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SPRINGSIDE PRIMARY & EYC

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Autumn is here for sure with shorter days and darker evenings. As it gets colder and wetter we ask that you send your children to school with layers they can remove, e.g. jumpers, cardigans, and that weatherproof jackets are worn everyday as the weather changes quickly in Scotland!

On particular chilly days, tights and leggings, hats, scarfs and gloves will keep children warm in the playground. We ask that you label items with your child's name. If you require any extra uniform, then help yourself from our uniform tubs located at the school office.

It has been lovely watching the children settle in to new classes with new teachers and it has been a joy to look at their work when they come for HT awards. The improvement in work this term is brilliant to see.

We are excited to welcome all parents/carers and family members into our first 'Spring Inside and See Learning' session tomorrow. It will be a great way for you to meet the teacher, have a chat with SLT (if you wish) and complete some fun tasks with your child. It was also give you a chance to look around the school and chat to your child about their work. Please come to the school office for 2:15 tomorrow. If you have more than one child in the school you can pop into different classes across the afternoon.

Please take a look at our October newsletter, I hope you find the information useful.

Should there be any issues, worries or successes that you feel I should be aware of, then please contact me directly by email gordonwilson@ea365.n-ayrshire.sch.uk

Best Wishes
Mr Wilson
Head Teacher

Road Safety at Springside

Primary

Hopefully you have had the opportunity to read a recent letter I wrote about children being safe on our roads when travelling to and from school. It has been amazing to see

more children wearing helmets and walking their bikes in from the top of Station Road. I want to thank all parents/carers and pupils for their support in this matter. We will be also launching some JRSO events in the coming months to help improve children's road safety awareness led by Miss Gaw.



Attendance

26 pupils from across the school are currently sitting below 90% attendance. Attendance to school is a legal obligation. Whilst I understand holidays are much cheaper during term time and at times special circumstances, can I please ask that these are kept to a minimum across the year? It is essential for our pupils to attend school to ensure they are not missing out on key skills being taught. I will always work with families and fully understand that children can be ill, but together we must try to improve attendance across the school.

PE Days

PE will be on the following days for classes:

P1/2	Monday & Wednesday
P3/4	Tuesday & Friday
P4/5	Tuesday & Thursday
P5/6	Monday & Thursday
P6/7	Wednesday and Thursday

This is a gentle reminder to all parents/carers to ensure that all pupils bring their PE kit with them on their allocated days. We are investing in high quality PE lessons this session with Mrs Lockwood and it can be really difficult for pupils to fully take part when they do not have their kit. Thanks for your understanding!

Halloween @ Springside

This year children at Springside will have the opportunity to dress up and take part in Halloween themed activities in class on Thursday 31st October. This is always **optional** and children who don't wish to dress up can wear ordinary clothes or their uniform.

When thinking about costumes please ensure your child can easily get their costume on and off for lunch, toilet etc. If possible try to avoid sending in accessories or items that can be used as weapons or can hurt other children (yes this happens every year!). Teachers will organise activities in class and we hope everyone has a great time.



Halloween Disco

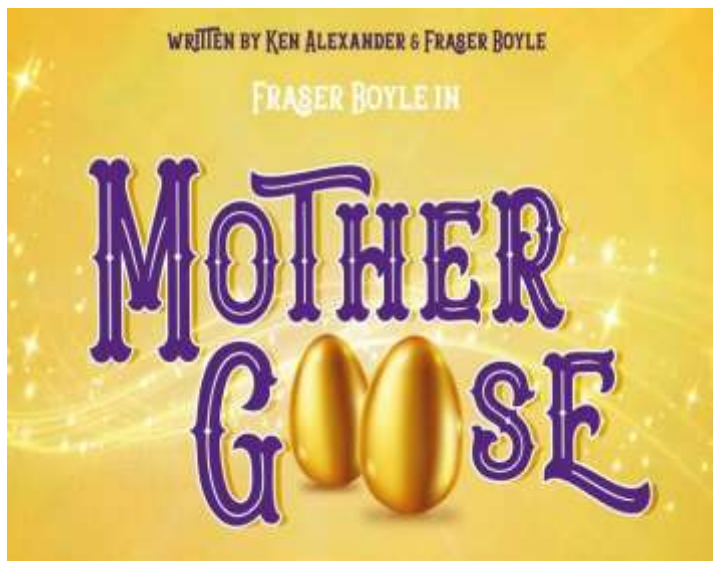
The Parent Council are also supporting the school by having a Halloween Disco for pupils across the school on Tuesday 29th October.

