



Spires Integrated Primary School

September/October 2024

A warm welcome to everyone on their return to school and to our new P1 pupils. We also have a new pupil in P7 and we hope they all thoroughly enjoy their time at Spires Integrated Primary School.



**We are
25!!!!!!**

*Thanks to
everyone who*

*joined us for our cake and music morning
to mark the start of our 25th anniversary
celebrations! A particular word of thanks
to Lyttle Cakes*

<https://www.lyttlecakes.co.uk/>

*Moon and Bow, for the lovely balloon
display and to Ryan Mc Garrity for the
music. Also, to Nigel & Geraldine Spiers
(and AJ) for making the event very
special, with a reminder of how the school
began, as Nigel was the first Chairperson
of the steering group and then of the
Board of Governors.*

*We will keep you posted on the other
events our Pupil Council has planned!*

Review of our Ethos and Vision

Staff and pupils are busy reviewing what we are about, what we believe to be important and why we do the things we do. NICIE staff have been leading review sessions with us and we very much welcome your comments.

After School Clubs

These began on 23 September, with multi-sport and football sessions. There will be further options in Term 2. You can book for a block of sessions or just book on the days your child wants to attend. This can be done even at short notice on <http://www.mr-sports.co.uk/>

In addition, there is currently a gymnastics club on Tuesdays and choir on Thursdays.

Messages

We know the mornings can be busy and you may have a message for your child's teacher e.g. regarding who is picking them up, or that they forgot their homework etc. **These messages should be given to office staff either in person, via telephone or email and not to staff who are on playground duty.** These staff are busy supervising and may not remember the details of all the messages given daily. A reminder that **Seesaw** is used for homework, messages will not be responded to on this forum as it is not monitored daily.

Early collections/late arrivals

Parents are using our sign in/out system in the office foyer and it is working very well. It helps to record those who are in the building, particularly if there is a fire or emergency.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 13 Sept	P7 at The Bridewell
W/c 23 Sept	Friendship Week
Wednesday 9 Oct	Walk to school
Thurs 10 Oct	Flu vaccines
Mon 14 Oct	School Closed (Parent Meetings)
Tues 22 Oct @ 9.30am	Harvest Assembly (Everyone welcome)
Thursday 24 Oct	Hallowe'en Disco
Monday 28 Oct - Friday 1 Nov	School Closed (Midterm)
W/c 11 Nov	Anti-bullying Week
Tues 3 Dec	Open Afternoon School closes at 12 noon
Thurs 12 Dec	Christmas Performances School closes at 12.30pm
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Christmas Performances

Every third year, we have a whole school Christmas Show, where each class performs one item and the choir sings. This will be the format this year. It will be held on Thursday 12 December at 9.30am and repeated again at 11.30am. It should finish at 12.30pm and **all pupils will leave at 12.30pm.**

New parking system

The new system has proved to be successful in its early stages - hopefully this will continue. Its main purpose is to protect our children and those within our school community. Governors are continually reviewing our parking spaces and traffic flow within the school grounds.

Parents' Community

The Hallowe'en Disco will be held on Thursday 24 October - details will be issued later. They welcome new parents from any class to join their group - it is a great way to meet other parents and to support your children's school.

Activities in school this term

- Gymnastics for all classes led by Stephanie, our past pupil and owner of inSPIRES Gymnastics Club.
https://www.facebook.com/inSPIRES2018/?locale=en_GB
- Gaelic led by Sean, P4 - P7 classes.
- Roots of Empathy in P3 led by Mrs Kearney and baby Sean.
- Library Visits P4 - P7
- Swimming P5

