



# SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

## SG Messenger



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### *From the Headmaster...*

#### **John Sunley**

Earlier this week we received the sad news of the death of John Sunley who died last Monday afternoon. John was a tremendous friend of Spring Grove and played a major role in establishing the school in 2003 and generously continuing to support the school's work. We have so many reasons to be grateful to John and his wife, Fiona who has served as a governor of the school for the past few years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Fiona and their children, Alex and Gigi, both former pupils.

Such is enthusiasm for our new school mascot, the much sought-after Gerry the Giraffe, that I have issued a challenge to the children to compose a story about him. If you do not yet know who Gerry is, then ask your children or look at page 5! If your child has a spare half-term hour they might consider writing a story about Gerry!

In order to get you in the mood for a good story, I have included Joe Cobb's entertaining retelling of the Gingerbread Man. Please note that Joe is in Form 1 and is 5 years old. We think that his effort is beautifully written and retold.

The ginger bread man,  
once a pon a time there  
was an old woman an old  
man and an old cat. I  
will make a gingerbread  
man! said the old woman.  
She put it in the oven  
but then it jumped out  
of her hand and ran  
a way. They ran after him.  
A dog saw the gingerbread  
man he ran after him.  
He saw a pond. jump on  
my back! said a fox. The  
Gingerbreadman jumped on  
the fox's back and the fox  
ate him.



**See page 5 for important news about Mr Curtis**



Were you aware that this last Tuesday was the 40th anniversary of D-Day? No, not the Normandy landings. I am talking about 15th February 1971, the day the UK went decimal. I was at boarding prep school that week and can remember handling the shiny new coins in the local sweet shop. I can also remember the overnight con: how a Mar Bars leapt from 7d (or 3p) to 5p (1 shilling)! Do you have any memories of the occasion? Please let us know!

## *Girls Football* and extremely muddy conditions.

It was goals, goals and more goals for our girls' football teams this week when they played St Faith's. The girls were not deterred by the cold and the wet and won 10 - 0 with goals from Alex Sharp (4), Emilie Knights-Toomer (2), Arabella Saliba-Williams (2), Holly Fielder (1) and Annabel Parker (1).



The U9 'A' team earned their 6 - 0 win with all 6 goals coming from Tallulah Holy. The 'B' team continued their winning run with a 7 - 0 win. Goals came from Tegan Cox (2), Emily Beaugie (2), Maddie Exell (2) and Grace Paine (1).

It was a brilliant display of football. Well done girls!

## *Netball*

Unfortunately, the U10 and U11's both lost out to strong Ashford teams on Wednesday. Although the girls battled well, Ashford came away as clear winners. The U11 girls lost their match 11 - 5 with the U10's losing 10 - 0.



Ellie Fraser deserves a special mention for although she took several tumbles, grazing both her legs, in true fighting spirit, she got up and played on.

## *CROSS COUNTRY*

After the half term break we can look forward to two exciting weekends of Cross Country. As most of you will now be aware, the school has entered, for the first time, the National Prep Schools Cross Country Championships which are being staged at Malvern College on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

The following weekend (12<sup>th</sup> March) is the Kent Primary Schools Championships at Canterbury University. Last year the school came away with a haul of medals. These included not just individual medals but team awards as well. This year I have entered more children. Listed below are the names of the children that have been selected. It would be absolutely fantastic if everyone could come along and represent Spring Grove. All information regarding the championships will be sent out after the half term break.

<b>Year 3 Girls</b>	Francesca Barton, Emily Beaugie, Lucy Henderson, Tallulah Holy, Alice Thompson and Ellie Wood.
<b>Year 3 Boys</b>	George Barton, Edward Clapham, Laurie Cobb, Yannick de Moubray, Benito Diaz-Razul, George Fenwick, William Hobday, Harry Linch and Fred Sharp.
<b>Year 4 Girls</b>	Jade Curtis, Tegan Cox, Ellie Fraser, Sofia Harden, Polly Langworthy, Grace Paine and Issy Wanstall.
<b>Year 4 Boys</b>	Louie Brooks, Sam Brooks, Albert Courage, Tom Emson, Alex Rowe and Angus Stainton.
<b>Year 5 Girls</b>	Marie-Louise Bird, Anna Bromley, Saskia de Giles, Anousca de Moubray, Katie Higgins, Hannah Moran and Arabella Saliba-Williams.
<b>Year 5 Boys</b>	Oliver Webb.
<b>Year 6 Girls</b>	Holly Fielder, Emilie Knights-Toomer, Ellie Saxby and Alex Sharp.
<b>Year 6 Boys</b>	Oliver Langworthy and Alasdair Pilmore-Bedford.

