

SPIRE JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Spire Junior School – Home

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Mrs Vernon's Message

Happy Children in Need Day! Children in Need

It has been great to celebrate Children in Need today with our non-uniform day and activities. We thank all those who have taken part, raised awareness and donated funds for this worthy cause.

By the side of every child- BBC Children in Need

We have also enjoyed taking our Life Skills group out in the community this week with a trip to Tesco to focus on Eat Well, as part of SMILERS. The children chose and bought their own healthy snacks. Well done everyone!

Christmas Tree Festival at the Crooked Spire

We have once again put up our school Christmas Tree as part of the festival at the Crooked Spire church in Chesterfield.

Details of the event, including opening times, can be found below:
Christmas Tree Festival | Chesterfield Parish

Please feel free to send in any pictures of your children with our tree if you do go to visit to enquiries@spire-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk

Book Fair

As a reminder, our book fair will start on Monday! All children will be able to go to the hall to see the books during the week and purchase if they are sent with money, or you are welcome to attend with your children before and after school when the gates open. The top gate will remain open a little later for the week.

Date	Event	Involvement
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

Year 3/4 Update

This week, we have completed our descriptive writing unit and produced excellent examples of this in our Writing Anthology books, showcasing the vocabulary and grammar that we have learnt this year.

In Maths, we have been working on understanding different aspects of multiplication, including multiplying three numbers together. Feel free to test us at home!



Year 5/6 Update

Year 5 and 6 were excellent at the Remembrance Service at Chesterfield Town Hall this week. They showed respect throughout the event and did us proud. Two of our children also laid a wreath at the memorial.

It was great to be able to link this to our History Learning too.

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.

Attendance

This week's winners are Y3/4SO with a very impressive 98.4%.

Well done!

WOW Wall Aim:

This week the children have been working on being inclusive to others in the classroom and around school.

Next week we will be focusing on our next Spire Standard – to be **resilient!**

Being resilient means not giving up when times are hard, giving things a go and rising up to face challenges even when tempted. We look forward to spotting our children showing resilience in their learning!

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 for your child to attend.

We will then be holding a 'Wonder Day' for the rest of the day, based around the film.

Menu:

Monday:

Veggie sausage roll

Jacket potato

Tuesday:

Pasta bolognaise

Pizza panini

Wednesday:

Sausages with Yorkshire pudding

Veggie sausages

Thursday:

Crispy chicken goujons

Veggie bolognaise

Friday:

Fish Fingers

Macaroni Cheese

Jacket potatoes and sandwich options are available daily.