

SPIRE JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Mrs Vernon's Message

Welcome back after the half term to all our children and families - we hope you had a nice week off.

For those of you who have not yet booked your Parents' Evening appointments, please could we remind you to do so. For the face-to-face meetings on Wednesday in the School Hall, the Book Fair will be there for you to purchase any books for now…or possibly for presents for any upcoming special occasions! You will be able to pay by phone this year. For every book sold, school get a contribution to books for our library, so please support the event if you can.

It has been a pleasure to welcome four student teachers into school this week who will be joining us until March. They will be supporting and leading teaching in some of our classrooms over the coming weeks, supported by our classroom teachers. We ask you to join us in welcoming them into #TeamSpire

SMILERS update

We had a very relaxing and RESTful day yesterday in our pyjamas to take part in our SMILERS event.

Classes enjoyed some mindfulness colouring, singing and films during cosy time after our day of work.



Plastic-Free Day

From tea in a jam jar to sandwiches in a Jaffa cake box, it has been a successful plastic-free day. Mrs Vernon even bought her lunch in a cardboard egg box. Thank you everyone who took part in the initiative!

Date	Event	Involvement
Wednesday 11th November	11th Hour Ceremony in Chesterfield (local visit)	Year 5 and 6
Monday 16th- Friday 20th November	Book Fair in the School Hall, available before and after school, as well as during Wednesday's in-person Parents' Evening.	All and parents
Monday 16th- Friday 20th November	Anti-bullying week	Whole School
Monday 16th November	Holocaust Centre Visit (in-school)	Year 5 and 6
Tuesday 17th November	Whole School FREE cinema trip to see Wonka!	Whole School
Tuesday 17th November	Parents' Evening (phone calls)	Whole School
Wednesday 18th November	Parents' Evening (in-school)	Whole School
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas Fayre! 2 – 4 p.m. in the School Hall	Whole School and families

Important Information

As part of our site safety work, we will shortly be having some work completed on the trees next to the top gate. **Therefore, for health and safety reasons, the top gate will not be in use from Monday 7th December to Thursday 10th December**. This is due to the equipment and space needed to be able to safely carry out the necessary work. Therefore, entrance and exit to the school site at the start and end of the day will be through the **Derby Road entrances only**. We appreciate that this will cause a slight inconvenience for some families, but the work is necessary and we are unable to control the dates the work is completed. We thank you once again for your understanding.

Whole School Event

On Tuesday 17th November, we have once again secured our FREE tickets to Cineworld Chesterfield as part of the INTO FILM festival. This year, we will be going to watch Wonka, a film based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and the children will complete some reading and writing work around this.

As the film is a PG, we will be seeking parental consent after half term for your child to attend.

Year 3/4 Update

This week the children have been doing lots of work adding and subtracting over a boundary. We have been so impressed with their progress and hard work. They have also begun to learn their 8 times tables.

In writing, we have been developing our descriptive writing skills, preparing to describe a mysterious forest.

We have also enjoyed started our new reading book called 'Beowulf.'

Year 5/6 Update

This week the children have been looking into diary entries in further detail focusing on the book Goodnight Mr. Tom. In Maths, the children have been working on squared and cubed numbers as well as multiplying. On Wednesday, we are very fortunate to be attending the Remembrance Day service at the Town Hall. We will then be speaking to ex-veterans, which links nicely to our World War 2 topic.

WOW Wall Aim:

This week the children have been working on showing support to their peers. It has been great to see the children working well with their Kagan partners in class!

Next week, we will be looking at being **inclusive.** This might mean asking someone to play with a group they do not normally play with or supporting other children in their classes.

You can read more about what it means to be inclusive here: What is inclusion? - BBC Bitesize

Attendance

We have two attendance winners for last week!

Year3/4LW and 3/4SB with an impressive 97.4%!

Well done!

Diwali

The word Diwali means 'rows of lighted lamps'. It is celebrated by Hindu people across the world and will be celebrated on Sunday 8th November this year.

Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'diyas'.

For those celebrating, we would like to wish you a Happy Diwali, and hope your homes are filled with warmth and happiness.

BBC Bitesize – KS2 Religious Education Curriculum – What is Diwali? - BBC Bitesize

Menu:

Monday:

Chicken Curry

Quorn Curry

Tuesday:

Chicken Burger

Southern style Veggie Burger

Wednesday:

Roast Gammon Dinner

Quorn Fillet Dinner

Thursday:

Pizza

Pasta Bake

Friday:

Fish Fingers

Macaroni Cheese

Jacket potatoes and sandwich options are available daily.