



# SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

## SG Messenger



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### Elmer the Elephant—a lesson for all.



In our assembly this morning, Form 1 told us the story of Elmer the Ele-

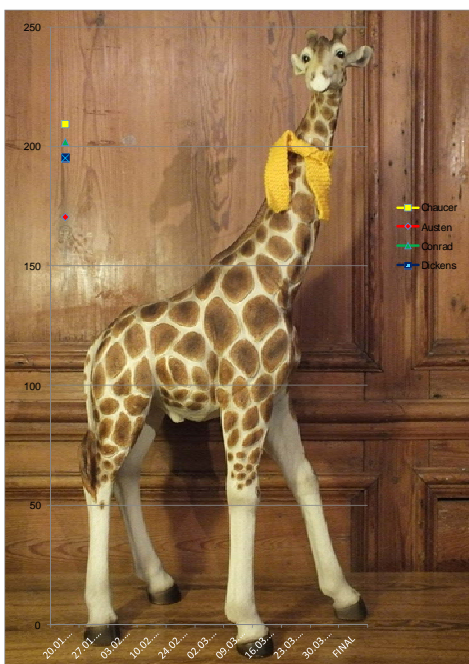
phant. He was colourful and different...and he needed his friends to remind him how special he was. We learnt how we are all different but equally unique and special. Well done to all the children, Mrs Saxby and Miss Spicer for their entertaining presentation.



*From the Headmaster*

Term is now well under way and I do hope that you are looking carefully at the school calendar and updates within the SG Messenger and on the website for important forthcoming events. Next week, exam results will be sent home, there will be a PTA drinks party here on Friday, 3rd February, parents' meetings are beginning to take place and there are a number of major sporting events including the Under 9 Rugby Team's trip to Epsom College and the exciting House Cross-country Championships at Godinton House—all this side of half term.

Tomorrow our runners will be at Kent College for another round of relay races. The event offers the chance for some of our younger children to race. See you there!



*The House Competition resumed this week... Chaucer once again leads the way, much to the delight of Mrs McDermott. 210 stars were earned by the children from Chaucer!*

# NIT BUSTING WEEKEND

We have had several complaints this week regarding nits. Please read advice below on how to identify and treat nits and we would encourage all parents to check their children's hair this weekend. Thank you.

**Having head lice, also called nits, doesn't mean you're dirty. Children are most commonly affected, but anyone with hair can catch them.**

Head lice are tiny insects that live in human hair. They're very small (about the size of a sesame seed) and are brownish-grey in colour.

They have six legs, each with a claw on the end. They use these to cling on to hair, and they survive by biting the scalp and feeding on blood. This often causes itching, but not always.

The female head lice lay eggs in sacs which stick to individual hairs. A baby head louse then hatches seven to ten days later.

If your child has head lice, you might be able to spot the remains of the tiny white egg in their hair. This is called a 'nit'. Some people also use the word 'nit' to mean 'head louse'.

Ten to fourteen days later, the baby head louse is ready to have babies of its own.

Head lice crawl from head to head when you're close to someone who has them. Children are particularly at risk, because they're often in close contact with other children at school.

However, head lice can't fly or jump, and it's very rare to get head lice from a pillow or a towel as they can't survive away from a human head for very long.

## *How to spot head lice*

Head lice can be difficult to detect, even when the head is inspected closely.

If you think your child may have head lice:

Check your child's hair. The most common places for head lice to lurk are in the hair behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. If you still can't spot any lice, comb the child's hair with a special 'nit comb'. These are available from most chemists. It's easier to spot head lice as they fall out if you comb the hair over a piece of white paper.

## *Treating head lice*

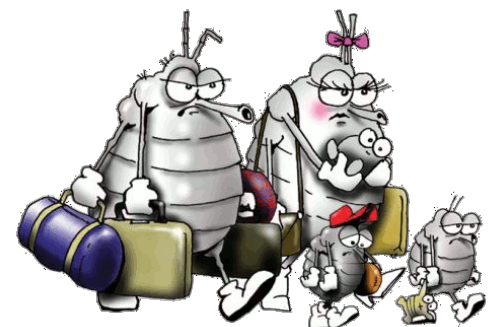
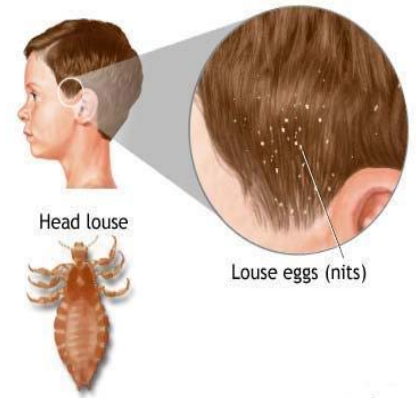
If head lice are present, you need to treat your child.

