

Extra-Mural Clubs and Activities



Summer Term 2020

Friday 28th February

Dear Children and Parents,

This booklet describes the extra-mural clubs and activities on offer at Springmead School for the coming term. Around 30 clubs are offered to all children from Reception to Year 6, during lunchtime or after school. An increasing array of clubs is available to children as they progress from Pre-Preparatory (Years R-2) into Preparatory (Years 3-6). There are a variety of clubs to choose from again this term: some seasonal ones, some back by popular demand, plus some existing and new ones!

Children now need to decide, with their parent's help, which clubs to attend next term. A minimum of two lunchtime or after school clubs need to be chosen, one of which must be a sports club. Think carefully about the "play time" versus "club time" balance, so there is enough time to relax - especially for our new Reception children.

Golden Time

Again we have opted for 'golden time' on Wednesday lunchtimes. On this day the children will have a longer morning break and rather than clubs and playtime at lunchtime, they will have choosing time with their class teacher (both inside and outside). This time will give the teachers a little longer with their cohorts and a time for the children to enjoy being with their class friends engaged in tasks of their choosing.

Club Numbers and "Wait List"

To maximise the children's enjoyment and experience from the clubs, it is necessary impose a limit on the numbers attending. Lunchtime clubs may go to once a fortnight or, in the event of numbers exceeding the available spaces, names may be drawn from a hat. The remaining names are put on the club "Wait List" for subsequent terms so, if your child's name is put on a waiting list, please ensure you re-request the club next time to show that you are still interested.

Costs

Lunchtime clubs remain free, whilst the end of day, extra-mural clubs are invoiced for the whole term. Parents, please note that children choosing extra-mural clubs at the end of the school day will be invoiced at our standard after school care rate of £3.30/30 minutes. Our after school club remains available, offering a high tea or picnic, craft activities, games, free play and an opportunity to complete homework if your child chooses to.

Invoice Confirmation

Your invoice shows confirmation of both the (free) lunchtime clubs and (chargeable) after school clubs into which your child has been placed. Please also note your invoice will show if your child has been chosen for Cookery and Craft or Springmead Buddies, or has been placed on the Waitlist.

Please be aware that children may sometimes be selected for sporting or other events, which will mean they could miss a club for which you have been invoiced. As our staffing for clubs has already been costed, we are unfortunately unable to refund any charges you have incurred.

Wet Weather

Clubs continue despite poor weather. In exceptional weather, activities move inside but are not cancelled.

The Springmead Award

The Springmead Award scheme will begin again in the Autumn term for our Preparatory children and details are enclosed.

Please complete the form attached on the last page and return it to the School Administration Office by Friday 6th March to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions please speak to your class teacher.

Enjoy choosing!

Madeleine Taylor
Principal

The Springmead Award

The Springmead Award scheme provides an inspiring, challenging and rewarding programme of personal and social development for our young people. Participants prove their personal commitment to various activities that they may not normally experience. There are parallels with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award that runs in most senior schools. Similar to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the Springmead Award scheme develops the "whole child" and inspires them to reach their potential and achieve through confidence gained in the many elements.

All children in the Preparatory Department are involved in this Award. The Copper, Bronze, Silver and Gold Springmead Awards are taken by pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively. The elements include: a hobby; a physical activity; community service; undertaking a first aid course; participating in a residential trip and completing a hike - all at increasing levels of difficulty.

The children are given their Springmead Award booklet at the beginning of the academic year. As the various elements are undertaken, a signature to verify participation is collected. The Springmead Award medals are presented at the school year end, to those who have completed all elements.

The Springmead Award Requirements				
	Copper	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Hobby May take place during or outside of school, e.g.: IT club; choir; Cubs; instrument tuition.	5 sessions	8 sessions	10 sessions	15 sessions
Physical Activity May take place in or outside of school (but excludes lesson time activities), e.g.: sports clubs; horse riding; swimming.	5 sessions	8 sessions	10 sessions	15 sessions
Service Would normally take place in school e.g.: librarian duties; supporting a club for younger children.	5 sessions	8 sessions	10 sessions	15 sessions
First Aid Young Life Saver	Introduction	Award 1	Award 2	Award 3
Walk	8 km	10 km	12 km	15 km
Residential	0	2 nights	2 nights	2 night overseas

Clubs and Activities

This list changes each term to offer variety; be sure to let us know of any special requests!

Athletics

Year R-6

We will be developing our athletics skills, both on and off the track! There may be a chance to compete too!

Art

Year R – 5

Learn the skills and techniques to create your very own masterpieces, using famous artists as your inspiration develop your own ideas into works of art.

Brain Teasers - Invitation Only

Year 3-6

Get that brain working with maths puzzles and problems. Enjoy playing with numbers, using practical equipment and stretching your mathematical skills. This maths club is specifically designed to extend children who have a particular talent in maths. *Children for whom this club is aimed at will be advised accordingly.*

Cheerleaders

Year 3 – 6

Give me an F, give me a U, give me an N what have we got? A fun cheerleaders group where you can learn all the moves.

Construction

Year R-2

Build to your hearts content using a range of construction, from Lego to Knex and all those kits in between.

Cookery and Craft

Year R-6

A chance to practise skills in the kitchen and learn all about healthy eating. This club will improve cooking skills but will also introduce food ideas to help keep you fit for life. Some weeks you will be putting those creative skills to the test in the world of craft. Over the weeks you will be using different techniques and different skills. A very popular club choice! *Be sure to see your invoice to check whether your child is on this club or has been placed on the "Wait List".*

Chess

Year 3-6

Enjoy this game of strategy and skill. Polish up on your skills so you can impress the family! Keep your coat on: you will be playing outside when it is dry.

Cricket

Year 3-6

A chance to learn some new skills and to practise some old ones whilst playing a great team game of skill and tactics. Fun for both boys and girls.

