

SUMMER NEWSLETTER - 2008

School News

Students leaving Springfield

It is that time of the year when we prepare to say well done and good luck to our school leavers. It goes without saying that we will miss them all and are proud of their achievements and progress. This year's leavers are:

Name:	Post school placement	Name:	Post school placement
Stephen Barker	Stoke College of FE	Kathryn Pratt	South Cheshire College
Ian Poole	Reaseheath College	Sammy Jo Daley	Pettypool College
Jenny Davenport	Macon House	Jonathan Ralphs	Pettypool College
Mark Clayton	Macon House	Michael Jackson	Reaseheath College

All the leavers and their families attended a Celebration of Leavers' Achievements at Chester Cathedral on Friday 4th July 2008. Students were presented with their Records of

Achievements by the Dean of Chester and the Mike Hall MP. We wish all our school leavers a successful and happy time in their chosen placements.

We say a big 'Thank You' and Best Wishes to:

Mrs Anthea Bishop, Mrs Kay Nehammer and Mrs Margaret Hickman as they leave Springfield and enter the new world of retirement. Each colleague has made a unique contribution to the work and life of the school and we are grateful for all they have done and achieved.

Louise Titley, Teaching Assistant in Foundation Class, leaves us to move abroad to work in Saudi Arabia. We wish her every success in her new job and home.

Sharon Edwards, has been part of Springfield School for many years, as a parent, Mid-Day Assistant, Welfare Assistant and as our very much respected Nursing Assistant. She leaves Springfield in order to allow her to spend more time with her family and her new grandson. We wish Sharon and her family every happiness.

GCSE / Entry level and Young Person's Arts Award

This year we have a record number of students who have taken GCSE's. We are looking forward to receiving their results on the 21st of August – but regardless of the results we are very proud of all of their hard work. Well done to:

Kathryn Pratt – Food Technology and Graphics	Zoe Evans - Food Technology
Ian Poole - Food Technology and Graphics	Paige Tollafield - Food Technology
Michael Jackson - Food Technology and Graphics	Beth Collina - Textiles Technology
Stephen Barker – Food Technology	Ben Wood – Textiles Technology
Danielle Icton - Food Technology	Liam Leach - Textiles Technology
Sally Anne Chadwick - Food Technology	

Congratulations also go to those students in the Sixth Form who have achieved the **Arts Council's Young Peoples Arts Award Bronze Level**.

School Awards - updates

This year we have been successful in achieving the following awards and accreditations:

Successful re-accreditations:

- Arts-Mark Gold
- Basic Skills Quality Mark
- Effective Early Learning Accreditation
- Inclusion Quality Mark
- Investors in People Award
- Investors in People Leadership and Management Award

New awards: Family Learning Kitemark

Financial Management Standards in Schools (FMSiS)

These awards are not lightly given and many thanks go to all staff whose work supported the awards. A big thank you to all pupils, parents, governors and staff who gave supporting evidence to the various assessors.

Future planning and changes

School Improvement projects:

- During the summer holiday we are planning to build an external **multi use games area**. This facility will improve our sports and PE provision and will be able to be used throughout the year.
- Over the last few years we have invested in a range of computer and communication equipment. We now want to take this to the next stage of development by providing pupils with a **dedicated ICT suite** in which to work.
- We have been given the opportunity to extend our sixth form students opportunities by relocating one of our sixth form classes on to the **Manchester Metropolitan University site**, which is next door to school. This will be an excellent opportunity to take advantage of the university facilities which are being further improved and will include a theatre, creative arts centre and extensive sports facilities.

We have appointed the following new colleagues:

- **Miss Anna Sandbach** to replace Mrs Bishop and teach at key stage 2
- We are developing a new teaching post with the aim to form a class for pupils who need a highly structured learning environment. **Mrs Joanne Henry** will be leading this work.
- **Miss Emma Silvestor** has been appointed to develop our performing arts work to include dance and drama and support pupils working for the Young People Arts Award. Miss Silvestor will also be teaching part time at key stage 3 & 4.

