



SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

SG Messenger



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Music at Spring Grove is great fun.....



There is no doubt that children who learn instruments gain benefits in addition to learning an important new skill. Increased concentration levels, self-discipline, teamwork, listening skills are all developed; above all, through the enthusiasm, encouragement and expertise of our visiting teachers and Mrs Jones' excellent leadership the children develop a love of music that will take them beyond the practice room or even the concert platform. I am thrilled with the enthusiasm and confidence of our musicians and particularly delighted with some of our younger and newer performers. We are able to offer a wide range of instruments and musical sounds seem to emanate from every nook and cranny of the school. Children volunteer to practise during their lunch breaks and they love to work out their own tunes together. Unusually, Oliver Fox (Prep 6) has been taught to play the piano by one of his colleagues (Oliver Webb). Our orchestra was impressive last night and we all look forward to more performances in the coming months.

Your next opportunity to hear our musicians will be in the end of term carol service but you can also join them on Thursday, 8th December for carol singing in Canterbury: 1.30pm outside CJs Café and then from 3.30pm in Fenwicks.

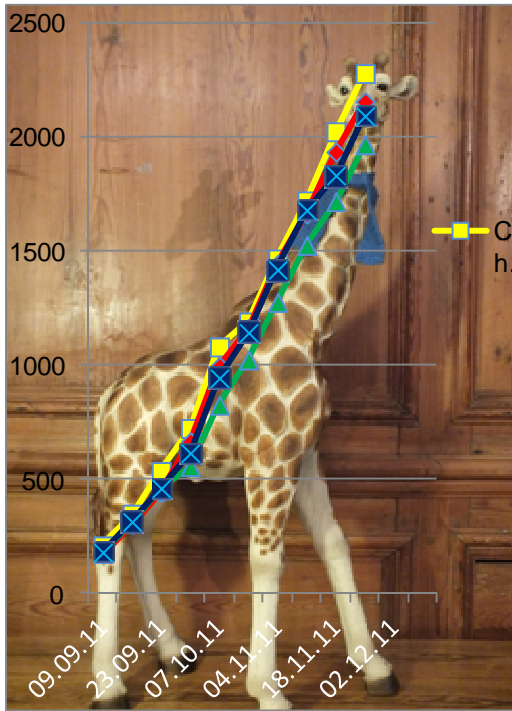
Don't forget: Parents' Choir Rehearsal this Tuesday: 7.30-8.30pm in the Hall in preparation for the carol service.





We have champions in our younger years too ...!





Jelly the Giraffe— DICKENS WIN

Dickens House are this week's winners of Jelly. Mrs Taylor is delighted with the result. Well done the blues!

A Year 3 Conversation in Maths...

Mr Jones: "Rather than doing Maths, Edward, I suppose you would rather be sitting on a beach, with your feet up, sipping orange juice."

Edward: "Actually, I would prefer wine!"

Wilson: "Oh, that's so last year!"

Brainteaser: If a man is at the bottom of the cliff and he is dead and he has half of a match in his hand. How did he die? (see Page 6 for answer)



The girls' Hockey House Matches took place at Ball Lane on Wednesday afternoon. Every girl from Years 3—6 took part and enjoyed a thrilling afternoon of skilful play. The games were close but Arabella's double hat-trick and Jade Curtis' goal for Chaucer against Austen separated the teams. Well done to Conrad for becoming champions.

Dickens 0 Austen 0, Chaucer 0 Conrad 0; Conrad 3 Austen 0, Chaucer 0 Dickens 0; Dickens 0 Conrad 3, Chaucer 1 Austen 0.

SG Sports

Hockey

House Matches: 1. CONRAD 2 Chaucer 3. Dickens 4.

Austen. Fair Play Award: Austen

SG Under 9s 3 Lorenden 3

Football

SG Under 11s 1 (Sharp, Pen.) Northbourne Under 11Bs 1

SG Under 9A 0 St Faith's Under 9A 3

SG Under 9B 1 (Marsh) St Faith's Under 9B 1



Cross-Country

Pre-Prep Fun Run. Year 1 Girls: 1st Gigi Dunbar-Johnson, Boys: 1st Curt Curtis

Year 2 Girls: 3rd Teigan Sullivan, Boys: 1st: Benny Sharp, 2nd Edward Geering, 3rd Sebastian Smith



HOLD THE DATE

PTA AGM

Pantomime—Cinderella

Carol Singing

Christmas Fayre

28th November

7th December

8th December

9th December

THE SPRING GROVE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

There is much elf-like work going on in preparation for the Christmas Fayre. It is on Friday, 9th December at 2.30pm. Please try to come along. Our children have been busy making crafts that will be for sale on the day. There will also be:

Father Christmas in his Grotto

A Café selling delicious hot chocolates

A Chocolate Tombola

A Bottle Tombola

Crafts and Fun things to make and do

A raffle

Cakes for sale

The Spring Grove Calendar 2012

Christmas Goodies Bag Tombola

Collect your Christmas puddings (see last week's messenger)

Plus lots more.....

