



# Springhill Catholic Primary School

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**Together, we will do our best for Jesus**

"The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life." - John 4:14

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are entering the month of October already. It is starting to feel cold in the mornings and Autumn is definitely in the air.

### Parents' Evenings:

This first set of parents' evenings are in November – the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November. We will send out the booking information soon. When we conducted a parent survey last year, the feedback was that parents liked to have a mixture of virtual and face to face meetings. We have therefore decided that the November meetings will all be virtual however the spring term meetings will all be face to face. The children have more work in the books by the spring meetings so these meetings will all be face to face so you can also view your children's work and books.

Before the November meetings, you will receive a target setting sheet for your child (Year 1 – 6) which will then be discussed at the meeting with your child's class teacher.

### Chaplaincy Visit:

Fr Vincent and Fr David came to visit Springhill on Wednesday. Fr David is the new parish assistant priest for St Joseph's and St Edmund's (he has taken over from Fr Johnpromise). Fr Vincent is retiring in early November and we will be very sad to say goodbye to him.

### Governing Body:

Our school has an active governing body and we have a wonderful team who volunteer their time and work quietly behind the scenes to ensure Springhill can be the best it can be. Our chair of governors is Graham Joslin and our vice chair is Becky Magee. They both served in these roles last year and will continue to do so this year. A huge thank you to them. A huge thank you to our whole team who also include Fr Tom Kleinschmidt, Nick Le Prevost, Anthony Rouse, Chika Ikejuibe, Fia Fedele, Karen Clement, Mrs Crighton-Lee, Mrs Hall and we have 2 new governors who have started with us: Anita Tillyer and Theresa Airiemiokhale. Thank you governors for all you do for our school.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ashworth

Head Teacher

### **Our current leading house**



### **Working together to improve attendance**

Target 97% and above

Year Group Summary:  
w/c : 25/09/2023

Year F - 98.1%  
Year 1 - 96.8%  
Year 2 - 94.5%  
Year 3 - 98.8%  
Year 4 - 98.3%  
Year 5 - 96.9%  
Year 6 - 97%



## Sport News:

Sports events are up and running now and it has been a busy start to the new school year for the children.

Our U11 girls' football team defeated Highfield C of E School 1-0 in a close friendly match. Their league commenced this week, resulting in a win, a draw and a loss, before they lost 3-0 to a strong Bartley C of E School yesterday in the County Cup.

Twelve Year 1 and 2 children attended a Basketball Festival at Cantell College where they practised and improved their dribbling, passing and shooting skills, and were all better players by the time the event finished.

Twelve children from Years 3 and 4 took part in a Dodgeball Tournament last week, playing matches against other primary schools. All the children enjoyed this fun event and, similar to the above, were all better players by the time they returned to school.

The U11 boys' football team took part in the annual Eastleigh FC tournament. Playing excellent football throughout, they deservedly finished in first place, having won all their 6 games bar one draw. They have now qualified for the Play Off final on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October when they will play on the main pitch at half time of Eastleigh's home game versus York City in front of a crowd of 2,000! Well done and good luck to Niall, Liam, Roman, Filip, Adriano, Jacob, Vinnie and Leo!



The cross country league started and, as always, Springhill provided the highest number of runners from the participating primary schools, 34 children taking part. Well run to all of you and special mention to George (8th), Roman (11th), Eddie (13th) and Lochlann (14th) in their race. Aoife (5th), Nadia (10th), Keira (13th) and Aurora (17th) were our top placed runners in the girls' race. Well done to all our runners and good luck to all of you running today!



Mr Cowap looks forward to seeing the two U9 football teams tomorrow at Stroud School. Please remember to arrive at Stroud School (SO51 9ZH) at 1pm, wearing the kit your child has brought home today, moulded studded football boots and shinpads. Mr Cowap has spare boots and shinpads if needed. Please refer to previous emails for all the other information for the day.

