

11 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to wish you a somewhat early 'Merry Christmas' and also to inform you of the arrangements for the last day of term – **Friday, 18 December**.

Our pupils are very keen to support others in the community and so, in keeping with tradition, the last day of term will be a **fundraising non-uniform day**. Pupils who wish to take part will need to bring in a minimum donation of £1; they can wear a Christmas jumper or traditional Christmas colours e.g. green and red. The £1 donation will be collected by the school entrances on the day.

The pupils have chosen to support the following charities this year:

- RSPCA
- Teenage Cancer Trust
- Rowans Hospice
- Canine Partners

If families would like to donate more to the pupils' chosen charities then they may do so via the 'Payments' Section of the School Gateway app*.

Pupils would also like to prepare a **Christmas hamper** on behalf of the school for the North Portsmouth Food Bank and so we will also be collecting donations of canned or dried goods that we can contribute. Anything suitable that you can spare would be most welcome. Again, these donations will be collected by the school gates as pupils arrive at school on 18 December.

Morning lessons will take place as normal on the last day of term, with pupils being dismissed in the afternoon in a **staggered departure** as below:

Year Group	Dismissal time	Departure Area
7	1.15 pm	Central Road
8	1.15 pm	Grove Road
9	1.25 pm	Central Road
10	1pm	Grove Road
11	1.30 pm	Grove Road

If you are a parent/carers of a Year 11 pupil, please remind them to use the Grove Road exit only on the day to leave the school site. Year 10 pupils who are entitled to a free school meal should collect this promptly from the canteen at 1pm; other pupils can access the canteen at their usual times. (If you do need your child to remain in school until 3pm, please telephone a member of their Year Office Team by 15 December to discuss this.)

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The Government made an unusual announcement on Tuesday (08 December) that academies could, at late notice, adjust their calendared term dates and/or bring forward professional closure days (INSET) to the very end of this term, and this has featured in some recent media discourse. All three schools within our trust were of the view that this announcement came too late to allow staff or families to adjust their plans and be helpful, and so Springfield will be continuing with its usual arrangements for the end of the autumn term (as above).

We hope that the pupils enjoy their break and look forward to seeing them again when term starts on Monday 04 January 2021.

Yours sincerely

Ms S F Spivey
CEO, Headteacher

** Please make your donations by (11.59pm on Sunday 03 January 2021). For general queries regarding using the School Gateway app please see the school website and click on 'School App Support' or email Marie Johnson: marie.johnson@springfield.uk.net*