

Spire Junior School

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Welcome back and Key dates letter – September 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope your child / children are settling into their new classes well. It has certainly been a positive start to the new school year with lots of smiles, good behaviour and very smart uniforms. You should have received a newsletter from your child's teacher informing you about the learning in their class this year, as well as key dates regarding parents mornings and class assemblies. I hope you're able to attend some of these events. If you have not yet received one, please see your child's class teacher.

Jewellery

I'd like to remind parents / carers that children who have pierced ears may wear one pair of studs to school. These must be covered / removed for P.E. and removed for swimming. If your child is unable to take their jewellery out themselves, please ensure they do not wear them on the days they do P.E.

School Mornings

The busiest time in school is at the beginning of the day. In order to settle the children into the class and their learning as quickly as possible, we would ask parents not to take the children into the classroom. Class teachers and other staff will be around should you need to speak to them about anything. Alternatively, you can speak to Mr Haslam, Mrs Barnett or myself. Gail (who many new parents will know from the infants), works in the afternoons at Spire Junior and is always around if you need a chat or a situation solving.

Mobile Phones

Unfortunately we are seeing a large increase in mobile phones being brought to school by children. Children should not bring mobile phones to school unless there is a specific reason or need for them to do so. If your child does need to bring their mobile phone to school please write a letter to explain why, as well as ensuring they are turned off and handed to school staff during registration. The school will not take any responsibility for any mobiles that are lost / stolen or damaged whilst on the school premises.



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End of the day arrangements

As the school is situated near a very busy road, and due to recent safeguarding incidents outside school, we believe that most children should be picked up at the end of the day by an adult, and this is our advice to all parents, particularly in Y3 and Y4. However, we also realise we do not have the authority to make this a whole school policy. We are therefore asking parents to inform class teachers if you give permission for your child to walk home alone (and therefore take responsibility for them on their homeward journey). This process will ensure that the school has a full understanding of who is allowed to walk home alone. I thank you in advance for your co-operation with this matter.

Breakfast Club

I'm pleased to inform you that the school has received funding in terms of food supplies through the 'Magic Breakfast' charity. This means we will be able to offer a free breakfast (with choices of bagels, cereal or porridge) to our children. Breakfast club will continue to run from 8.15-8.45am. We will also be offering toasted bagels on a first come first served basis in the playground each morning until the bell rings for the start of the school day. As we still have staffing costs and are required to buy milk, butter, jam etc we are suggesting a **weekly** voluntary contribution of £1 for those that wish to use the club. This new breakfast set up will begin from Monday.

Key dates

I've attached a list of events and key dates for the new academic year. I hope you find this useful and we look forward to seeing you at some of the events.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Dave Shaw
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Calendar for Parents / Carers 2018/19

Date	Event
12 th -14 th September	Y6 @ Lea Green
8 th October	Harvest Festival
29 th October – 2 nd November	School closed for Half Term
12 th – 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
19 th - 22 nd November	Parents Evening Week
13 th December	Y4 Christmas Production
17 th December	Y3,5 and 6 Christmas carol concert @ 9.30am
19 th December	Parents Christmas craft afternoon
24 th December – 4 th January	School closed for Christmas holidays
18 th -22 nd February	School closed for half term
7 th March	World Book Day
22 nd March	School Closed – INSET day
8 th – 11 th March	Parents evening week
15 th April – 26 th April	School closed for Easter holidays
6 th May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Week beginning 13 th May	SATs Exam week for Y6
27 th May – 3 rd June	School closed for half term + Monday 3 rd June is an INSET day
4 th -7 th June	Poetry Week
12 th June	Sports day
17-21 st June	Art Week – Parade on Friday 21 st June
1 st -5 th July	Transition week for all children



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11 th July	School Report Parents Evening
16 th & 17 th July	Y6 Performance 7pm
19 th July	Leaver's assembly & last day of term
22 nd July	INSET day – School closed
23rd July – 1 st September	School summer holidays