If you are very lucky you might even spot an elf.....



SPENDING THE MONEY WE RAISE

Spending all the cash that YOU help us raise will be considered at the PTA AGM on Monday 28th November at 7.30pm. If you have any ideas or suggestions for spending then please let us know. You can email your suggestions to: pta@springgroveschool.co.uk. Why not come along to the meeting?

THE MOST DELICIOUS XMAS PUDS

See page 8 for order details for these amazing Xmas puddings



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 next Spring Term. No date is fixed yet but please keep an eye out so that you can gather your team early. It's a riot, don't miss it!

Dates for your diary.....

Monday, 28th November PTA AGM – 7.30pm. If you are interested in what goes on and/or have something to say, come along. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, 29th November—Parents' Choir Rehearsal: all welcome

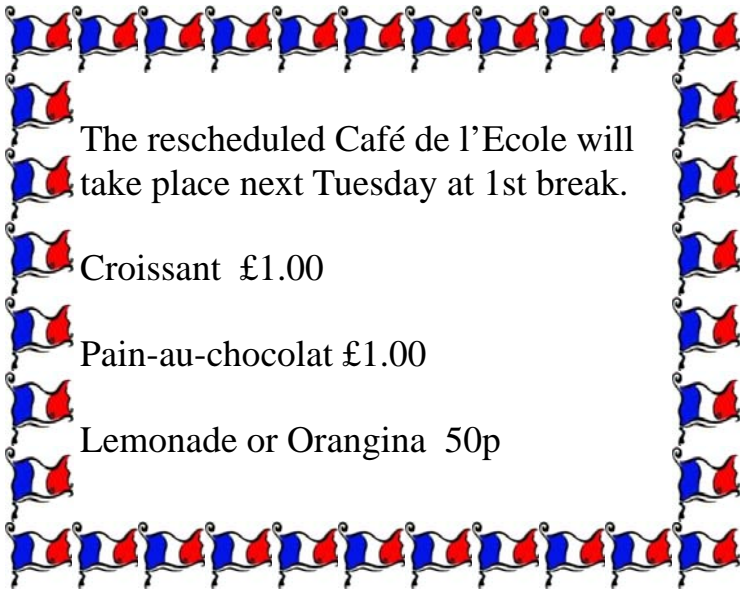
Thursday, 1st December – 3.30pm. Pre-Xmas Fayre meeting. Are you helping? Would you like to help? WE NEED YOU.

Friday, 9th December – 2.30pm. SG PTA Christmas Fayre.

Very important calendar news...

The start of next term is presently advertised as Monday, 9th January. I have decided to postpone this to Tuesday, 10th January. Staff will return to school on the Monday in order to prepare for the new term. The children will return for the start of term at 8.30am on **TUESDAY, 10th JANUARY**.

In return I am hoping that as many children as possible will come to school on Saturday, 24th March for a morning of music, drama, art and sport and various academic activities for SG children of all ages. This will be an Open Morning (from 9.30am—12.30pm) and I am hoping that a number of visitors and guests will have the chance to come and see the children in action and also join in the fun. Please note the date in your diary.



School Carol Service

The school carol service takes place on Tuesday, 13th December at 6.30pm in Wye Church. New this year is a chance for parents to join the choir! Mrs Jones would like to form a parents' choir to add ballast to the already robust singing of the children! We plan to hold two rehearsals for this event prior to the day. The repertoire will not be too challenging and the choir is open to both enthusiastic amateurs as well as skilled readers. Whether you own a stratospheric soprano or a deep, Russian bass, your sound will be welcome. If in doubt consult Mrs Jones or the Headmaster!

School Carol Service Rehearsals
Tuesday, 29th Nov & Tue 6th Dec
7.30—8.30pm (baby-sitting available)

Problems to Solve

The following come from an 11+ Practice Paper:

1. Parts of the words in the list below all have something in common. What is the link?

Splash
Croak
Helmet
First
Spine
Figure
Steak

Can you add any words of your own to the list?

