



# Newsletter

## March 2024



### Message from Matthew



It has been a short term, but an eventful one.

As you know, at the end of January we welcomed Ofsted into our school. Having now received the full reports (which has been circulated to you), you will see that we remain a Good school, which we are pleased about. The whole school team are particularly proud that the team of inspectors recognised the work and support that the school provides for the pupils outside of the planned curriculum and they have graded us as Outstanding for Behaviour and Attitudes!

The two day inspection was grueling and challenging for all of your school leaders and the wider school community but as leader, I was blown away by the whole teams commitment to showing Springhallow at its best.

I hope that everyone has a good break over the next few weeks and for all of our Muslim families - Eid mubarak!

### Message from Eddie McCudden



I am proud to have represented the school at the recent Ofsted inspection as your Chair of Governors. The lead inspector met with a large group of Governors during the second day of the inspection and really put us through our paces. They tested and scrutinised our knowledge of the school and how we support the ongoing development. I am pleased to say, we more than passed the test!

Many of us were in the final feedback meeting and we were so delighted with the verbal feedback that the team provided us with. Whilst they were only at the school for two days, Matthew, the Senior Leadership Team, the Middle Leaders and the whole staff team did a great job in reflecting the work of Springhallow. I also want to echo Matthew's comment about the pupils – they were all amazing! We are really pleased that you can now see the findings in the official report.

I hope that you all have a nice break over the holidays and look forward to continuing our work and frequent visits throughout the summer term.

### Parents Governor

We are pleased to announce that both Yasmin Feisal and Ahmed AlSammari have been appointed unopposed as Parent Governors for another term of office (four more years). This is great news for the Governing Body as they can continue to support the school in its work and continue to provide their individual skills and expertise.

### Staffing



I have the sad, but exciting news for him, that Cathal, our Deputy Head Teacher, has decided to retire in July, at the end of this academic year.

Cathal has worked in education for the past 36 years, and at Springhallow since September 2008. He will be missed by us all as he has had such a positive and profound impact on the whole school community and has worked tirelessly to make a difference for your children and whole family. After 16 years at Springhallow, we will make sure that he gets the send off he deserves!

This term we said goodbye to Lauren, one of our class teachers at Post 16. Lauren had worked at Springhallow for 6 years and has left to have her second child. Lauren has indicated to us that she is not planning on returning to school following her maternity leave and we wish her the best for her future.

We have been successful in appointing Ruben Pedrosa as a permanent class teacher at Post 16 and have also secured Effy Zachou as a supply teacher for Jupiter class.

	<p>Thank you for all of your support so far, we are nearly at a position to purchase a new minibus for the school thanks to the efforts of each of you so far!</p> <p>A massive congratulations to Leo Staples who completed an Ultra Marathon over the weekend to raise money for us, so far he has raised over £1100!. You can still donate by following this link - <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraiser-by-leo-staples-leo-is-running-50k-for-springhallow-minibus-appeal">Fundraiser by Leo Staples : Leo is running 50k for Springhallow Minibus Appeal (gofundme.com)</a></p> <p>You will have seen details of our Quiz, which is taking place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at The Bridge Hotel in Greenford. Please do consider putting a team together and coming along.</p> <p><i>Follow us on Instagram @friendsofspringhallow</i></p>
<b>Pupil Attendance</b>	<p>It is really important that your children attend school regularly when they are well. This consistent routine supports their learning and development as gaps in their attendance can prevent them from making the progress that we all hope of them.</p> <p>The LA and Government look closely at our overall attendance figures. This term our overall attendance figure has risen to 93%. Well done and thank you!</p>
<b>Springhallow Alumni</b>	<p>Do you know anyone who has left Springhallow that wants to stay in contact with the school? If so, we have an active Alumni group. Please ask them to contact <a href="mailto:post16@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk">post16@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk</a> to be added to our mailing list.</p> <p>We are planning on meeting up as a group on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm at our Post 16 site.</p>
<b>Student Council</b> 	<p>The Student Council were amazing during our Ofsted inspection and represented the school and all of the student so well. This was one of the reasons that we secured Outstanding for Behaviour and Attitudes!</p> <p>They have decided to hold an Art Competition this term which the classes have been supporting.</p> <p>The Student Council are going to be selecting some winning designs that will be made into greetings cards for Friends of Springhallow to sell at future fundraising events.</p> <p>They would also like to hold a sponsored sporting event during the summer term so watch this space...</p>
<b>Upcoming Dates</b>	Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> March (13:30)   End of Spring term
	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April   First day of Summer term
	Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> May (am)   Sports Day – Hub 2
	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May (am)   Sports Day – Hub 1
	WC Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May   Half Term
	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June (am)   Sports Day – Secondary and Post 16 (Perivale Track)
	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June   Summer Fair
	Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> July (17:00-18:00)   Parents Evening - Meet the Teacher
	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July (13:30)   End of Summer term