## School meals:

### **Favourite Dinners Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October for school census:**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October the children will be having a “Favourite Dinners” menu for their school lunch. School lunches for this day must be pre-ordered by midday on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October .

We would like to encourage all children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a school dinner on 5th October as a census is made on this day; this directly affects the funding that the school receives which, in turn, will benefit your child.

## Lunch Menu:

### **Week 3 Summer Menu: weeks commencing 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> Jun, 10<sup>th</sup> Jul, 11<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Blue</b>	 Chicken nuggets	 Beef chilli potato wedges	 Vegetable curry	 Roast pork	 Salmon fishcake
<b>Yellow</b>	 Chickpea & vegetable burger	 Pizza	 Vegetarian sausage	 Vegan sausage roll	 Rainbow pizza
<b>Purple</b>	 Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	 Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	 Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	 Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	 Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans
<b>Orange</b>	 Cheese roll or 1/2 baguette	 Ham roll or 1/2 baguette	 Egg mayo roll or 1/2 baguette	<b>FAVOURITE DINNERS DAY</b>  (school census)	 Cheese roll or 1/2 baguette
<b>Dessert</b>	Honey cookie	Fruit wedges & shortbread	Orange drizzle cake	Melting moment cookie or fruit	Iced cookie

## Useful information:

### **Turn2us benefits calculator**

Use this free and confidential benefits calculator to find out what benefits you are entitled to claim.

<https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk/>



## Online Safety:

### Age ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below:

- Films:** The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': <https://www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online>.
- Video games:** PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games.
- Apps:** Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability.
- Social Media networks:** All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+.

### Congratulations!

Elin and Evie on successfully completing the 12 mile walk along the Test Way, smiling all the way and enjoying themselves!

Thank you to all in the Springhill community who supported them with love, prayers and donations, helping them to fundraise the fare for one child to go to Lourdes at Easter 2024.



### Parents' Association:

All parents and carers of Springhill children are invited to the **Annual General Meeting** of the Parents' Association on **Wednesday the 11th of October at 7.30pm** at the school. As a registered charity, we are legally required to hold this meeting and to have a minimum number of parent members attend so that we can approve the financial accounts, take votes on committee changes (some big announcements are being made!) and discuss upcoming plans. Please do come along if you can; we will aim to be finished promptly and wine and snacks will be available! Looking forward to seeing you there.

**PA Team**

### Church News:

#### St Joseph's & St Edmund's



**Diary date:** Friday 20th October, 7:00pm - 'Thanksgiving & Farewell Mass' celebrated by Fr Vincent, followed by reception/gathering in St Anne's.

If you would like to contribute to Fr Vincent's retirement collection, details are available in the church newsletter.

**Children's choir:** once monthly for the children's family Mass.

Commencing 1st October. Children who are interested, please attend Mass on 1st October at 8:40am for hymn practice.

Weekly Newsletter available to view at:

<https://www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org/newsletter>

#### Immaculate Conception Church

**Diary date:** Saturday 7th October - A Day with Mary, celebrate a Marian festivity

Weekly Newsletter available to view at:

<https://www.immaculateconception.church/newsletter>

**Catholic Home Care** - Vacancies for permanent and holiday cover carers, helping older people in their homes.



Full details from Xanthe Hackett or Marina Joyce 023 8017 0498

Tel: 023 8017 0498

Email: [catholichomecare@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:catholichomecare@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Closing date – Monday 9th October 2023, Interviews 17th October 2023**

### Secondary School Open Days:

**St George Catholic College Open evening:**

Thursday 5th October, 5:00-8:00pm. For Years 4 - 6

**King Edward VI School Open evening:** Friday 6th October, 6:00-8:30pm. For applications to join in Year 7 in September 2024.

