



# Spring Grove Primary School

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## Parents Newsletter 9

Dear Parents,

I am very happy to tell you that the children and staff have had an incredibly **hard working, enjoyable and productive half term.** My thanks to them all for their determination to do their best and aim high. Well done! Many thanks to you too for the support and encouragement you add from home.

Next week is the **half term holiday.** I hope you enjoy the family homework challenges that we have sent out alongside lots of relaxation, talking and reading with your children too. School re-opens at the normal time on Monday 20th February. Please ensure all PE kits are brought home, laundered and still fit alongside all items of uniform. Thank you.

As you know, we encourage families to **walk, cycle or scoot to school** and leave cars at home. May we now request that all nursery children walk, scoot or cycle please and leave all buggies at home? The children are old enough to manage the walk to and from school and this will build up their core strength and muscles.

Can I also remind you that if you do have to use your car at the start and end of the day, **please do not park near the school gates in Star Road, do not block residents, driveways and please avoid the Thornbury Road Health Centre parking bays.** Please help us to be a good neighbour. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

There are some **cycling courses** being run for children over the coming weeks by a company called "Change Gear". Details are as follows:

**Website: [parkwoodoutdoors.co.uk/centre/hounslow-bikeability](http://parkwoodoutdoors.co.uk/centre/hounslow-bikeability)**

- Mondays from 20 Feb at The Green School
- 3-5 year olds 4-5pm 6-10 year olds 5-6pm
- Half term courses: 13-14 Feb 9.30am - 4pm - All ages

There is a link on our website too.

Unfortunately I have to inform all parents that **after school clubs will soon carry a charge.** Some already do and some are currently free. We will aim to keep the costs as low as possible but there will be a charge as school budgets are under attack from cuts at

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present. These charges will start after the Easter break and you will be informed of the cost in the letter that gives the club information. Apologies for this but it is a necessary measure that will help us to balance our budget. The children on free school meals will be able to join these clubs free or at a reduced cost where this is possible.

May I politely request that when parents pick up their infant aged children from the classrooms that you **end your conversations on mobile phones** before we release the children to you. This is a health and safety measure as we have had some distracted parents not see their children coming out to meet them and it has led to children and parents becoming very distressed. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Please ensure your children **are not bringing a rucksack to school that is too large**. We cannot fit large bags on the pegs along with coats and there is not enough room to house them in the classrooms. Thank you for your support with this.

We are asking **all parents to sign an IT agreement form** which we will attach to this letter. Please **read and sign it and return the signed part** to school-thank you. All children and staff agree a similar version of this too. Internet safety is paramount for us all and children must learn to keep themselves and others safe. There are other links on our school website that may interest you about the safe use of photographs online; please take some time to view this. We are also promoting a Parents Workshop on "**Parental Guidance on Phones, Filters and Digital Dangers**" on Thursday 2 March at 7.15pm at The Holy Trinity Church, Hounslow High Street, TW3 1HG. Entry is free but you should book a ticket via Eventbrite on ([bit.ly/pg-hounslow](http://bit.ly/pg-hounslow)).

I would like to wish you all a very happy half term.

Yours sincerely,



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