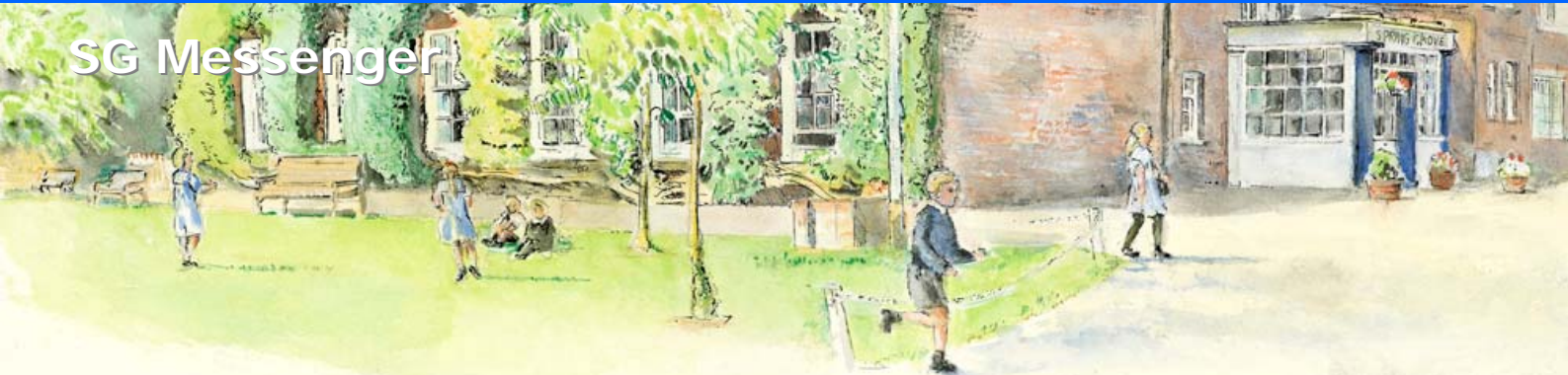




SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

SG Messenger



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From the Headmaster...

Dear Parents

Welcome to a brand new academic year at Spring Grove and especially to our new children and their families.

We have two new part-time members of staff: Mrs Flo Earl will be teaching Maths and English and general subjects to 4C and supporting Mr Curtis in his role as form teacher. Mrs Amy Mitford-Slade is joining the Teddies' staff team.

Areas of the school have a new look. The school office has been redecorated, essential roof repairs have been completed and major work on the nursery building has been ongoing through the summer. The stream has also received attention—Peter Goddard, our groundsman, has erected a rockery that not only improves but also strengthens the bank.

In our first Friday assembly I was able to celebrate the holiday achievements of a number of our children and I am delighted that their eagerness and enthusiasm for all aspects of learning, sporting and artistic endeavour remain strong and vibrant. Last year's successes, both in and out of the classroom, will be difficult to match but I believe we have a wonderful group of children led by a terrific new Prep 6.

We also have a fantastic group of parents ever eager to participate in the SG education of their children. Next Friday morning's assembly will focus on the PTA and how it is involved in the life of the school. At the end of the day we have a BBQ not only to welcome new families but also for us to enjoy a lovely afternoon of games, fun and delicious food. See inside for details. See you there!



Alice and Jessica were very excited starting back at school this term. They move from Teddies into Mrs Clarke's Nursery Class. How grown up they look in their smart uniform!

See the PTA News section for news of This term's events and the cheque handover to the Meningitis Research Foundation.

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From the Headmaster (continued from page 1).....

The Daily Routine

The School day

As we begin the term it is worth reminding parents of the basic structure of the school day:

We aim to start each day in KS1 and 2 with registration at 8.30am. The children will be in class from this time reading, tackling quick maths, preparing for the day ahead. Late-comers are a disruptive influence to the learning of those who have already settled down to the day's work and so I would encourage all parents to observe the start times. Those who are punctual will be rewarded with House Points that contribute toward the competition for Gerry the Giraffe!

