

Spires Integrated Primary School

February 2024



Safer Internet Day

Thank you to Mrs Henry, Mrs Gibson and P4 class for leading a very informative assembly on Internet Safety. Remember to check your child's internet use and gaming friends.

Help/guidance can be found on any of the websites below.

www.vodafonefoundation.org

www.thinkuknow.org.uk – (Hector's World)

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.safetynetkids.org.uk

www.saferinternet.org.uk

We are almost.....



March is Integrated Education Month, it is a great opportunity to celebrate our success as a school and to remember how it all began! Spires IPS opened on 1 September 1999 - 25 years ago this September!! Pupil Council has planned several events throughout the next school year for our pupils and school community, we are certainly going to party!!!! In addition to this, Governors are gauging interest in a parent/adult event as part of our celebrations. We are aware of financial pressures at this time and would like the event to be as inclusive as possible so have your say and vote/select your choice using this link <https://forms.gle/nbXK3ER3A3V9VJV2A> or by going onto our website www.spiresips.org.uk

Rights Respecting School

Right of the Month:

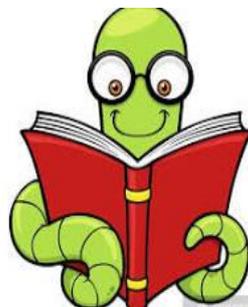
Article 17

Every child has the right to reliable information from the media. This should be information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.



Big Breakfast

Thank you to our Parents' Community group who delivered another delicious breakfast! We really appreciate their work and commitment to fundraising for our pupils.



World Book Day will be held on Thursday 7 March and we invite children to dress up. We do not want them to buy new costumes but rather use things they have at home, swap with others or find something in a charity shop. As part of our ECO programme, we are encouraging the children to reduce waste and to recycle as they grow out of costumes very quickly. Alternatively, they can simply bring a prop from home that represents their favourite book or character. This will be a fun event – not a competition. There will be fun activities within each classroom throughout the day.

Eco Committee

The Eco Committee would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, childminders and pupils who walked to school on 5 February - this was greatly supported and was a super way to start our Mental Health Week activities. Many thanks to Mrs Hughes for leading this.



Safeguarding

A little reminder that doors to the classroom blocks should be closed throughout the day and parents/adults should not walk into classrooms at drop off or collection times. If you wish to speak to the teacher please make arrangements through the school office and teachers will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible. Messages about collections, lunch etc can be delivered to office staff, who will then inform the teacher. We appreciate your support with keeping the children safe.

Pupil Council

Thank you to our members who cleared out our toy sheds and reorganised them!

Governor Vacancies

Do you know someone who would like to be a member of our Board of Governors? We have vacancies for governors who are not parents. Please spread the word in the community and if anyone is interested they can contact school for further details. They do not have to have a particular professional background – everyone has valuable skill sets that can contribute to school life.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 29 February	P1 Assembly @ 9.30am – family members welcome.
Tuesday 5 March	P7 @ Seamus Heaney Homeplace.
Wednesday 6 March	P2 Assembly @ 9.30am – family members welcome. P4 @ Seamus Heaney Homeplace.
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day.
Monday 18 March	School Closed.
Wednesday 20 March	P4 @ Bridewell.
Wednesday 27 March	School closes early for all classes – end of Term 2.
Wednesday 10 April	Term 3 begins.

We are truly grateful to all staff involved in the preparation and attendance at the Peace Proms in Belfast. It was an amazing event and we are so proud of the children! This is something they will remember forever and they were able to participate due to the willingness and consideration of staff.

In addition to that, we send a BIG thank you to Mrs Mc Keown & Mrs Henry for giving up their own family time to accompany P7 on their Woodhall Residential. There are several hours of phone calls, individual parent meetings and paperwork involved prior to the trip and this begins in September! The residential can only take place because of the generosity and selflessness of staff, it is not a guaranteed event and is reviewed on an annual basis.