

# SPRINGHALLOW NEWSLETTER

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End Spring Term 2017

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## TERM & HOLIDAY DATES

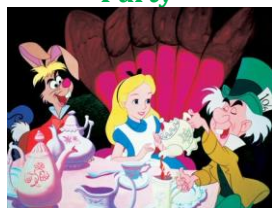
**Spring Term ends  
Friday 31 March 2017  
at 1.30 pm**

**Summer Term starts  
Tuesday 18 April 2017  
at 9.05am**

## SCHOOL TRIPS, VISITS & EVENTS THIS TERM

The Orchestra of St John's visited us on Friday 13 January

Eagle & Kestrel Classes went to the Theatre on Wednesday 18 January to see 'The Mad Hatters Tea Party'



Some Secondary pupils attended the Ealing Bus Day Event on Wednesday 25 January

*The Photographer visited school on Tuesday 31 January to take individual and class photos*

**Michelle (Teacher Kestrel class) and 3 students attended the Jack Petchey Awards ceremony at Greenford Hall on Wednesday 1 February**

E-Safety week began on Monday 6 February

Kestrel and Raven classes visited the Science museum on Tuesday 7 February

Oak Class visited the Bunny Park on Thursday 23 February

2 members of staff attended the SEND Fair at Ealing Town Hall on Friday 24 February

BIKEABILITY cycle training began on Monday 27 February for 5 weekly sessions for some of the Secondary students

Artists from the Create Project have been working with our secondary students and Teacher Cath each Wednesday for 4 weeks from 1 March plus an assembly on Friday 31 March

Thursday 2 March saw the Children dressed up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day



A Governing Body meeting was held in the evening of Thursday 2 March

Some of our secondary students attended a college taster day at Southall College on Friday 3 March

On Tuesday 7 March, Raven & Kestrel classes visited St Paul's Cathedral



Parents Evening was held on Wednesday 8 March

Our Vice Chair of Governors visited on Monday 13 March to meet with our School Council

Eagle & Raven classes visited Greenwich Royal Observatory on Tuesday March 14

Birch Class visited the Wetlands Centre on Friday 17 March

A meeting was held for parents of the secondary students attending the Isle of Wight residential trip in May on 20 March

Osprey class visited a Greenford church on Tuesday 21 March and Kestrel class attended a workshop at ASDA on the same day

A Brazilian Samba workshop was held in school on Wednesday 22 March



Oak class visited the Hackney Empire on Thursday 23 March



**RED NOSE DAY – Friday 24 March saw children dressed up and staff in their pyjamas**

Maple class went to the Log Cabin Adventure Playground on Friday 24 March

**World Autism Awareness Week began on Monday 27 March**

**The children took part in lots of activities during the week to celebrate ‘coming together’**

Tuesday 28 March was a very busy day with Osprey Class visiting the Science Museum, Raven Class attended a Football Tournament with John Chilton School and Kestrel class volunteered their services for rubbish recycling at Blondin Park, South Ealing

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March was also the start of Science Week at Springhallow

Magpie & Kestrel classes visited Ruislip Lido on Thursday 30 March

Our new Family Worker Ana de Blas Pin has taken over from Catriona who left at Christmas. Ana has hosted a number of workshops and coffee mornings for Parents this term

Zuza, Assistant Headteacher, has gained the services of the Schools Career Cluster Project who have received funding for special schools to work in collaboration with various employers. They aim to raise the aspirations of our young people into college and the workplace. Two ladies from the Project visited school on 6 March; Nat West personnel had already visited on Thursday 2 March for an assembly

Pam Wiggins, our School Business Manager, is running the London marathon on Sunday 23 April for United Response – a charity that supports young people with Autism and Special Needs to live independent lives.

Her charity page for donations can be found at: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=pamela-wiggins-prls2016-33586>

We have hosted a number of students and volunteers this term. We thank them all for their kind help

As usual Dawn has undertaken training sessions for mainstream schools this term and has also continued (with Michelle & Chan’s help) to deliver Team Teach training for staff

The Friends of Springhallow held their Spring Concert on Saturday 25 March There were some wonderful performances by The Rock Band and Springhallow pupils

### **COLLEGE COURSES**

Secondary students have continued attending courses on ICT & Employability Skills and Construction & Life Skills at Redwood College each Monday

We say goodbye to Badria who left this term. Badria worked as an SMSA and relief Teaching Assistant. She has been with us since June 2009. We wish her all the very best for the future

Our new Headteacher, Matthew Sartin will be joining Springhallow at the start of next term.

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All the staff would like to thank CATHAL who has kept us all going for the past two terms since Andy’s departure.

He has done an absolutely brilliant job as Acting Headteacher and we hope he can now relax and enjoy his Easter break – he deserves it

We hope you all have a wonderful, peaceful Easter holiday and look forward to seeing the children back on **Tuesday 18 April 2017**