The above appointments will take effect from the 1st September 2008

Welcome to new pupils

A warm welcome will be extended to the following new pupils and their families who will be joining us in September.

Shania Finney	Foundation class	Olivia Taylor	1HR
Ellis Khan	Foundation class	Jacon Lysaght	1HR
Libby Morris	Foundation class	Charlotte Street	3RP
Jack Stakes	Foundation class	Rachel Hillyard	3RP
Erin Yoxall	Foundation Class	Girtiga Rajakumarr	4KW/ES

School Council News

Please see separate information sheet

School Governors

Our thanks and appreciation to all our governors for their support and giving of their time, it is much appreciated and their work benefits all our pupils.

The current members of the governing body are:

Mr David Griffith – Chairman	Mrs Pam Bulmer – Co-opted Governor
Mr Ray Woolgar – Vice Chair & Parent Gov.	Mrs Karen Hole – Staff Governor
Mr Peter Jones – Parent Governor	Mrs Janet Turner – Teacher Governor
Mrs Barbara Gibbs – Parent Governor	Mr Maurice Mogg Community Governor
Mrs Rose Lynn - Parent Governor	Mrs G Coupland – Local Authority Governor
Mr Ray King - Parent Governor	Vacancy- Local Authority Governor
M/s Alison Bowler – Co-opted Governor	

Next governor sub-committee 18th September 2008

Personnel and curriculum – 5:15pm

Finance and Premises – 6.15pm

Next main governors meeting: 9th October 2008

School website

We are increasingly using our website to communicate school information. Why not visit the site and make use of it? www.springfield.cheshire.sch.uk

Class News

Foundation Class

Another week, term, school year has flown by! We have been so busy with our summer performance and seaside themed activities that we can't believe summer holidays are nearly here. Our 'Seaside' party was a great success with lots of splashing in paddling pools, playing in sand and eating fish and chips. We are all now in the mood for a nice sunny (hopefully!) summer.

Before we begin our holiday we need to celebrate the progress the children have made this year. **Lewis** and **Angelica** have progressed brilliantly in their communication skills while **Ashton** and **Poppy** have begun to enjoy the company of other children more. **Sophia** can now stand up by herself while **Minnie** can go outside in the sunshine without her glasses. **Alex** and **Ben** our latest 'recruits' have settled into the routine of the school day and have been very welcome additions to Foundation class.

It is time for us to say good bye to **Ashton** and **Angelica** who move on to Mrs. Rubery's class and **Sophia**, **Minnie** and **Poppy** who will be in Ms. Flannigan's class. We will miss you all but know we will see you each afternoon in the play room. We hope you all have a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Class 1PF

This half – term our class have been very busy doing lots of work practising for our summer concert. Our class song was all about recycling used plastic bottles and so the rest of Lower School were very kind and saved up lots of bottles for us. We enjoyed decorating them with paint and glitter to make them special. The children did very well on the days we performed – lots of signing and shaking with our class recycled plastic bottle shakers. Also, this half-term we have done some role-play of a visit to the seaside – feeling soft sand and interesting shells. We have also visited the rain forest and the children have enjoyed our new story ‘Walking Through the Jungle’ and sharing the different animals. We even took turns to press a switch to add sound effects – the lion’s growl sounded really fierce!

The children have all worked really hard this year and we are all so proud of all their achievements.

This time three of our class will be moving up to Miss Sandbach’s class – **Liam, Jessica and Joshua** – we will miss them but know they will enjoy their new class.

Poppy, Minnie and Sophia will be joining us from Foundation class and we are looking forward to having lots of fun together.

Have a good summer holiday!

Class 1HR (*see separate sheet*)

Class 2AB (*see photos*)

It’s hard to appreciate that this is the last newsletter I shall ever write! Where has the year gone? It has been a very enjoyable year. The children have all “gelled” together as a group and friendships have developed. It has been lovely to watch.

This last term has been a very busy term as we prepared for our concert. I’m sure those of you who were able to come will agree it was well worth the work. Your children did you proud! I think they have all learnt a bit about recycling too.