You should only treat your child if you find live head lice, which confirms a live infestation. Don't treat 'just in case'.

Head lice are tough. They can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you've got to kill them before they spread.

If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.

You can treat head lice by wet-combing hair with a special comb, or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at chemists.



My 16 year old son, Miles, is available for babysitting. If you need to use him please see me or call my mobile - 07774543196. Thank you. Margaret (school office)

### *Child Care*

One of our families is looking for some child care, one evening a week from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. If you can you help, please speak to Margaret in the school office. Thank you.

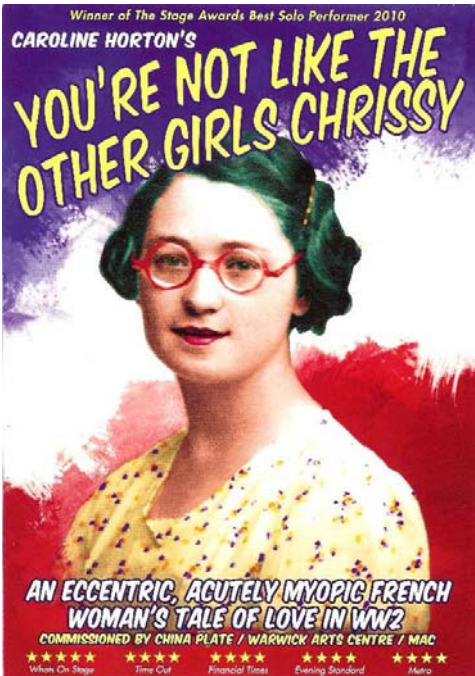
## Ballroom Dancing at Spring Grove School

Kevin Clapson, one of our Nursery dads, is a qualified Ballroom Dancing instructor and runs classes here every Friday evening. By the look on Paula and Steve Wagstaff's faces they obviously have a great time! Kevin welcomes all levels of ability and each session costs £5.00. If you would like to join the class please contact Kevin on 07912 657505.



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Many apologies to the parents and children who have had trouble logging into our new Espresso service. To log in successfully, please go to [www.espresso.co.uk/](http://www.espresso.co.uk/), press on the LOGIN button and then choose Espresso Online Service and put in the username and password from the original letter. Going directly to <https://online.espresso.co.uk/espresso/login/Authn/UserPassword> will also take you to the login page. Don't forget to tick the "I accept terms and conditions" box too!



**Professional Theatre comes to Spring Grove on Monday, 13th February (during half term week).**

A much-loved one-woman show that won major awards at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival last year will be performed in the school hall at 7.30pm. Caroline Horton is the writer and performer. Look for further details on our website or ask at the office.

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January 1945. Paris has been liberated. Christiane, an eccentric and acutely myopic Parisian waits at Gare Du Nord for a Rickal to England to be reunited with her fiancé. Whilst she waits, this gloriously irresistible mademoiselle recounts the story of her love affair with Cyril, a tongue-tied English teacher from Staffordshire. From a chance encounter at Cheadle tennis club, their story takes us on to cosmopolitan 1930s Paris before war interrupts their unlikely romance. A fond, comical and ultimately poignant portrait of one woman's experience of love and war.

