



Spire Junior School Newsletter



Date: 6.9.24

Mrs Vernon's Message:

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome all of our children back into Spire over the last two days – their smiles and positive attitudes have more than made up for the drizzly weather! It has been great to hear all of our staff saying how wonderful and lovely all of their classes are, even so early in the year – especially how wonderful their manners are!

Alongside our wonderful new Year 3 children, we also extend a warm welcome to Mr D'Souza, Mrs Sedgwick and Miss Oldfield, who have joined our staff team this year.

We are looking forward to all of the wonderful opportunities a year at Spire Junior School brings with it and hope after a successful first two days back, that you and your families are too.

Happy Autumn Term!

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 17th September – Year 3 / 4 Parent Afternoon
2:30pm

Wednesday 18th September – Year 5 Parent Afternoon
2:30pm

Thursday 19th September - Year 6 Parent Afternoon 2:30pm

Thursday 19th September – Year 5 swimming starts

Thursday 26th September – Harvest Assembly (we will message for donations closer to the time 😊)

Friday 4th October – Dress in Pink for Ashgate Hospice (£1.00 donations)

Thursday 10th October – Hello Yellow day (no donations needed) to celebrate World Mental Health Day#

Menu:

Monday: Quorn Dippers

Tuesday: Hawaiian pizza slice

Wednesday: Sausages and
Yorkshire pudding

Thursday: Quorn Wrap

Friday: Fishy Friday!

Vegetarian options available daily.

Jacket Potato option daily.

OPAL

There will be some changes in school this year, particularly around lunch times and our 'play offer'. Miss Horton, who has taken over the leadership of PE in school, has also become our OPAL leader, and will be sending out further communication over the coming weeks about the scheme. For now, I hope the pictures below are enough to convince you of the fun we have already had at lunch time with our new OPAL resources.

This also means our lunch times are extending back from 50 minutes up to one hour for the children (our start and end times of the day have not been affected).

Our midday staff will now be known as our 'Play Team' and 'Play Leaders'. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Bennett and Mr James will also be joining the Play Team this year.



Wellies:

Part of the OPAL scheme is to ensure all of our children can access all of our outdoor areas all of the time. Therefore, we are about to begin the process of ensuring every child in school has access to a pair of wellies. If your child already has some, great! They can be brought into and kept in school. If you are about to chuck away an old pair – don't! We will happily take them off of your hands for other children to use – we do need 200 pairs after all!



Meet the Teacher Afternoons:

All of our Meet the Teacher afternoons (see previous page) will begin at 2:30p.m. and we look forward to welcoming you into our classes to meet your child's new teaching team.

There will be an activity for the children to complete with their parent / guardian until the end of the school day.

Before you leave, you will have a chance to look at the work your children have completed so far and ask our staff any questions you may have about how they have settled in, or upcoming activities. Staff will be available until 3:30p.m.

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