It has also been our term for horse riding. This has been very successful with almost everyone enjoying it and improving in technique as the weeks have passed. Hopefully it will continue next school year. In the meantime I can strongly recommend it and hope some of you may carry it on out of school.

Next year the group will have Miss McKie as their teacher and Di and Tracy will stay with the group.

I hope all of you have a lovely summer break and thank you for your help and support throughout the year,
Anthea, Tracy, Di, Margaret and Kayleigh

Class 2LM (*see separate sheet*)

Class 2JD

In May many of us entered the Inter School Sports Day at Warrington. We won lots of medals for our efforts. Also we had our Maths Challenge Day. We had to use a specified amount of 3D Shapes to make a Robot. We covered him in newspaper and named him ‘Ron’.

We visited the Cheshire Ice-cream Farm to find out how it is made and also tasted the flavour of our choice. This was in connection with Science Week.

Seven pupils from Key Stage 2 have been swimming at Crewe Baths on Friday mornings. They have been working towards their Level 1 or 2 Certificates. We hope they will continue next year sometime.

Our RE and Music Challenge was to discover about Buddhism. It was very interesting and we accompanied Buddhist music with our own un-tuned percussion.

At the beginning of this month 10 of Key Stage 2 pupils participated in Primary College ’08 at Alsager MMU. The activities were belly-dancing, falconry, volcanoes, athletics, football, cheerleading and African drumming. Miss McKie took a mixed group of Key Stage 2 pupils to Safety Town at Malbank High School. It was a most informative session on all aspects of safety at home and around the town.

We all agree that our Lower School recycling concert was the ‘height of the season’. We all practiced so hard with Mrs Moss at our singing and Mrs Rubery organised us in the hall. Everyone now knows what and how to recycle waste. Even the Mayor was impressed.

We are sorry that Linda has not been able to return to class with us, as yet, but we hope she does in September. We wish you all a lovely summer holiday and that the sun shines for us all.

Class 3RP (*see separate sheet*)

Class 3GD

A lovely last half term here in 3GD We have continued with our Africa theme and our seaside literacy. We have enjoyed many sensory activities linked with these themes both in class, outdoors and in the light room. We have made an exciting range of related sensory artefacts which everyone loves especially our jungle and seaside big umbrellas! In science we have had great fun exploring energy, especially wind power with balloons and kites! We also enjoyed a lovely day out at Sophie's sensory garden. We are looking forward to some special end of term activities and wish you all a happy holiday.



Class 4CT / AS (please see photos)

Where has the year gone? We can't believe it's almost the summer holidays.

The staff from Class 4CT / AS have had a lovely year, with such a super class. Mrs Mellor will be moving with the class into Mrs Turner's room next door in September.

The guitar group have worked hard and can play a range of tunes such as 'Frère Jacques', 'Go and Tell Aunt Rosie', 'Yellow Submarine', 'My Bonnie Lives over the Ocean' and 'Pease Pudding Hot'.

The Transition Challenge Group have visited café's all over Crewe to ask for a drink, but preferred the café in the park the best, where we have kept the ducks well fed.

We have also made some lovely hanging baskets and containers for sale in school.

Several trips have taken place for different people. These have been to the Maritime Museum, Malbank School for Safety Town – which was all about safety in the home and outside (Michaela described it as 'brilliant'), the Crocky Trail, an inclusion session with Alsager School and a visit to the Palms at Stapeley to name but a few. Have a lovely summer holiday, Chris, Helen and Anna

Class 4JT

We have been working hard in the past few weeks to get all the work for external accreditation completed. In the Transition Challenge we have completed the eight sections we need for the final module.

We have made cards and compared the price of making and buying. We have listened to a number of different 'card greetings' and talked about the ones we like. We have tried making up our own greeting verses and found this quite difficult to do. We know what we wanted to say but couldn't always find the right words.