**YOU'RE NOT LIKE THE OTHER GIRLS CHRISSEY**  
CREATED AND PERFORMED BY **CAROLINE HORTON**

TOUR - JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2012					
31st Jan	The Bataardo - Oxford	8pm			<a href="http://www.greenhouse.info">www.greenhouse.info</a>
1st Feb	The Met - Bury	7.30pm	0161 761 2216		<a href="http://www.theatret.biz">www.theatret.biz</a>
2nd Feb	Horrogon Theatre	7.45pm	01423 802 116		<a href="http://www.learningshakespeare.co.uk">www.learningshakespeare.co.uk</a>
4th Feb	Richard Witley Theatre - Salford	8.45pm	01729 893180		<a href="http://www.giggswick.org.uk/wet">www.giggswick.org.uk/wet</a>
6th Feb	Sheffield Crucible Studio Theatre	7.45pm	0114 249 6000		<a href="http://www.sheffieldcrucible.co.uk">www.sheffieldcrucible.co.uk</a>
8th Feb	Longstaff School, Boverley	7.30pm	01482 391672		
9th Feb	Stowell & Sutton Millat Village Hall - Bridgewater	8pm	01278 722242		<a href="http://www.edent.org">www.edent.org</a>
10th Feb	Churchland Village Hall - Taunton	8pm	01822 601422		<a href="http://www.takent.org">www.takent.org</a>
11th Feb	Ashburton Village Hall - Wellington	8pm	01823 672131		<a href="http://www.takent.org">www.takent.org</a>
12th Feb	Spring Grove School - Wey	7.30pm	01233 813125		
16th Feb	Kirkcaldy Centre - Kirkcaldy	1.45pm	01900 826648		<a href="http://www.thebiggate.com">www.thebiggate.com</a>
17th Feb	Lincoln Performing Arts Centre	7.30pm	01522 837600		<a href="http://www.pac.co.uk">www.pac.co.uk</a>
19th Feb	Garway Village Hall - Herefordshire	8pm	01981 580056		<a href="http://www.westofwales.co.uk">www.westofwales.co.uk</a>
22nd Feb	South Street - Reading	8pm	0118 960 6060		<a href="http://www.readingarts.com">www.readingarts.com</a>
23rd Feb	Spitfire Theatre - Ballochs Castle	7.30pm	01568 630243		<a href="http://www.thebiggate.com">www.thebiggate.com</a>
24th Feb	Cobdock Village Hall - Overhills	7.30pm	0845 094 0228		<a href="http://www.carolinehorton.co.uk">www.carolinehorton.co.uk</a>
25th Feb	Kenswood Village Hall - Hoyle	8pm	01756 830223		<a href="http://www.carolinehorton.co.uk">www.carolinehorton.co.uk</a>
28th Feb	The Mill Arts Centre - Oson	7.30pm	01295 299022		<a href="http://www.thebiggate.com">www.thebiggate.com</a>

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## HOLD THE DATE

Don't forget some important dates next term:

- **Friday 3rd February:** PTA Drinks Party
- **Monday 5th March:** Music Dept. *Meet the Peris* Evening (a chance to hear the visiting music teachers perform and talk about their instruments!) at 6pm
- **Friday 23rd March:** Spring Grove Quiz Night
- **Saturday, 24th March:** SG Open Morning—see the school in action from 9.30am —12.30pm

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE FROM THE PTA!

This year looks like being another busy year for some fundraising fun so please try to your best to support the events that we organise. All the money we raise helps to enhance the learning and fun that your child already has at Spring Grove.



*Pinch Martin  
with his Christmas present.... A new bowl*

### PTA Drinks Night

The drinks party on 3<sup>rd</sup> February is for parents, staff and Governors - to say thank you for the fantastic support that you all give to our events. Please try to come, as it will be a great opportunity to mingle with other parents and staff from other parts of the school.

If anyone would like to help organise the drinks Party please let me know – Sarah Martin (Eleanor 5R or Cherrie Form 1).

### THE RENOWNED 'SPRING GROVE QUIZ NIGHT'

Some of you will recall the fantastic Quiz Night that Andrew Martin and Simon Lord organised last year. We are pleased to announce that it will take place again—on Friday, 23rd March. Now's the time to recruit the top-brains into your team. It's a riot, don't miss it!

# SPORT



We have enjoyed a tremendous week of sport...

On Sunday morning over 20 SG boys and girls were joining in training at Canterbury RFC. In particular, the Under 9s were there in force and we were able to field two teams against the might of Canterbury.



Some of our star players are members of both Spring Grove and Canterbury RFC.

On Wednesday, our Under 11 boys experienced a torrid 1st half against Northbourne and leaked an alarming 7 tries; in the 2nd half they rallied their effort and drew 1-1. they are improving!



Our Under 10 and 11 netballers enjoyed some thrilling matches against Lorenden and on Thursday the Girls' Under 9 A and B football teams travelled to St Faith's. The Bs dominated their game and did everything but score! The As however showed their class and ran out 6-0 winners.

