



Newsletter

December 2024



Message from Matthew



Thank you for your continued support during this term. We started in September with a restructured Leadership team and, as expected, both Maria and Zuza moved into these new roles well. With the addition of Adam, as Assistant Head Teacher at Post 16 from January, we will have a bit more capacity. Thank you also to Pam and Dawn who make up the rest of the school's leadership team for their support over what could have been a difficult term for the school.

We have some fun festive events planned for this week, with Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch tomorrow, a Festive performance for Secondary and Post 16 students on Thursday afternoon, a Friends of Springhallow Festive Disco on Thursday evening and perhaps a special visitor on Friday? Hopefully we will see many of you supporting these events.

If your child is in the Primary department, they will get a chance to perform later in the year for SHINE just before May half term – this time of year can become too dysregulating for many, however, those pupils that want to will be invited to watch the older students perform.

I do hope that you get to have a break over the upcoming holiday period.

Message from Eddie McCudden



I can't believe yet another year is coming to an end, it only seems like yesterday I was having Christmas lunch with you all and watched Santa delivering your Christmas presents. This Year he told me he's bringing a very special little helper. I was also pleased to see so many interesting jumpers and hats and I look forward to attending the Christmas lunch again this Christmas.

This year we said farewell to two Governors, Mary Geddes and Caroline O'Conner, and I would genuinely like to thank them both for their hard work and diligence over the past year.

School finances continue to be the main focus of my time, and the Resources Committee also. But we are working closely with the Local Authority to ensure that we maintain the necessary resources to continue with the delivery of your education and pathway to employment.

But my proudest moment of this year was the results of the Ofsted inspection where we were graded 'Good' school with recognition of 'Outstanding' in behaviour and attitudes. I know I have said this before, but we are 'Team Springhallow' and we couldn't have done it without your help and that of our wonderful teaching staff.

So, in closing, may I, on behalf of all the Governors, wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Parents Forum – new for 2025

In the new year, the school is going to set up a Parents Forum group to help provide feedback focused on school development. This group will meet frequently and consider school practices and policies that affect all pupils. At the first meeting we will be looking at the schools newly adopted Anti Racism Policy.

The first meeting is planned to take place on **Thursday 23rd January at 1pm** at the main school site. If you are interested in supporting the school, and would like to take part in the Parent Forum, please contact the School Office. We would welcome representation from a wider range of ethnic groups, to help to truly represent the school population, so please take part if you can.



Friends of Springhallow have planned for a Festive disco on Thursday evening. The entrance fee is £1 and there will be drinks and refreshments available – we will be able to take card payments but if you are bringing cash - please bring lots of coins (not notes). It will be great to see many of you there. Our Secondary and Post 16 students will also be running their Enterprise stall and refill station – see below for more information!

If you can make any donations, please send in crisps or drinks with your child over the next few days.

If you have any other ideas for fundraising opportunities or events, please let us know via Trudy, our chair - friends@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk

Student Enterprise	<p>As you may know, our curriculum offer is based on the development of functional skills for life. As part of this offer, our older students take part in Enterprise as part of the curriculum. This term, pupils in KS4 and Post 16 have been making Festive ornaments and decorations which they have been selling and attended a Christmas Fair at the weekend with their goods.</p> <p>We have also signed up to offer an eco-refill station for toiletries and household cleaning consumables - see below a photo of when Estine and some of the Post 16 students visited the main site last week! A big thank you to all the staff and students who have supported our projects this term – especially Estine for her creativity and handy work!</p>
	
Student Council	<p>The school Student Council has met to discuss the priorities for fundraising for this year. The pupils would like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More scooters – <i>if you have any working ones in good condition at home, please send these in</i> • More computers and laptops that work faster • More lunchtime clubs (including basketball football, music, yoga and girls club) • More books • A school subscription to Incredibox • More Work Experience opportunities • An improved Soft Play room
	<p>They have also asked to meet with the caterers to discuss the school lunches again.</p> <p>Watch this space for further updates from the Student Council – meeting minutes as published on the school's website.</p>
Springhallow Alumni	<p>Our Alumni group met again last month and enjoyed a pizza evening. These events are well supported by our ex-students (and staff) and it gives us an opportunity to catch up twice a year to hear how everyone is getting on.</p> <p>Our next event, a summer BBQ, will take place on Thursday 26th June (5:30-7pm).</p>
Upcoming Dates	18/12/24 Christmas Jumper Day and lunch (official date in early Dec)
	19/12/24 1-2:30pm Festive Performances – Secondary and Post 16 (Parents invited)
	19/12/24 (5-7pm) Friends of Springhallow Festive Disco
	20/12/24 End of Term – School finishes at 1:30pm
	6/1/25 First day of Spring Term
	14/2/25 INSET DAY
	17/2/25 Half Term