

# **Extra-Mural Clubs and Activities**



## **Spring Term 2019**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**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 lunch time 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 £3.00/30 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 Healthy Eating, or has been placed on the Waitlist.

**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.

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.

<b>The Springmead Award Requirements</b>				
	<b>Copper</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>
<b>Hobby</b> May take place during or outside of school, e.g.: IT club; choir; Cubs; instrument tuition.	5 sessions	8 sessions	10 sessions	15 sessions
<b>Physical Activity</b> 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
<b>Service</b> Would normally take place in school e.g.: librarian duties; supporting a club for younger children.	5 sessions	8 sessions	10 sessions	15 sessions
<b>First Aid</b> Young Life Saver	Introduction	Award 1	Award 2	Award 3
<b>Walk</b>	8 km	10 km	12 km	15 km
<b>Residential</b>	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!

### **Archery** **Year 3-6**

Come along to this club and test your skills in archery! A great inclusive sport for budding Robin Hoods! Please be aware that depending on numbers and dynamics the group may be split into two with a fortnightly opportunity to play.

### **Ball Sports** **Year R-2**

Catching, passing, shooting and throwing ...work on your ball skills to be able to get involved in many sports as you get older. Play small matches too!

### **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 R-2**

Come and enjoy the fun of cheerleading, learn some moves and routines that will help motivate your sports teams.

### **Chess** **Year 3-6**

Come and enjoy this all time favourite board game. Polish up on your skills so you can impress the family! Keep your coat on: you will be playing outside when it is dry.

### **Cookery and Craft** **Year R-2 and Year 3-6**

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".*

### **Cross-Country** **Year 3-6**

This club will build endurance, agility, balance, strength and teamwork and we'll have some fun too! If you want to represent the school as a cross-country runner, this is your big chance.

### **Entrance Test Preparation** **Year 6**

This club is for Year 6 children who will potentially be sitting entrance examinations for senior schools over the Autumn and Spring terms.

Year 6 children who will not be sitting entrance exams but would like to participate in these sessions are welcome; however, please note that all the children attending must take on the commitment to do all set papers at home.

**Football****Year R -2**

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.*

**Lego & Knex****Year R-2**

Enjoy building with your favourite kits and some new ones and enjoy small world creative play as well.

**Mid-Somerset Festival**

Mid-Somerset Festival support sessions for all children who are participating will take place during the day this year... no need to sign up for this one!

**Modelling****Year R-2**

From empty yoghurt pots to glittery pipe cleaners, enjoy making models out of a whole range of materials.

**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 performance platform? 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.*

**Netball****Year 3-6**

We will be developing our netball skills with lots of fun games and activities. Netball is a great inclusive sport so come and get involved. There will be a chance to play in netball matches both in school and against other schools.

**Playground Games****Year R-2 and Year 3-6**

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. We sing a mixture of traditional and contemporary songs.

**Production****Year 3-4**

Practices will take place on Tuesday lunchtimes for the Year 3-4 Easter production. You don't need to put your name down to "join" as everyone in Years 3-4 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.

**Puzzle Fun****Year R-2**

This is essentially a fun games and activity club...with the added benefit of honing your number skills and sharing time with like minded friends.

**Recorders****Year 3-6**

As it is now the spring term, this is a club for children who have already started to learn the recorder. From *Peas Pudding Hot* to Brahms & Strauss, impress your friends with your musical talents. Learn to read music and be part of an ensemble. Choosing to play the recorder will mean practising the instrument at home each day!

**Singing & Performance****Year 3-6**

For one term only this club will allow you to spend time enjoying musical performances! This club will have elements of singing, dancing and acting and will lead to a performance at the Mid-Somerset Festival.

**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!

**Spring Sports****Year R-2**

This club will help develop all your skills and your love of sport. Take part in a range of games and activities, which will include gym, obstacle courses and skill challenges.

**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!

**Sewing & Crafts****Year 3-4**

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

**Small World Play****Year R-2**

Come and let your imagination take you away to magical and far- away places at this fun and creative session.

**Tag Rugby****Year 3-6**

A chance to learn some new skills or to practise some old ones while playing a fast paced and exciting game. Fun for both boys and girls.

**Test Preparation****Year 6**

This session is compulsory for Year 6 children.

**The World Around Us****Year 3-6**

This club will appeal to those who love Geography and the Environment. Come and explore fascinating facts and foreign languages from the planet we live on. We will visit the new wildlife area at SEA to enjoy our natural habitat too.

## 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: <a href="mailto:info@springmead.com">info@springmead.com</a> 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.

**Please keep this page for your records.**

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Day	Time	Club	Years	Staff	Club Requested
Mon	8.00am -9.00am	Test Preparation (Compulsory for Y6)	6	Nick Munckton	No Need to Sign Up
	12.00pm - 12.45pm	Singing & Performance Club	3-6	Charlotte Munckton & Hannah Drury	
	12.00pm – 1.30pm	Mid Somerset Practice	R-6	Jane Dickson	No Need to Sign Up
	12.00pm - 12.45pm	Sewing and Crafts	3-4	Jo Vaughan & Mary-Ann Pinchin	
	12.00pm - 12.45pm	Archery	3-6	Karen Miller	
	12:45pm - 1.30pm	Small World	R-2	Lauren Mullins	
	12:45pm - 1.30pm	Pre-prep Choir	R-2	Georgina Boyden	
	12.45pm – 1.30pm	Puzzle Fun	R-2	Katy Harries	
	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Cookery and Craft	3-6	Ilka Brown	
	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Tag Rugby	3-6	Nick Munckton	
	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Language Explorers	3-6	Jane Dickson	Invitation Only
	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Football	R-2	Karen Miller	
	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Ball Sports	R-2	Charlotte Munckton	
Tues	8.00am – 8.30am	Entrance Test Preparation	Y6	Sally Cox	
	12.00pm - 12.45pm	Chess	3-6	Toby Hime	
	12.00pm - 12.45pm	Girls Football	3-6	Karen Miller	
	12.00pm - 12.45pm	Playground Games	3-6	Jane Dickson	
	12.00pm - 12.45pm	Year 3/4 Production	3-4	Katy Harries & Hannah Drury	No Need to Sign Up
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Wed	Golden Time for all classes				
	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Sketching and Watercolours	3-6	Jane Dickson	
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	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Karate	4-6	Patrick Cooper & Carol May	
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Child's Name		Year		Class	
Parent's Signature				Date	

Please return to the Administration Office by **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**