



Ox Close Federation Governor Newsletter

March 2023 Edition

Who Are We?

Pam Sneath – Co-opted Governor, Chair of Ox Close Federation and Looked After Children Lead

Dave Stone – Co-opted Governor, Vice Chair of Ox Close Federation and Chair of Finance and Resources

Debra Swinburn – Co-opted Governor and Chair of Leadership and Management

Cllr Liz Maddison – Local Authority Governor and Safeguarding Lead

Wendy Hall – Co-opted Governor, Chair of Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes Committee and SEND Lead

Daniel Harrison – Executive Headteacher

Steven Bowen – Co-opted Governor, Chair of Quality of Education and Health and Safety Lead

Nicola Milne - Co-opted Governor

Anna Bowden – Deputy Executive Headteacher and Staff Governor

Sarah Aungiers—Parent Governor

Liam Clough—Parent Governor

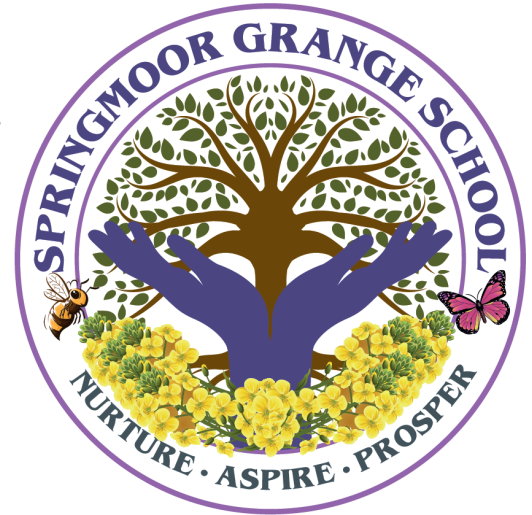
Jayne Phillips—Assistant Executive Headteacher and Associate Governor



New Logo

As you know, our new name from September 2024 will be Springmoor Grange School. This was chosen to represent the original land which was made up of gorse bushes which flowered in yellow annually in the Spring - this place was officially known as Tudhoe Grange.

In the Autumn Term, we held a competition to design our new school logo. The winners were Logan T, Macey W, Eila B and Caleb W and their designs were sent to the graphic designer. We are very pleased to share with you our new logo - it incorporates all of the winning entries and the meaning of the name. We hope you love it as much as us!



New Uniform

From September 2023, we will start to introduce our new uniform and we are currently busy contacting different suppliers to see what they can offer.

We are hoping that this slow transition over to the new uniform will give current parents and children the chance to move over with minimal cost.

The uniform will be:

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| Early Years Nursery and Reception | Yellow polo shirt, purple sweatshirt/cardigan and grey trousers/skirt. |
| Key Stage One Years 1 and 2 | White polo shirt, purple sweatshirt/cardigan and grey trousers/skirt. |
| Key Stage Two Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 | White cotton shirt, school clip on tie, V-neck sweatshirt/cardigan and grey trousers/skirt. |

Start of Build

We can confirm that Esh Group are the contractors for our new school and they will shortly be sending a letter to all immediate residents with further information. A copy of this will be sent to parents via SeeSaw. We are expecting that the work on the site starts in early May and we will be visiting with our Children's Leadership Team to mark the occasion.

Happy Easter

We would like to thank the children, parents, carers and staff for their continued hard work and support this term and we look forward to seeing you all at events throughout the Summer Term. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.

Happy Easter

What do the Governors do?

We have three core functions which are:

- Giving the school a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the Executive Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Federation Improvement Priorities

This term, we thought we would share our Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes priorities with you:

Character Development:

To foster and embed character development of identified key values.

Empathy
Nurture
Resilience
Independence
Confidence
Honour and Respect
Endurance
Determination

Attendance:

To improve overall attendance and punctuality.

Attendance Target - 96%

To narrow the gap between all vulnerable groups.

Behaviour for Learning:

To create a positive behaviour for learning culture in order to increase active engagement in learning.

To ensure consistent routines and expectations.

Governors have made visits during the Spring Term and will be making further in the Summer.

Leaders and Governors continue to monitor against these objectives.

How can we be contacted?

If you would like to speak to a member of the Governing Body, then messages can be passed on via the school office or through emailing the Chair of Governors at p.sneath600@durhamlearning.net

Where can I find out more about the Governing Body?

More information can be found on the website below:

<http://www.ox-close.durham.sch.uk/about-us/our-governing-body/>

Future Updates

Our next Governor Newsletter will be at the end of the Summer Term.