## ***Nursery Garden***

After half-term, we would like to build some raised beds in the garden. If anyone has any unwanted railway sleepers or barge boards to build the beds could you please donate them to the Nursery. Thank you.

## ***Dates for next half term***

We have lots going on during the next half of the Spring Term. Please check your calendar for all events but below are some key dates for your diary:

### ***March***

Sunday 6th	National Prep Schools Cross-Country Championships @ Malvern College
Tuesday 8th	Prep 6 to Dover Castle
Wednesday 9th	Book Fair begins
Friday 11th	Year 2L Assembly
Saturday 12th	Kent County Cross Country Championships at Canterbury University
Monday 14th	U8 & U9 Swimming Gala at Ashford Friars 4.15pm
Wednesday 16th	Café de l'Ecole
Friday 18th	Nursery Assembly Mad Hair Day for Charity
Saturday 19th	Spring Grove Family Orchestral Day
Monday 21st	Cross Country @ Ashford Friars
Wednesday 23rd	<b>Open Morning</b>
Thursday 24th	Informal Concert 4.45pm (Soloists from Conrad and Dickens)
Friday 25th	Nursery to Rare Breeds Centre Prep 4 to Dover Museum Reception Assembly
Monday 28th	Prep 6 Cycling Proficiency
Tuesday 29th	Prep 6 Cycling Proficiency Easter Fair
Wednesday 30th	MAD Winners Trip
Thursday 31st	Easter Service for Years 1-6 at Wye Church (2.30pm)

### ***April***

Friday 1st	Final Assembly 2.00pm
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## **HOLD THE DATE!**

<b>PTA Meeting</b>	<b>1st March @ 7.30pm</b>
School Uniform Sale	17th March
Lunch at the Secret Garden	25th March
Quiz Night	20th May
Summer Ball	25th June

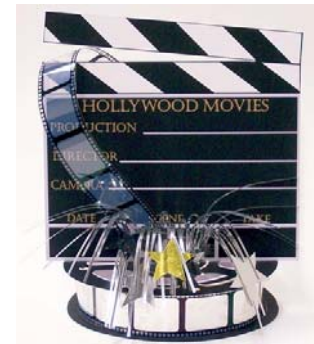
## **Appeal to Parents**

As we hope you are already aware, this year's **PTA Music and Movie Awards Ball** is raising funds for Meningitis Research Trust.



Do you or someone you know own a business that would be willing to donate a prize for the raffle or auction or sponsor an item at the Ball in return for an advert in our programme. So far we have sponsors for:

- ◆ The marquee decorations
- ◆ The marquee
- ◆ The main course
- ◆ A photographer



## **STOP PRESS – SAVE THE DATE Ladies and Gentlemen's Lunch Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Midday onwards**

The P.T.A. are organising a lunch for past and present parents at The Secret Garden ([www.secretgardenkent.co.uk](http://www.secretgardenkent.co.uk)) and would love as many of you as possible to join us. Rumour has it that a certain Mr Martin will be dressed as a lady and I am sure there may be some other surprises!

The cost is £20 a head to include a glass of sparkling wine on arrival with canapés, main course, pudding and coffee. The main raffle draw will take place during coffee. You are more than welcome to come and join us for coffee if you cannot make the lunch.

Please can you let the office or Kate Fenwick know whether you are able to attend by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. ([kate@thefenwickfamily.co.uk](mailto:kate@thefenwickfamily.co.uk)). All cheques to be made payable to Spring Grove P.T.A. and handed into the office.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



## **Prize Draw Tickets Look out for tickets in the book bags today!**

There will be a prize for the class that sells the most tickets. The draw will take place at the lunch on 25th March.