2. Read the passage below and explain the order in which the animals can cross the river obeying all the rules.

Two ducks (A and B) and a fox need to cross a river. There's a boat but only two animals can go in the boat at any one time. The fox must not be left with only one of the ducks anywhere since his appetite might get the better of him! The boat cannot move by itself.

New staff: From Monday, 28th November we welcome a new Spring Grove cleaning team. The supervisor will be Mrs Wendy Giles who will also assist with the supervision of the children at lunch breaks.

Congratulations to:

Headmaster's Stars

Austen: Fred Sharp, Hugh Thompson
Chaucer: Curt Curtis
Conrad: Paddy Fisher, Freddie Fisher
Dickens: Grace Paine

Bronze Citizenship Badge: Fred Sharp

Pre-Prep Fun Run:

Gold: Gigi Dunbar-Johnson, Curt Curtis,
Benny Sharp
Silver: Edward Geering
Bronze: Teigan Sullivan, Sebastian Smith

Golf award: Edward Clapham

Lost Property

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| 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 |
| Minnie Dunbar-Johnson | 2 navy PE tops |
| Olivia Standen | Navy School Coat |
| Chris Scrivens | Navy Hoodie, Navy Shorts |
| Gig Dunbar-Johnson | Dunlop Tennis |
| Racquet | |

A new lost property basket is now situated in the porch.

Please check at home and in your cars. Thank

We hold a stock of navy ties in the school office priced at £4.50 each.

Brainteaser answer: The man was in a hot air balloon with some of his friends and the balloon started to go down so the group of friends made a decision to draw sticks (matches) and whoever got the shortest stick had to jump off. The dead man got the shortest stick so he had to jump off!

Diary

Monday 28th - Friday 2nd December

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| Sun 27th | Advent Carol service: 6.30pm :Wye Parish Church |
| Mon 28th | |
| Tuesday 29th | Café de l'Ecole |
| Wednesday 30th | U11 Girls Football v Lorenden (A) U11 Football v St Faiths (H) |
| Thursday 1st | U9 9-a-side Tag Rugby vs Ashford Friars (H) |
| Friday 2nd | Prep 3J and 3G Assembly |

Menu

Monday 28th - Friday 2nd December

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| Mon 28th | Pasta with a Tomato and Basil Sauce Banana Custard |
| Tue 29th | Risotto and Salad Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce |
| Wed 30th | Roast Beef, Roast Potatoes, Car- rots and Gravy Yoghurt |
| Thu 1st | Shepherds Pie and Green Beans Fresh Fruit |
| Fri 2nd | Fish, Chips and Peas Choc Ice |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gracie Long, Ebony Mansfield-Adams, Cecile
and Jacqueline Drew, Georgina Wagstaff, Mr
Smith



CHRISTMAS CAMP



GH Camps Booking Form

Monday 19th December – Wednesday 21st December

Each day Camp will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. All children will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities: Soccer, Rounders, Table Tennis, Table Football, Widegames, Croquet, Cricket, Bouncy Castle, and local excursions to places of interest.

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| Child's Name: | Date of Birth: | Age: |
| Address: | | |
| Every day your child will need: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packed lunch and a named water bottle (No fizzy drinks please) • Warm clothing/coates/hats/gloves/wellies | | |
| Please tick dates attending £25.00 per day – 10% discount for sibling and subsequent children or £70.00 for all 3 days (no sibling discount with this offer) (Early booking discount if booked before 5th December – daily rate reduced to £22.00 per day). | | |
| <i>Location - Spring Grove School, Wye, Ashford, Kent</i> | | |
| Monday 19th December | | |
| Tuesday 20 th December | | |
| Wednesday 21 st December | | |
| If you would like confirmation of your booking please supply your e-mail address below: | | |

For further details please contact either Phil Williams – Tel: 07923572158 or Denise Saliba – Tel: 07771736768

CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

I agree to my child taking part in all activities (full name)

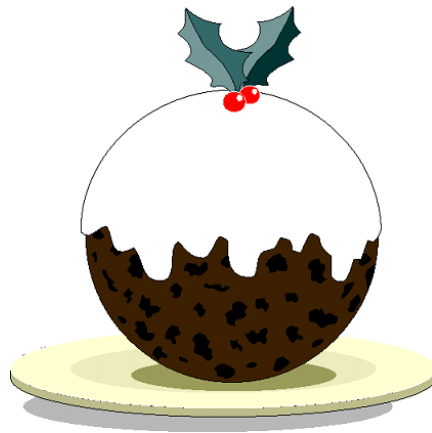
I authorise the team leader of the activities to administer medicines to my child when necessary as detailed below and to carry out First Aid as required in the case of accident/injury.

