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Newsletter- Week 22

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! We hope that everyone has had a lovely half term break and everyone has recharged their batteries! We have a busy and fun start to the next seven weeks so here are all of the details you need!

Science Week: This week is science week and we will be teaching a wider range of science skills and topics across the school to enthuse and inspire the children. We will have a special assembly on Tuesday to talk about the importance of questioning the world around us. We will be asking lots of 'why' questions to enhance our deeper understanding and reasoning skills. On Thursday this week we will have 'Mad Scientist' day when the children can all enjoy science experiments. As we have so many dress up days on the horizon we didn't want to add another stress to parents so we have chosen a theme of 'explosion hair'...children can spike, mess, ruffle or back-comb hair for the day. **It is a normal uniform day otherwise.** A certificate in each class will be presented at the Star of the Week assembly on Friday for the most convincing mad scientist look! We will also have a 'science star of the week' award at the same assembly.

Parents' Evening: Our Spring Term parents' evening will take place next Wednesday on 6th March between 1.30 and 7.30pm. We will have the normal booking procedure in place which opens tonight at 5.00pm. Due to the large number of Nursery pupils this year we will have some additional times available to book and see Mrs Exley on Monday 4th March between 1.30 and 5.30pm. These times cannot be signed up for online so please contact school or see the Nursery staff to sign up for these times. Nursery parents can sign up online for a slot on the Wednesday but please note that you only need to do one or the other and not both. The actual evening will run as per the arrangements used since my appointment as head (in the hall, books available Y1-6, etc) and pupils can go home with parents after their appointment if it is school time. **As ever we would stress the need to keep appointments to ten minutes maximum** in the interest of fairness to staff/other parents so would urge anyone who would like a more detailed meeting to make an appointment on a separate evening by emailing/calling school as soon as possible. During next week we will also ask parents to complete their annual questionnaire. Pupils, staff and Governors will also complete a different version as we seek to formally evaluate stakeholder views to drive further improvement in the future. We take feedback in many different ways every day of the year but please help us to move forward by providing your honest views, ideas for future development and suggestions about any aspect of school business.

Club Launch: We have launched our clubs today (Monday 25th) at 11am. We have kept a similar pattern as the last half term as it seems to work well and it caters for the interests of our pupils. We have added, due to feedback, a KS1 cricket club on a Friday after school this term. As ever, we require a minimum number for each club to make it financially viable for school to offer- we would always contact parents with some notice if a club was cancelled due to low numbers. When I started at Springvale one of my largest goals was to increase pupil participation in clubs both in and out of school and I am delighted to see the current engagement and enthusiasm of our pupils...fantastic...keep it up!

Uniform Update: A further reminder that we will be starting to include the new school logo and ethos on uniform and additional items from September 2019. The logo will be the one that appears on the PE uniform that we created last year. I just want to keep reminding people in case children are due new items in the next few months as I don't want people to pay out and then feel that the items are very quickly out of date. We will, of course, allow both new and old items in school. Regarding the PE kits; we have noticed that, after a magnificent standard at the start of the year, the number of pupils with non-school PE kits has risen recently. Any kit can be worn for PE clubs but we would love to keep a high standard across each class for curriculum PE sessions and competitions where possible please.

Diary Dates for the rest of Spring Term: Please note the update diary dates list below and keep an eye on weekly newsletters for the mini diary (at the end of the letter each week) or our 'diary dates' section of the website for fully up-to-date events that are taking place across the school!

March 2019

Friday 1st: Y5 Swimming Begins (10am-12.30pm) every Friday unless stated on separate letter

Monday 4th: Questionnaire week- parents, pupils, staff and Governors

Monday 4th: Extra Nursery Parents' Evening times (1.30 to 5.30pm)

Tuesday 5th: KS2 Table Tennis competition in school (PM) (selected pupils)

Wednesday 6th: Parents' Evening (1.30-7.30pm) Hall

Wednesday 6th: Book Fair open (ends on Tuesday 12th March)

Thursday 7th: World Book Day- bring your favourite book and dress as your favourite book character or in a onesie/PJs all day and **8-9am Books for Breakfast for Y4-Y6 and Nursery pupils (moved from Friday 8th)**

Friday 8th: Football versus Mapplewell (H) times TBC

Monday 11th: Y1/2 Multi-skills at PGS (4-5.30pm) selected pupils

Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th: Y6 at Robinwood (leave at 9am and back approx. 3.30pm)

Thursday 14th: 9am Y5 assembly, all welcome

Friday 15th: Comic Relief Day- dress down- red theme and comedy talent show at 2pm

Monday 18th: Well-being Week (various assemblies and events)

Monday 18th: Y3/4 at PGS for Multi-skills event (selected pupils)

Wednesday 20th: Y1 Class Assembly (all welcome)

Thursday 21st: Y3 Class Visit to Moorland (9am to 3pm)

Friday 22nd: Football v Brierley Away (Y5/6) 3-4PM

Monday 25th: Y3 Visit to Murton Park 9am-4pm

Monday 25th: Y5/6 Tag Rugby at PGS 4-5.30pm (selected pupils)

Wednesday 27th: School Council Dance Assembly at 10.30am

Wednesday 27th: Reception and Y6 Height and Weight checks

Friday 29th: 11am (just AM F1) and 2.45pm Mothers' Day Presentations (F1 and F2) in the hall

Friday 29th: Y3/4 (mixed) and Y5/6 (development) versus Churchfield (home) at 2.00pm and 2.45pm

April 2019

Wednesday 3rd: Y5 Scarborough Information Evening (3.20-3.40pm in the hall)

Wednesday 3rd: Class Photographs (plus new starters in Nursery since Christmas)

Thursday 4th: Y3 Class Assembly, all welcome

Monday 8th: 1-3pm at PGS Y3/4 Tag Rugby, selected pupils

Wednesday 10th: 6pm Instrumental Evening

Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April- Easter Holidays. INSET on Monday 29th April.

Return to school on Tuesday 30th April 2019

Have a great week and a wonderful half-term everyone!

Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Week 21 Stats	Average 2018/19 Stats	Week 22 Diary Dates
Attendance: 97.3%	Attendance: 97.4%	Monday 25 th : Science Week, Clubs launched at 11am, Parents' Evening Bookings 5pm
Late marks: 0	Late marks: 9 all year	Tuesday 26 th : Y4 Sound Workshop
GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	GREEN LIGHTS: 99.5%	Thursday 28 th : Mad Scientist Day- normal uniform but 'exploded hair'
Class of the Week: Y1 Water Lilies with 100%		Friday 1 st : Y5 Swimming begins
		Friday 1 st : Special music assembly (guest musicians PM)
		Friday 1 st : Captain's Table (lower school) and Star of the Week