**The PTA pages on our website have been updated, have look and let us know what you think.** <http://www.springgroveschool.co.uk/parents/pta2.html>

I was delighted to hand out special gymnastics certificates to our children in Reception, Form 1 and Form 2 this morning. The awards reflected the effort and achievement in PE during the past few months. In the dark winter months, Mrs Langford and Mr Williams focus on the children's speed, balance and agility and teach them valuable skills using the indoor gym equipment. Over the past two years, the improvement in the children's skills has been impressive. In particular, I have enjoyed watching the children at work and noticed how well they listen to the expert advice provided!

Well done to the following for coming top in their forms assessments: Ameenah Omotosho and Curt Curtis (Reception), Matylida Reilly and Benny Sharp (Form 1), Eloise Hoyle and Jago Mitford-Slade (Form 2).

*See the next page for very important news about our Family Orchestral Day....*

**For Hire...**

Are you aware that the school is available for hire? It is used regularly by Le Samedi Francais, the National childbirth Trust and Theatre Train. In addition, it is regularly booked for parties and weddings. For Booking Conditions please speak to the Bursar.

**GAP Students**

Our GAP students Chloe Chadwick and Aidan Smith are available for babysitting. Their mobile numbers are: Chloe - 07508135019 and Aidan - 07816564352. They are both very happy to provide a babysitting service at a competitive rate.

**Mike Curtis**

**I am pleased to inform you that Mike Curtis will be returning to work on Monday, 28th February. I am sure that his Science and ICT classes and especially 4CT will be very glad to see him back. We all look forward to his return.**

**Gerry the Giraffe remains draped in red!**

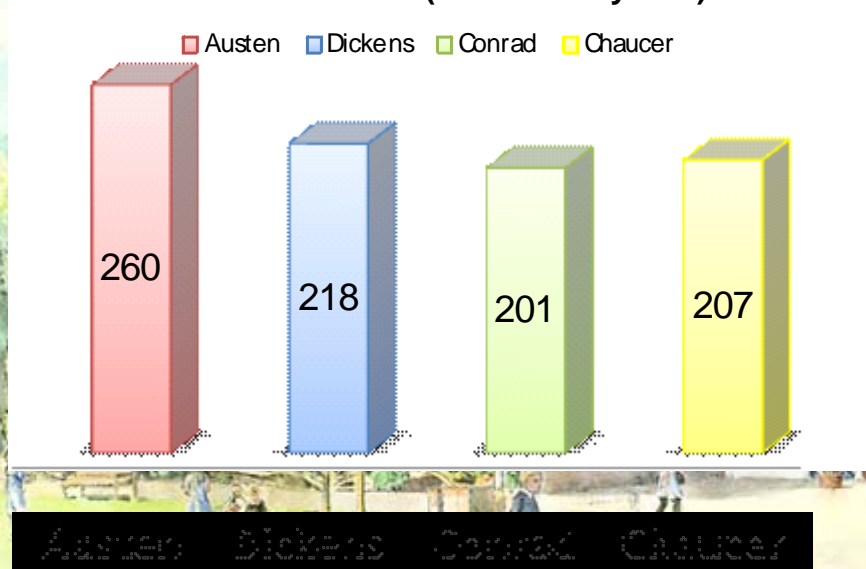
**Well done to all children in Austen!**

**Competition for Gerry The Giraffe**

**Up to Half Term**

Austen	1108
Dickens	992
Conrad	968
Chaucer	1062

**House Points for Spring Term 2011**  
(18th February 2011)



## Family Orchestral Day: **Saturday, 19th March**

Following the exciting developments of our instrumental music at Spring Grove, we are proud to invite you to our first Family Orchestral Day.

This is an opportunity to meet for extended rehearsals with the aim of putting together a short concert programme which will be performed at the end of the day. A draft programme for the day is as follows:

9.00am	Meet and register in the Assembly Hall, tune up, warm up and prepare for the day's programme.
9.45am	Sectional rehearsals led by music teachers
10.45am	Break
11.15am	Sectional rehearsals continued
12.00pm	Full orchestral rehearsal
12.45pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Warm up for concert
1.30pm	Final Concert Performance

### Who is it for?

First and foremost, this day is for all of our instrumental musicians. We hope that the date is already inked into your family calendar. It will serve to boost your child's experience as a player and provide the essential inspiration to practise!