Signature: Date:

Name: (Block capitals please)

| RELEVANT MEDICAL DETAILS/HISTORY/SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS | | |
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| CONTACT INFORMATION Please list in priority order of contact | | |
| Name(s) | Relationship to Young Person | Telephone Numbers: |
| | | Home: Work: Mobile: |
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Please return payment before the end of term with this form to the School Office or send to North Barn, Worton, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent TN23 3BS



BACK DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND! THE SPRING GROVE CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS ARE ON SALE AGAIN! THEY ARE *DELICIOUS* AND *EACH ONE SOLD RAISES MONEY FOR SG.*

COST: 2LB PUDDING IS £10.50; 1LB PUDDING IS £6.50

STOCKS ARE LIMITED, SO TO PRE-ORDER A PUDDING, EMAIL ANNABEL FALCON ON ANNABELCFALCON@GOOGLEMAIL.COM OR TELL THE OFFICE

PUDDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE SPRING GROVE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Ultimate Plum Pudding is probably the finest Christmas pudding you can buy. It has been endorsed by the BBC Good Food Magazine and by Chef Magazine as being as good as the best home made. It has also won a **gold award at the Great Taste Awards.**

The pudding is made by a small craft manufacturer in Cumbria and is utterly delicious! All the vine fruits are soaked overnight in lots of brandy and dry sherry. Fresh breadcrumbs and freshly grated carrot help give the pudding a lighter texture. Ingredients are top quality and much more varied than usual – almonds, walnuts, stem ginger, apricots, cherries as well as the best, juicily alcoholic, raisins and sultanas. It is light, sweet and aromatic and you can taste every ingredient. **Most people have no idea that Christmas pudding can be this good!**

The Ultimate Plum Pudding is not available in supermarkets (the company is too small for that) but it is available through us. It has been labelled for us incorporating the school logo, and the sale of each pudding supports our school.

Two forthcoming concerts feature top class musicians:

In Folkestone on 26th November, international star pianist, Freddy Kempf will be performing one of the great piano concertos. Our own singing & piano teacher, Mr Lowen, will be conducting.



FOLKESTONE & HYTHE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary proudly presents

Freddy Kempf at the Leas Cliff Hall

featuring Folkestone Choral Society

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| Polovtsian Dances (with chorus) | <i>Borodin</i> |
| Piano Concerto No.2 | <i>Rachmaninov</i> |
| Blest Pair of Sirens | <i>Parry</i> |
| Serenade to Music | <i>Vaughan Williams</i> |
| Mastersingers Prelude | <i>Wagner</i> |

Conductor: *Andrew Lowen*
Leader: *Floriane Peycelon*

Saturday 26th November 2011 at 7:30pm

Leas Cliff Hall,
The Leas, Folkestone,
Kent CT20 2DZ
Ticket Office: 0844 871 3015
www.leascliffhall.co.uk

Tickets: £20 | £15 | £11
Children: Half Price
Booking Fees may apply
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ASHFORD MUSIC SOCIETY

ZEPHYR ENSEMBLE OF LONDON

**Emma-Louise Hible (flute), Helen Barker (oboe),
Charys Green (clarinet), Evgeny Chebykin (horn)
and Thomas Oxley (bassoon).**

Mozart: 'Magic Flute' Overture (arr.)
Debussy: Suite No.2 (arr. Davies)
Hindemith: Kleine Kammermusik, Op.24.2
Holst: Quintet in A flat, Op.14
Patterson: *Westerly Winds*
and other pieces by Berio and Ibert.

MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2011

at 7.30 p.m.

NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL

Hythe Road, Ashford. TN24 0QJ

Tickets: Adults £12; Children & Students £3;
Obtainable from Soundercraft Hi-Fi, 40 High Street, Ashford;
Ashford Tourist Information Centre, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford;
Hilary Pittock on 01233-623700; or at the door on the evening of the concert.

The Ashford Music Society concert is recommended as an ideal opportunity for our young orchestral players to hear their own instruments in performance...