



Newsletter

September 2017

Message from Matthew	<p>Reflecting back, we had a very successful end to the last academic year and the pupils were able to display their unique skills and talents at SHINE. It was a joy to see so many of you there to support this special event.</p> <p>I am pleased to say that the vast majority of children have settled well into their new classes. It was great to see so much enthusiasm to be back at school but to also to hear about the exciting experiences that your children have had over their six week break.</p> <p>We have welcomed a number of new children into YR and Y7, as well as new staff, and it already seems like they have always been here.</p> <p>As a staff team, we started the academic year with an INSET day focusing on maximising the use of teaching assistants, to ensure that your children are receiving the best possible teaching and learning opportunities.</p> <p>We also had a staff meeting, involving some of our school governors, reviewing the school's vision and values. This will be shared once finalised.</p> <p>Our new School Development Plan is available on the website, highlighting the priorities for the school over this academic year. This has been put together based on feedback from a wide range of sources, including feedback from staff and parents.</p> <p>As always, please do not hesitate to contact me, or one of our school leaders (Cathal, Maria, Zusa or Dawn) if you wish to discuss anything.</p>
Governor news	<p>After many years as chair of the governing body, Mary Geddes, is stepping down from this role. A new chair will be elected at the next full governing body meeting due to take place next week. Mary has worked tirelessly in her role as chair and has supported the leadership of the school through many changes. Mary isn't stepping back completely, and will remain on the governing body.</p> <p>There is also a vacancy for a new parent governor. If you are interested in finding out more information about this important role, please contact the school office and they will be able to put you in touch with one of our existing governors to explain the requirements in more detail.</p>
Staffing news	<p>Our two new teachers have settled in well in our Primary department - Rohima Ali (Elm) and Priya Sharma (Birch). We also have a member of staff completing teacher training, Jaimini Patel, who will be teaching in Maple class this term alongside Laheib.</p> <p>We have also appointed new teaching assistants who are working in the following classes: Hamza Saleem (Magpie), Sharon Ashton (Elm from October), Miriam Lofgren- Bangs (Ash) and Yasmin Frances (Maple).</p>
Family Support Worker	<p>From September Ana De Blas Pin, our Family Support Worker, will be working five days per week in this role. We are funding this increase in provision through our Pupil Premium funding. Ana is able to offer support and advice on a wide range of situations, drawing on her extensive experience and support networks. The first parent's meeting is taking place on Tuesday 19th September and will be a good chance to meet her, if you do not already know her. Ana can be contacted through the school office or directly by email ana@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk</p>

Teaching and Learning	If you are interested in supporting the learning taking place in school at home, please have a look at the curriculum planning documents on our website (<i>Curriculum, Long Term Plans</i>) to give you an idea of what the current topics are, and the planned topics for the forthcoming year.
Summer Club	Maria and the team did a fabulous job offering your children fun packed days during summer club. I am sure that you all wish to join us in thanking everyone who helped out. Extended school provision is dependent on securing funding, so if you did use this service, please complete the feedback form you have received, as this provides the school with vital evidence to help secure funding for future schemes.
Pupil Attendance	<p>Last year we achieve an overall percentage for pupil attendance of 94%, this is good but is just short of our target of 95%. Please help us achieve this goal this year.</p> <p>Your child should be at school every day, unless they are unwell or have a medical/therapy appointment. In exceptional circumstances, leave may be granted and any requests need to be made in writing to Matthew using the form that is available on the website.</p> <p>If your child is unwell, please do not send them into school. If they have required medicine, they are probably not well enough to be in school and we will be ringing you to come and collect them. It is important that the school office have your contact details, and those of other trusted adults who can collect your child.</p> <p>If you struggle to get your child back into school/onto the school transport following an absence, please let us know as we are able to help with tried and tested strategies.</p>
Dropping off and picking up	<p>The sports hall will be open from 8.50am and 3.00pm. A member of the SLT will be present to oversee the safety and welfare of the pupils. Please try to arrive at these times to avoid unnecessary waiting.</p> <p>The school day officially starts at 9.05am and ends at 3.15pm – please stick to these times. <i>Drop off and collection at other times should be agreed in advance and will take place at the school reception.</i></p> <p>If you are running late, please inform the school office. Late drop off and collection impacts staff and can cause distress for your children.</p> <p>If you need to speak to someone in the school office, please wait until your child has been collected/dropped off, and then use the main entrance at the front of the school.</p>
Therapy Provision	<p>Please see below the therapy arrangement for our school from September 2017.</p> <p>SLT - Cathy Holman (Tuesday) – Lead Therapist, Karen Kemmis-Betty (Thursday) and Katie Sharp (Tuesday & Thursday)</p> <p>OT - Debbie Dunne (Tuesday am) – Lead Therapist and Nicole Readie (Tuesday, Wednesday am, Thursday)</p> <p>The therapy teams support the class staff in agreeing and working on therapy targets, as well as carrying out some group and individual sessions. Therapists can be contacted through the School Office should you wish to discuss your child’s individual therapy needs.</p>
Friends of Springhallow	<p>The Summer Fair saw the end of a very productive year for the Friends of Springhallow. Thanks to all the hard work from Juliana and the rest of the friends, money has been spent over the summer on improving the outside primary play area and making this space much larger and more stimulating. The school has also just heard that we have been successful in obtaining a new Variety Club minibus through match funding from the friends and the Variety Club Golf Society!</p> <p>Juliana has stepped down from her role as chair and we are looking for someone else to take this role on and continue the momentum that has been established... Please come and talk to Cathal if interested. The next meeting for the will be on Tuesday 3rd October 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>

Upcoming Dates	AUTUMN TERM	
	September	
	4/9/17	INSET
	19/9/17 (9.30am)	Parents group meeting - Coffee Morning
	October	
	2/10/17 (9.30am)	Parents group meeting
	3/10/17 (9.15am)	Friends of Springhallow AGM
	4/10/17 (from 3.30pm)	Parents Evening
	16/10/17	Parents group meeting
	WC 23/10/17	Half Term
	November	
	6/11/17	Parents group meeting
	December	
	19/12/17	Term ends (1.30pm)
	20/12/17	INSET
	SPRING TERM	
	January	
	2/1/18	INSET
	3/1/18	Students return to school
	February	
	WC 12/2/18	Half Term
	21/2/17 (from 3.30pm)	Parents Evening
	March	
	29/3/18	Term ends (1.30pm)
	SUMMER TERM	
	April	
	16/4/18	Students return to school
	May	
	8/5/18	IOW Residential
	25/5/18 (1.30pm)	SHINE
	WC 28/5/18	Half Term
	June	
4/6/18	INSET	
July		
10/7/18	Transition Afternoon (1.30 – 3pm)	
11/7/18 (from 5pm)	Parents Evening – Meet new teachers & Celebration evening	
WC 16/7/18	Activity week	
20/7/18 (10am)	Leavers Assembly	
20/7/18	Term ends (1.30pm)	