All parents should have now received the details of this term's clubs and activities. Please note that the cost of Crèche has increased and parent will be charged on a half-hourly basis between 3.30 and 4.30pm.

Correct uniform

I aim to set and maintain high standards of dress throughout the school this year. Everyone should aim to play their part in this and ensure they have the correct uniform items. If you are experiencing difficulty with the ordering of items please call the Office. Please ensure that all items (especially footwear) are clearly named.

Mrs Wood

A number of you will know that Mrs Wood underwent surgery during the holiday period and has been convalescing during these past few weeks. She is taking things very steadily during the first few weeks of the term and I am delighted that Winifred Forrest, our former deputy head and head of Pre-Prep, has agreed to cover the afternoons for Diane over the next two weeks.

Calendar

You should have all received this term's calendar. Please note that half term begins after the House Entertainments Show at 3.30pm on Wednesday, 19th October. We return to school on Monday, 31st October.

Please visit our website on a regular basis to gain further information about the day to day running of the school and please do not hesitate to contact your child's form teacher when problems arise.

Best wishes to you all for a wonderful SG year of discovery, achievement, fun and laughter.

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8.00	Breakfast Club
8.20 – 8.30am	Children arrive and go to forms
8.30am	Registration & Reading / Preparation Period
8.35am	Assembly (Wednesdays only)
8.50am	Period 1
9.20am	Period 2
9.50am	Period 3
10.20am	Break
10.45am	Period 4
11.15am	Period 5
11.45am	Period 6
11.50am	Early years and KS 1 Lunch: Tedies (11.50am), Nursery and Reception (12.00pm), KS1 (12.10pm)
12.15 – 12.45pm	Lunch Break for KS2
12.30 – 1.10pm	Lunch break for EY and KS1
1.12.45pm	KS2 Lunch
1.15pm	Period 7
1.50pm	Period 8
2.25pm	Period 9
3.00pm	Afternoon Break (Mondays).
3.20pm	End of school for EY and KS1
3.30pm	After school crèche begins. End of school for all (Wed and Fri)
3.35pm	Period 10 (Mondays); Afternoon Break (Tue / Thurs)
3.55pm	Period 11 (Mon, Tue, Thurs)
4.30pm	End of school and Crèche. Activities begin for KS2 (until 5.30pm)



Gerry the Giraffe—the trophy presented each week to the House that gains the most House Points.

HOLD THE DATE

PTA ASSEMBLY

9th September

PTA BBQ & Second Hand Uniform Sale

9th September

Bag2School

27th September



PTA BBQ

This occasions offers everyone an opportunity to meet new people, to

- ◆ £5 per adult, £3 per child to include sausages/burgers/salad/pudding and first drink
- ◆ Swimming pool open from 3.30 to 4.30pm
- ◆ Cooking from 4.30 to 6.30pm
- ◆ Bring your own rugs, chairs, etc.

Springgrovian, Annabel Parker, hands over a cheque for £10, 653 to the Meningitis Research Foundation.

At today's first assembly of the year, we welcomed Beverley Pace, Chair of the Trustees of the Meningitis Research Foundation. Beverley had been thrilled to hear about the PTA's intention to contribute half of the money raised at this year's Ball to the MRF. She was absolutely delighted to hear about the generous donation considering the size of the SG family.

Annabel Parker, who had contracted meningitis when she was 8 and who underwent considerable medical treatment during her long recovery, was invited to present the cheque for £10, 653 to the MRF. Look out in the local press for further coverage.

We can look back on a wonderful and unforgettable evening that generated such warmth and friendship but also take pride in the generosity of our many guests who contributed to such a worthy cause.

In particular, we should thank the vibrant and colourful committee (*pictured right*) led by Denise Knights-Toomer that planned and produced this year's Ball.



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