV@outlook.com



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