- P1-P3 Disco – 5:30-6:30
- P4-P7 Disco 6:45-7:45

We hope to see you all there for a Spoooooooky time!

Panto – Oh yes it is!

This year we are taking the children to Ayr Gaiety to see 'Mother Goose' in the morning of November 20th. A letter with further details and cost will be sent out today by our school office. We hope the children have a brilliant time and thanks very much to the Parent Council for covering the cost of the buses to allow our children to attend.



Parents Evening/ Learning Conversations November 24/25



This session there will be two written reports and two Learning Conversations with you, your child and the Class Teacher. This is an increase on previous years. We introduced having your child attend these meetings with you, which was met really positively and we wish all children to attend the meetings to have their say.

The first of the written reports is an interim report. This will give you an indication of how your child has settled in their new class, how they are learning and their effort in class. **You will receive this report on Friday 1st November.** The appointment slip for the first **Learning Conversation on Wednesday 20th November** will be sent out on the week beginning 28th October. Please complete the slip and return it to school ASAP in order for Mrs Cook to allocate appointments.

Remember, if you have a question about your child's wellbeing or learning at any time please make an appointment to talk to their Class Teacher, the PT Mrs Conway or myself.

At our first Learning Conversations/Parents Evening we will have a book fair. We are trying to promote reading for enjoyment so please pop in on the 20th November to buy a book.

School Improvement Visit



This session we are scheduled to have a local authority improvement visit. A team of 6 will come to work with Mrs Conway and myself on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October look at learning and teaching within the school. We are looking forward to having these visitors in the school and to the dialogue that this visit will bring as we continually strive to improve our school. The team is led by Sharon McDowell our Senior Manager. We feel confident about the progress

we have made and feel pupils are benefitting greatly. Feedback will be shared with me at the end of the visit and in turn, I will share this with our school community.

Harvest Coffee Morning

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P5/6 have been working on their leadership skills and organising our Harvest Coffee Morning. They have been writing letters, making posters and organising areas in the school. We can't wait to welcome all of our parent/carers and wider community to this event on **Friday 11th October at 9:30am**. We will have live performances from our classes throughout the morning too, so please drop in for a tea/coffee and cake and listen to some beautiful singing.



P5/6 are asking for food donations/non-perishable items to be donated which will help different families across our local community.

Additionally if possible and you are able, we are asking for donations of cakes/biscuits to support this event. If you can please drop these into school on Thursday 10th October. We very much value your support!



There will also be a raffle on the day.

Homework Club

We hope you have been enjoying our Homework Club on Monday afternoons. It's a great way to support your child to complete tasks they have been set for the week. We now have up to 5 tables full of parents/carers and pupils which is amazing to see. Please come along next Monday from 3-3:30pm.



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We have had an exciting month in our Early Years Class. We have been making lots of positive changes to bring about the best experiences for our pupils. Pupils Personal Learning Plans have been completed and shared with our parents/carers. If you every have any questions about your child’s target then please ask a member of the team and they can help, guide and support you.



We have been working really hard on improving our environment and it’s amazing to see the pupils engaging in the different areas we have created.



Diary Dates:

Please see diary dates from October to end of November. We will update you with any changes or new dates in the next newsletter. In the meantime please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support.

In partnership,
Mr Wilson
Head Teacher
Springside Primary School and EYC

DIARY DATES

October/November 2024	
Friday 4 th October	Spring Inside and See Learning Session – Parent/Carer to visit school and spend time with their child in class
Tuesday/Wednesday 8 th /9 th October	NAC School Review
Friday 11 th October	Harvest Coffee Morning
Monday 14 th October	Start of October Holiday Break
Monday 21 st October	Children Return
Tuesday 29 th October	Halloween Disco
Thursday 31 st October	Pupil Halloween Dress Up Day
Friday 1 st November	Interim Reports Sent to Parents
Monday 11 th November	Enterprise Fortnight Begins
Wednesday 20 th November	Panto Day
Wednesday 20 th November	Parents Evening/Learning Conversations Evening 3:30-9pm
Monday 25 th November	November Weekend (Children and Staff holiday)
Tuesday 26 th November	Staff In-service Day