Digital Media

Year 3-6

Learn some of the skills and techniques to produce images and pictures for sharing with your friends, add text, music and emojis to your photographs to make make them fun.

Eco Committee**Year 3-6**

Following on from our exciting Eco week, this committee brings an opportunity to work together on projects around the school to aid us in our journey to become more environmentally friendly. Help us to reach our goal of becoming an accredited 'Green School'.

Fit For Life**Year R-2**

Understanding why we need to do sport and the impact it has on our bodies is key to staying fit for life. This club will be very practical so be prepared for some sport challenges as well science stuff too!

Gardening Club**Year R-2**

Get those green fingers wiggling in the mud as you plant tend and grow a range of horticultural delights around the school grounds. Learn how to look after our natural environment and make our world a more beautiful place to live in.

Girls Football**Year 3-6**

Passing, shooting, heading ...improve these football skills and join in games in the school and with other schools.

Golden Time**Year R-6**

A fabulous 'choosing' time for you and your classmates, sometimes inside, sometimes outside. Get your thinking caps on as you will be doing the choosing! No need to sign up for this one!

Homework Club**Year 3-6**

Struggling to get homework done at home? Sign up for one or both of these clubs...remember to bring your homework with you!

Karate**Year 4-6**

Originally developed as a means of self-defence, karate is a popular competitive sport. Benefits of studying this martial art include improved physical condition, confidence, self-defence and discipline. Friendly but technical lessons from an experienced, registered karate instructor will help you to develop your skills in a safe environment.

Language Explorers - Invitation Only**Year 3-6**

Do you love language? How would you like to explore different styles of writing as well as exploring different forms of literacy? Here's your chance to extend and develop your growing skills. This club is specifically designed to extend children who have a particular talent in literacy. *Children for whom this club is aimed at will be advised accordingly.*

Music Ensemble - Invitation Only**Year 3-6**

Are you enjoying learning and playing a musical instrument? Would you like to have time to get together with other musicians and work towards performing an item at the instrumental concert? Then this club is for you. **This club is specifically designed to extend children who have a particular talent in music.** *Children for whom this club is aimed at will be advised accordingly*

Outside Art**Year R-2**

Get creative and explore lots of different mediums in this exciting opportunity to let your imagination run wild.

Playground Games**Year R-6**

Learn how to play some traditional and modern playground games that you can then continue to play with your friends at play times! This will have a sporty feel, if you're looking for a sports club, although you won't need to change.

Pre-Prep Choir**Year R-2**

You, too, will be developing your singing skills as well as performing in public. If you would like to audition to join the choir, tick pre-prep choir as one of your club choices.

Production**Year 5-6**

This year's performance and musical directors are busy with preparations for our Summer Production. Practice will take place on Monday and lunchtimes. You don't need to put your name down to "join" as everyone in Years 5-6 will be involved from time to time. Please note that, even if you are at another lunchtime club, you may still be asked to attend production practices some weeks.

Recorders**Year 3-6**

From *Peas Pudding Hot* to Brahms & Strauss, impress your friends with your musical talents. Learn to read music and be part of an ensemble. So that we don't have to keep starting at the beginning pupils just get one opportunity to join this club each year, in September! Choosing to play the recorder will mean practising the instrument at home each day!

Rounders**Year 3-6**

A chance to learn the fast paced and lively game that will raise the heart rate. Enjoy joining in this ever-popular summer game.

Sewing Crafts**Year 3-6**

Sewing and crafts for boys and girls. Come and learn some new skills and techniques and have fun with like-minded children.

Sketching and Watercolours**Year 3-6**

This club will concentrate on the core skills of sketching and watercolours. Spend time enjoying one of your favourite pastimes and growing your skills!

Springmead Buddies**Year R-2**

Just like the Girl Guiding and Scout Association, we believe that children develop most when they are "learning by doing" and when they are having fun. Springmead Buddies will introduce children to a whole range of activities, sports, crafts and lots of other things too. All will lead to new skills and growing confidence - with badges to collect too!

Test Preparation

Year 6

This session is compulsory for Year 6 children.

Ultimate Frisbee

Year 3-6

Enjoy some high paced fun with this non-contact team sport played with a flying disc. Learn throwing and catching techniques as well as developing strategy and tactical skills.

Parent Check List

	Check...	√
1.	Tick a minimum of 2 clubs on the “Choices” form.	
2.	Check one of the selections is for a sports club.	
3.	Complete your child’s name and the declaration at the bottom of the “Choices” form.	
4.	Keep a record of the clubs you have requested for your child on the “Parent Copy” page on the reverse of this sheet.	
5.	Pop the “Choices” form into the school bag!	
6.	When received, check your Invoice for confirmation of both the (free) lunchtime clubs and (chargeable) after school clubs into which your child has been placed. Your Invoice will also show if your child has been placed on a club waiting list.	

Q&As

	Question	Answer
1.	How will I know which club(s) my child has been successfully placed in?	Confirmation of club choice is shown on your Invoice, which will be sent via email.
2.	How will I know if my child has been placed on a club waiting list?	This is shown on your Invoice as “Your child has been placed on the wait list”. Please re-request the club next term.
3.	What club information appears on my Invoice?	Confirmation of both (free) lunchtime clubs and (chargeable) after school clubs into which your child has been placed will be shown on your Invoice.
4.	Which staff member will be taking the club?	Please see under “Staff” on the reverse of this sheet.
5.	How do I request changes to the clubs initially chosen?	This cannot be guaranteed after the clubs closing date but we will endeavour to accommodate requests. Please email details to: info@springmead.com . Confirmation of changes will be sent via email.
6.	What time do after school clubs finish?	Your child will finish his/her school club at 4.30 pm.