*Ouch!*



At home, the boys' Under 9 rugby team played superbly to beat Lorenden in both the A (5 tries to 2) and B (6 tries to 1) fixtures. Try of the day came in the B team game where the play switched from side to side, and the ball travelled through every pair of hands, Joshua Thompson supplying the final, excellent pass to Jago Mitford-Slade who sprinted clear for one of his 5 tries!



*Training at school*

## Christmas Quiz Answers

**1. Born on Christmas Day:** a. Sissy Spacek. b. Anwar Sadat. c. Dido. d. Marcus Trescothick. e. Isaac Newton. f. Kenny Everett. g. Humphrey Bogart. h. Noele Gordon. i. Annie Lennox. j. Ameenah Omotosho. **2. Events on Christmas Day:** a. William the Conqueror; 1066. b. World War I; Christmas 1914; German / English armies. c. Silent Night. d. 1979. e. Mikhail Gorbachev. **3. Died on Christmas Day:** a. Oscar Romero (\*see below). b. Charlie Chaplin. c. Nicolae Ceausescu. d. Dean Martin. e. James Brown. **4. Bible:** a. Quirinius. b. Zechariah. c. O Little Town of Bethlehem. d. Mark and John. e. O Come All Ye Faithful.

Editor: Oops! A mistake: Oscar Romero was killed on 24th March. Sorry!

5. **Spring Grove and Wye:** a. Thomas Brett. b. Joseph Conrad. c. The railway. d. Alfred Deller. e. Chaucer-Austen-Dickens-Conrad.
6. **Teasers:** a. 7 wonders of the ancient world. B. 1001 Arabian Nights. C. 12 signs of the Zodiac. D. 54 cards in a deck (including the jokers). E. 9 planets in the Solar System. f. 88 piano keys. g. 13 stripes on the American flag. h. 32 degrees Fahrenheit at which water freezes. i. 3 Wise Men. J. 90 degrees in a right angle.
7. **Christmas Anagrams:** a. Away in a Manger. b. Christmas Eve. c. Christmas Tree. d. Advent Calendar. e. Mince Pies. f. The Twelve Days of Christmas. g. Father Christmas. h. Christmas Pudding. i. Silent Night. j. 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.

### **Lost Property**

Alex Rowe	Navy polo shirt
Jonathan Rowe	One Bootleg Active Air Black shoe, blazer
Daisy Lord	Navy cardigan
Charlotte Clark	Navy school coat, one games sock, navy polo shirt
Austin Moran	One Active Air Black Shoe, navy tie, Navy Fleece, School Coat
Olivia Standen	Navy School Coat
Alex Harden	Grey Trousers
Arabella Saliba-Williams	Canterbury Rugby Socks
Sasha Newman	2 navy cardigans, 2 white shirts, 1 rugby sock, 1 navy fleece hat
Joshua Thompson	Navy School Coat

Please check at home and in your cars. Thank you.  
We hold a stock of navy ties in the school office  
priced at £4.50 each.

### **Diary** **Monday 23rd - Friday 27th January**

Mon 23rd	
Tue 24th	U9 Rugby v Northbourne Park (A)
Wed 25th	U9 & U10 Girls Football v Ashford Friars (A) U11 Rugby v Ashford Friars (H)
Thu 26th	U9 Netball v Ashford Friars (H) U9 Tag Rugby 9-a-side v St Faiths (A)
Fri 27th	Form 2 Assembly

### **Menu** **Monday 23rd - Friday 27th January**

Mon 23rd	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce and Sweetcorn Flapjack
Tue 24th	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie, New Potatoes and Green Beans Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce
Wed 25th	Shepherds Pie and Sliced Carrots
Thu 26th	Chicken Enchiladas and Salad Yoghurt
Fri 27th	Sausage, Mash and Baked Beans Cake

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Polly Langworthy, Oliver Marsh, Isaac Croucher**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Skiing awards:** Georgina and Beatrice Wagstaff

**Grade 1 Cello:** Francesca Barton;

**Grade 2 Cello:** Saskia de Giles

**Headmaster's Stars:** Lara Jefferson-George, Libby Ley, Cherrie Martin, Rowan Long, Piers Morrissey, Tegan Cox