



Spring Gardens Primary School

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Dear parent/carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. I hope you managed to miss the bad weather over the half term break and got chance to enjoy Halloween and bonfire night.

Move to Centurion Multi Academy Trust

I wanted to just share with you an update following on from the recent consultation period. We continue to move towards creating the new Multi Academic Trust with Battle Hill, Hadrian Park and Denbigh Primary Schools. Burradon Primary School has decided not to continue with conversion at this time. The conversion date for the remaining four schools is still set for 1st January 2024, although this is dependent on all the legal agreements being in place in an appropriate timescale. There will be no significant change or difference for the children coming back after the Christmas holidays with no change to the school name, uniform etc. I will keep you informed on the progress this term and hopefully on the successful completion of timescales for the conversion as planned.

As we move into the winter months and the weather continues to deteriorate, it is as important as ever that your child comes to school with the proper clothing. Please make sure that they have an appropriate coat every day, even if it is not raining when they leave to come to school. Please also ensure that they have their PE kit in school so that any opportunity for exercise can be taken up.

As with every term, the next 7 weeks are planned to be as busy as ever. I've added some of the key events below but please check the school calendar regularly for other things happening and any changes.

Children in Need 2023

On Friday 17th November, we are inviting all children to come into school in non-uniform to support this year's Children in Need campaign. If you are able to give a donation of any amount then that would be truly amazing and we would be delighted to pass onto the charity.

Friends of Spring Gardens

The next meeting for Friends of Spring Gardens is on Friday 17th November in school at 4:00pm. If you are able to come along and see what help/support you could offer or even just to see what is involved please do.

Parent and Carer Consultation Evening

Information concerning this term's parents and carers consultation evening will be sent out via email in the next couple of days. Please make sure that you log in and book your appointments for all children; as in previous years, the appointments are all online to ensure that we are able to offer equity to all parents and carers. Please note, it is extremely important that you sign up for this to ensure that you have the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher and share what is working well in school and any areas for focus for the coming months.

SchoolComms – Update

We intend to start using SchoolComms as our primary means of relaying important information to parents/carers from 1st December. If you have not already downloaded the app and registered for an account, please do so. Instructions

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are on our website in the Newsletter section: [school-gateway-access-guide.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/school-gateway-access-guide.pdf)
Following our anticipated MAT conversion in January, we hope to roll out online payments through SchoolComms.

Christmas Events

Year 1 and 2 Nativity

- Tuesday 12th December (09:15 – 10:30)
- Wednesday 13th December (13:15 – 14:30)

Early Years Christmas Crafts and carols

Nursery

- Afternoon children – Tuesday 12th December 14:30 – 15:30
- Morning children – Wednesday 13th December 10:30 – 11:30

Reception

- Class 1 – Friday 15th December 09:00 – 10:00
- Class 2 – Thursday 14th December 09:00 – 10:00

Key Stage 2 Carol Service – Friday 15th December 14:00

Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Parties

- Monday 18th December Year 2 and Year 5
- Tuesday 19th December – Year 1 and Year 4
- Wednesday 20th December – Nursery
- Thursday 21st December – Reception
- Friday 22nd December – Year 3 and Year 6

Thank you as always for your continued support and all staff look forward to working together this term.

Mr. T Jones

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