



# Newsletter

## July 2018

### Message from Matthew



I am writing this newsletter at the end of another successful academic year. We are pleased that Ofsted visited us in January and confirmed that we continue to be a good school. We have been working on their recommendations and hopefully by their next visit we will be even better!

Thank you so much for the positive feedback during the consultation for our Post 16 proposal. The feedback we received from you and other stakeholders has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive. We will publish an overview of the response, answering queries where we can in the new academic year, and hopefully have some good news following the Cabinet meeting in October.

It is with sadness that we are saying goodbye to some of our staff and pupils, many of whom have been in the school for a number of years. We wish all of our leavers the best in the next stages of their lives.

We have a number of new pupils and staff joining us in September and are looking forward to welcoming them into the Springhallow community.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer. I wish to give special thanks to Maria and the staff supporting the summer club, whose summer break will be starting a little later, but who are providing you with some much needed respite during the beginning of the holidays. See you all in September!

### Message from Brigitte Bistrick-Bryan



The end of another eventful year. Matthew has already expressed our heartfelt thank you and good byes to all staff who are leaving us for new opportunities. Springhallow school means so much to families because everyone works incredibly hard to make a difference to the children's education and life, and governors are grateful to all the wonderful staff who contributed so much again over the year. I look forward to our Leavers' Assembly on Friday which is always a bitter sweet event.

Looking at the year ahead, governors will continue to support the school's bid to extend the age range to be able to offer a post 16 option to our pupils from September 2019 onwards. Many of you have given us very positive feedback and we feel greatly encouraged to know Springhallow parents overwhelmingly support our plans.

Another focus for the next year will be the work towards closer partnership with parents as part of the Family School Partnership Award scheme. All children develop better if everyone involved in their care and education works together and we are aiming to increase the opportunities for parents to get involved more closely in the children's school life.

For now I wish you all a good summer and look forward to meeting you at one of our school events in the next term.

### Staffing

I am pleased to announce that Marta da Costa Pereira has been successfully appointed as class teacher from September in Maple class. Marta is an experienced class teacher, who has been working as a TA with us for a number of years.

We will be saying goodbye to two TAs, Yasmin (Maple class) and Giordano (Eagle class), at the end of term. Yasmin is leaving to study to be an Educational Psychologist and Giordano is commencing teacher training. We will be welcoming two new TAs in September, Ewelina Bargiel and Monika Zabkiewicz, to the team.

<b>Parking on site</b>	<p>As many of you know, our school site is getting more and more congested with vehicles at the beginning and end of the day. To ensure that the pupils are safe, we will be shutting the main gates during these times. If you wish to come into the school grounds to drop off your child/collect them, please come in through the end gates (by the study centre) and join the minibuses. You are then able to collect your child from the hall, but will have to wait until the arrivals or dismissals have been completed before you can leave this school site. If you wish to make a quicker exit, please park responsibly away from the school ground.</p>
<b>Morning Clubs</b>	<p>We are pleased to continue to offer a before school club for all children at Springhallow. If your child is in the primary department, you can drop off your child from 8am for a fee of £2, via ParentPay. Please provide a small snack for them to have. If your child is in the secondary department, there is no charge for this service and it is also available from 8am.</p>
<b>Upcoming Dates</b>	<p>Please see attached dates for the forthcoming academic year. In response to feedback from parents, we have tried to set as many dates as early as possible but some may be subject to change. We will try to stick to them!</p>



## Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2018	
<b>September</b>	
3/9/18	INSET – School not open to pupils
13/9/18 (9.30am)	Parents Coffee Morning
<b>October</b>	
1/10/18 (9.30am)	Parent Group – Managing Behaviours
3/10/18 (from 3.30pm)	Parents’ Evening
11/10/18 (6.30pm)	Transition Evening – Pupils from Year 9
12/10/18 (9.30am)	Parent Group – Polish Speakers
15/10/18 (9.30am)	Parent Group – Singapore Maths (Laheib)
16/10/18	Secondary MfL Day (and Parent Assembly in afternoon)
22/10/18 – 26/10/18	Half Term
<b>November</b>	
8/11/18 (9.30am)	Parent Group – Makaton 1 of 3 (Melinda)
22/11/18 (9.30am)	Parent Group – Makaton 2 of 3 (Melinda)
29/11/18 (9.30am)	Parent Group – Makaton 3 of 3 (Melinda)
<b>December</b>	
12/12/18 (12.30pm)	Parent Group – Literacy (Jenny and Cat)
14/12/18	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
18/12/18 (2pm)	Stay and Play (Hub 1)
20/12/18 (2pm)	Stay and Play (Hub 2)
21/12/18	Last day of Autumn term – School finishes at 1.30pm
SPRING TERM 2019	
<b>January</b>	
7/1/19	Spring term begins
21/1/19 (9.30am)	Parent Group – DLA and PIP
<b>February</b>	
4/2/19 (9.30am)	Parent Group – Transitions
11/2/19	Secondary Enterprise Day (and Parent Assembly in afternoon)
21/2/19 (from 3.30pm)	Parents’ Evening
15/2/19	INSET – School not open to pupils
18/2/19 – 22/2/19	Half Term
<b>March</b>	
4/3/19 (9.30am)	Parent Group – OT (TBC)
18/3/19 (9.30am)	Parent Group – SLT (TBC)
<b>April</b>	
1/4/19 (9.30am)	Parent Group – OT and SLT (TBC)
2/4/19 (2pm)	Stay and Play (Hub 2)
4/4/19 (2pm)	Stay and Play (Hub 1)
5/4/19	Last day of Spring term – School finishes at 1.30pm

**SUMMER TERM 2019**

<b>April</b>	
23/4/19	Summer term begins
<b>May</b>	
7/5/19	IOW Residential
7/5/19 (9.30am)	Parent Group – Managing Behaviours
20/5/19 (9.30am)	Parent Group – eSafety
24/5/19 (1.30pm)	SHINE
27/5/19 – 31/5/19	Half Term
<b>June</b>	
<b>Friday 7/6/19</b>	<b>INSET – School not open to pupils PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE</b>
10/5/19 (9.30am)	Parent Group – Sleep Issues
24/6/19 (9.30am)	Parent Group – Clinical Psychology
<b>July</b>	
3/7/19 (am)	Sports Day (Primary)
5/7/19 (am)	Sports Day (Secondary)
8/7/19 (9.30am)	Parent Group – Social Stories
WC 15/7/19	Activity week – Secondary pupils
17/7/19	Transition Afternoon (1.30 – 3pm) Parents' Celebration Evening (5-6.30pm)
19/7/19 (10am)	Leavers Assembly & BBQ
19/7/19	Last day of Summer term – School finishes at 1.30pm
22/7/19	INSET – In lieu of TWILIGHTS
23/7/19	INSET – In lieu of TWILIGHTS
24/7/19	Occasional Day
25/7/19	Occasional Day
26/7/19	Occasional Day