We have also looked at French words for fruit and everyday objects. We found that we knew a lot of French, and everyone was very surprised when they were told that people – at least the rich ones (!) used to speak French in their own homes.

We have almost completed the final unit needed to complete Entry Level Science. We will have to find a little time next term to complete an investigation and do a test!

Everyone has worked hard at Enterprise and looking forward to the trips arranged in the last weeks of term.

Thank you to everyone for your support over the past year.

Upper Sixth

Hello everyone!

Well we have come to the end of another year at Springfield School. We say goodbye to 8 students this time. They are moving on to placements at South Cheshire College, Stoke on Trent College, Reaseheath College, Macon House Day Centre & Petty pool Centre. All of the class have achieved great things. Every member of the group has achieved and passed all their exams and accreditation which is really good news.

The Duke of Edinburgh expedition takes place from the 14th-17th July.

The Gateway group will be going out and about including a trip to Manchester on the train to visit the Science and Industry Museum.

We have had a lot happening this term; various sporting events (see Miss Wilson's page) we have had a trip to the circus at Macclesfield High School. A fun packed day with lots going on.

The main event of the term was the Leaver's Ceremony at Chester Cathedral. It was great to see you all and even better to see how nicely dressed the pupils were. Suits, dresses and jackets....very smart. There was a lovely service with several dignitaries and a lovely lunch at the Crown Plaza Hotel afterwards. All the children received their Certificates of Achievement.

As mentioned in a letter home there will be a leaver's meal on Monday 21st July 2008. Pupils need to be at school for 7pm prompt and to be collected at 10pm from school. Transport to and from the restaurant is provided although children will need to bring their own money. It is a chance for the leavers to dress up and have a nice night out with the staff who have worked with them this year. If you have not yet sent in your consent letters please do so in order to get tables booked.

All I can say is have a lovely holiday and we may see you next Wednesday at the Summer BBQ at School.

Sixth Form

Reaseheath Presentation Day

The lower sixth had a fabulous day at Reaseheath where they were presented with their Pre-entry Level Certificates and then enjoyed a lovely buffet. Well done to all those students who worked incredibly hard all year at Reaseheath College.



Enterprise

Students completed their very successful 'smoothie' enterprise project and have made a good profit! Well Done!

Graphics

Kathryn Pratt, Michael Jackson and Ian Poole sat their GCSE Graphics Exam in June and are now just awaiting the results.....

I am sure all their hard work will pay off - Good Luck!

Duke of Edinburgh

Students are due to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award on the 15th-17th July by participating in a 2 night camp and 15 mile walk. We are all looking forward to a fantastic couple of days with lots of sunshine!!!

The students have worked incredibly hard towards this award and I am sure we will have a great couple of days to complete it! Good Luck Everyone!

NURSES CORNER ☺

A big 'Thank You' to Sharon from Sue for all the help and support she has given to her over the last 4½ years. She will be greatly missed.

Sharon's replacement will be Debbie Wootton, so a warm 'hello' to Debbie.

A reminder of contact details should you require them:

1. If you wish to contact Sue or any of our Nursing Team, our e-mail address is:
spring@cecpct.nhs.uk
2. The phone number for activating delivery of continence products is (01270) 415411.
3. All other enquiries through Sue please - Tel: 01270 275648.

Lastly please be careful over the summer holiday, ensure you do not get caught out with any sunshine. Sunburn is very painful and damaging. Also increase fluid intake during the summer - "When its hot, drink a lot". See you back safely in September.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beginning 14 th July 2008	Duke of Edinburgh Residential for Sixth Form Students
Wed, Thurs, 16 th and 17 th July	UNISON strike action - unfortunately school is closed to pupils
Friday, 18 th July	School re-opens
Tuesday, 22 nd July	Whole School celebration assembly End of term and school year for pupils - usual transport times
Wednesday, 23 rd July	Staff Training / Preparation day
Wednesday, 3 rd September	School opens to pupils for the beginning of a new school year.

On behalf of all staff and governors may we take this opportunity to thank you for your support and wish you an enjoyable and safe summer holiday