Admission (free) by pre-booked ticket from:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/king-edward-vi-school-open-evening-2023-tickets-658405377207>

Application pack and more information available by email to [registrar@kes.hants.sch.uk](mailto:registrar@kes.hants.sch.uk)

Closing date for applications: Monday 13th November, 2023

Taster morning: Tuesday 7th November

## Half-term holiday daycamps at Fairthorne Manor:

# The **Best** School Holidays **Ever!**

Fairthorne Daycamps are your ticket to thrilling outdoor adventures and endless excitement! From fire lighting to abseiling and survival challenges, the range of activities is sure to ignite your child's inner explorer. With something for everyone, Daycamps are the ultimate school holiday experience!

**For children in school Year 4- Year 11**

- **When:** 23rd - 27th October 2023
- **Where:** Fairthorne Manor, SO30 2GH.
- **Time:** 9am-6pm (extend to 7:45am-6pm for an extra £17 per day, includes breakfast & tea) or choose am or pm only
- **Price:** Starts from £37 per day. We accept Childcare Vouchers or Tax-Free Childcare payments.

Find out more & book now: 

**YMCA**



Is your daughter interested in playing (more) football?! Please see below.



## NEW U10 GIRLS TEAM

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE GIRLS TO JOIN OUR NEW U10 GIRLS TEAM FOR THE 23/24 SEASON

YEAR 4 OR 5 FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023

TRAINING IS CURRENTLY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT TESTWOOD SCHOOL, TOTTON

MATCHES WILL BE ON SATURDAYS

THERE IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO COACH THE TEAM. PACE WILL PROVIDE A FULL FA DBS CHECK AND FA COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

PLEASE CONTACT [GIRLSSECRETARY@PACEFC.CO.UK](mailto:GIRLSSECRETARY@PACEFC.CO.UK) FOR MORE INFORMATION





## NEW U8 GIRLS TEAM

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE GIRLS TO JOIN OUR NEW U8 GIRLS TEAM FOR THE 23/24 SEASON

YEAR 2 OR 3 FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023

TRAINING IS CURRENTLY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT TESTWOOD SCHOOL, TOTTON

MATCHES WILL BE ON SATURDAYS

THERE IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO COACH THE TEAM. PACE WILL PROVIDE A FULL FA DBS CHECK AND FA COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

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### Head Teacher Award

Isabella - Year 6  
 Ludovica - Year 6  
 Emilina - Year 6  
 Zendy - Year 6  
 Christel - Year 6  
 Amelia - Year 6  
 Thalia - Year 5

### Deputy Head Teacher Award

Francis - 2RL  
 Aisha - 2RL

### Assistant Head Teacher Award

Hanna - 5LK  
 Julia K - 5EW  
 Isla - 5EW

### Teacher Award

FDH	Anwyll	Annmaria
FEL	Seth	Jordan
FGS	Kiaan	Alicja
1DB	Joao	Kacper
1SR	Leonor	Gabriel
1NC	Patricia	Sean
2EW	Michal	Ameya
2RL	Ryan M	Diana
2OD	Cass	Jack
3CL	Daniel M	Grace M
3DR	Samuel L	Ronnie
3MR	Ludovico	Iris
4SW	Jason	Chelsea
4BM	Antoni	Tymon
4JH	Jakub	Arthur
5EW	Fabian	Andriya
5GM	Aleksandra	Maxima
5LK	Zoila	Jake
6LP	John O	Emilia
6JS	Logan	Leo
6JP	Shadrach	Olivia L



## Doing Our Best for Jesus Certificates



Class	Name
FDH	Uxia
FEL	Milana
FGS	Alessia
1DB	Eva
1SR	Julian
1NC	Amyah
2EW	Isabella
2RL	Christo
2OD	Ivon
3CL	Stan
3DR	Giovanna
3MR	Alicja
4SW	Fiyin
4BM	Gabi
4JH	Sam
5EW	Mati
5GM	David
5LK	Libby
6LP	Azeez B
6JS	Amelia
6JP	Oliwka

Springhill is a diverse community which we are proud of. If English is not your first language - you can copy and paste school emails and newsletters into google translate and they will be changed to your preferred language:  
<https://translate.google.co.uk/>