



Springwell  
Lincolnshire

## Summer Newsletter

July, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well as we draw to the end of another term, I am pleased to be writing to you all with the opportunity to reflect on the past year and all the exciting developments which have taken place.

I cannot list all of the things we have achieved but a few things stand out:

- ◆ A successful November 2016 Ofsted Inspection which allowed us to appoint newly qualified teachers.
- ◆ School logo taken from a student design and used on stationary, uniform and much more.
- ◆ 4 free schools to be built by January 2019 to improve the provision for our young people.
- ◆ Academisation to Wellspring Academy Trust on April 1st 2017.
- ◆ Outstanding training for staff and opportunities to observe good practice at Springwell learning community.
- ◆ Vastly improved processes to both admit students and return to mainstream and/or special settings.
- ◆ Strong health and safety and safeguarding systems.
- ◆ Strengthened admin staff team with Attendance Officer, Data Manager, Project Officer.
- ◆ Fantastic lessons going on that inspire our young people.
- ◆ Really exciting plans for the future in relation to curriculum development and teaching and learning.
- ◆ Buildings across the whole setting have been improved and strengthened.

This coming year is when we will start to really develop our premises, as well as opening the free schools by January 2019, we will be refurbishing our currently Lincoln site.

We want our pupils and staff to be proud of their schools and to have nurturing environments to learn and develop in.

## Term Dates 2017/18

**Term dates from September onwards are as follows:**

First day of Autumn Term 1: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Sep

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

First day of Autumn Term 2: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of Autumn Term 2: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

First day of Spring Term 1: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Last day of Spring Term 1: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

First day of Spring Term 2: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Last day of Spring Term 2: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

First day of Summer Term 1: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Last day of Summer Term 1: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

First day of Summer Term 2: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June



**GAINSBOROUGH NEW AND IMPROVED OUTSIDE SPACE**



**BERFORE AND AFTER**



### **Online Safety Message**

*As part of our work with the Lincoln-area safeguarding network, we have been made aware of an app called ooVoo and we have some concerns which we wanted to bring to your attention.*

*ooVoo lets the user make video and voice calls, send texts and video chat with up to 12 people. However, the default setting for the app is public, which means that anyone can access an individual's profile/account. It is also very easy to search for individual names and any other names linked to an individual's account.*

*It has been reported to us that, even when a young person has the right privacy settings, unknown individuals have been making friend requests but using the name of that young person's friend. So a young person might think that they are accepting a request from someone they know when, in fact, it is an unknown individual. Once the friend request has been accepted, you cannot block that individual and reporting anything on the site is extremely difficult.*

*Unfortunately, we have been made aware that some young people who have accepted requests from people they thought were friends have then been sent indecent images, videos and been bombarded with calls, all of which they are unable to block.*

*We strongly advise that young people do not use ooVoo and we would urge you to speak with your child about the potential risks of this app.*

### **Next Year's Focus**

Our focus next year across the school will be to truly embrace nurture across the setting.

The concept of nurture highlights the importance of social environments - who you're with, and not who you're born to - and its significant influence on behaviour and cognitive ability. Children and young people who have a good start in life have a whole host of advantages over those who don't have such positive experiences at home when they are little. They tend to do better at school, attend regularly, enjoy activities with friends and are significantly less likely to offend or experience problems with poor physical or mental health. Nurture groups offer an opportunity to learn the early nurturing experiences some children and young people lack, giving them the skills to do well at school, make friends and deal more confidently and calmly with the trials and tribulations of life, for life.

#### **The 6 principal of Nurture are:-**

1. Children's learning is understood developmentally
2. The classroom offers a safe base
3. The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing
4. Language is a vital means of communication
5. All behaviour is communication
6. The importance of transition in children's lives

To find out more about this area of work please go to

<https://nurturegroups.org/about-nurture>

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## INSET Dates 2017/18

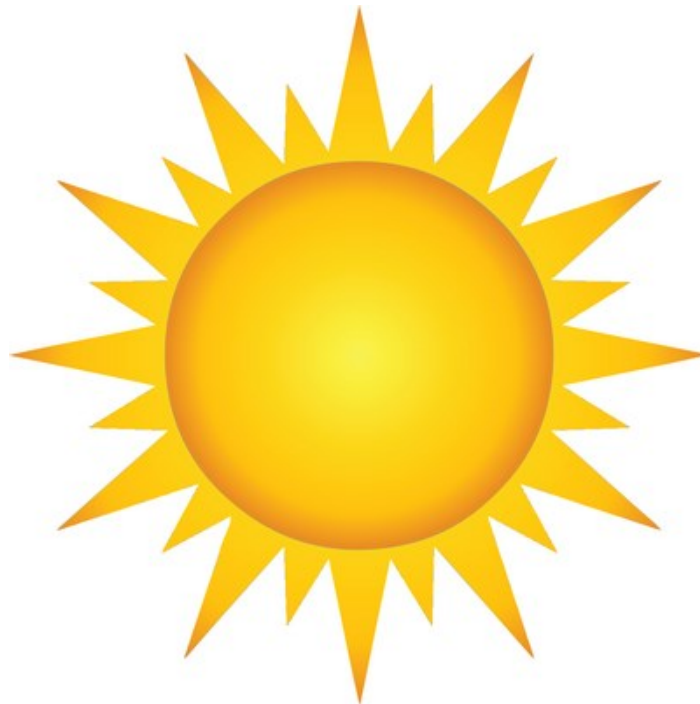
**Inset Days:** these will primarily be during term time, on a Friday,

with the exception of:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

In-term Inset Days are:

22<sup>nd</sup> Sep, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> June



And finally have a great  
summer and we look for-  
ward to working with you  
and your child next year