It is also for brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends of our SG pupils. This is a family occasion and are hoping that some of you who have packed away your clarinet (or similar!) for some years / decades might be brave enough to dust it down and come and join in. Just think of the encouragement it will give your own children!

### What are we going to play?

This largely depends on who is coming! We are already rehearsing some orchestral items in our regular Thursday morning sessions but we have ambitious plans for an exciting programme including a composition which we shall create on the day.

The success of the event depends not only on our skilful team of coaches but also on the commitment of our pupils and their families. Please come and join us!

We are asking for a small payment that will contribute towards the cost of the peripatetic teachers who will be helping us. The cost will be £3 per player taking part. To book your place please fill in the form below and return it to the School Office.

**Mrs Jones, Director of Music**

**Mr Jones, Headmaster**

A parent wrote this short message to me today: *"Just wanted to say what a lovely performance by the brass/wind group this morning in assembly, they all looked like they were enjoying themselves, which was great to see."*

## Booking Form

The following members of the ..... Family will be taking part in the SG Orchestral Day:

Name	Instrument	Age (older family members do not have to divulge this information!)	Standard / Experience
<i>e.g. Joe Smith</i>	<i>Trumpet</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Grade 2</i>
<i>Aunty Mildred</i>	<i>Violin</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Grade 7 / v rusty!</i>

Payment (cheque payable to Spring Grove School) enclosed (£3 per participant):.....

Signed:.....

Date:.....

## MENU

### 28th - 4th March

Monday 28th	Pasta with Tomato and Basil Sauce and Cheese Yoghurts
Tuesday 1st	Spaghetti Bolognese and Sweetcorn Rice Pudding and jam
Wednesday 2nd	Roast Beef, Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Gravy Fresh Fruit
Thursday 3rd	Chicken Supreme and Green Beans Apple Crumble and Custard
Friday 4th	Sausage, Mash and Baked Beans Ice Cream and Wafer

## Diary - Week Commencing 28.2.11

Monday, 28th	Back to School
Tuesday, 1st	U0 Contact Rugby v Junior Kings (A) 3.00pm
Wednesday 2nd	Reading Competition Forms 1-3 U11 A&B Netball v Kent College (A) U11 Rugby Training\Match v Lorenden (A)
Thursday 3rd	U8 & U9 netball v Ashford Friars (A)
Friday 4th	Year 2J Assembly

# Happy Birthday

**Fred Sharp**  
**Daniel Chuter**  
**Jade Curtis**  
**Ellie Wood**

**Bodhi de Moubray**  
**Sofia Harden**  
**Jasper Baldwin**

## *Congratulations...*

### **Headmaster's stars**

**Austen:** Hugh Thompson, Daisy Lord,  
Jake Baldwin, Ellie Wood, Benny  
Sharp

**Conrad:** Francesca vFraser, Oscar  
berisha, Georgia Fox, Joe Cobb, Isa-  
belle Hobday, Lara Jefferson-George,  
Jonathan Rowe

**Dickens:** Emily Baldwin

**Tennis Player of the Week:** Wilson  
Clarke

**Kennington Boys FC Player of the  
Week:** Sam Brooks

**Well done to Dickens House for win-  
ning the Boys' House Rugby Competi-  
tion**

### **Lost Property**

Eloise Hoyle - Named Blazer  
Sofia Harden - Navy Blue Fleece  
Harry Linch - One shin pad, Royal Blue  
Fleece, Track Suit Bottoms  
Elizabeth Drummond - Navy School Coat,  
Hannah Moran - Kilt  
Austin Moran - 2 navy blue PE tops  
Jade Curtis - Navy skort.  
Sasha Newman - Navy blue PE top, royal  
blue fleece.  
Emilie Knights-Toomer - 2 navy polo shirts

*Please check at home for these items.*