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Newsletter- Week 24

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! It has been a really busy few weeks since we returned and this letter recaps on the major events and the next raft of events to look forward to!

Parents' Evening: Thanks so much to everyone who came along to take part in consultations with staff about how our children are getting on in their learning and progress. Staff reported lots of happy parents and it was great to see everyone working together. I received lots of positive emails and comments in the foyer about the work of the school and we really appreciate your positivity and constant support!

Amazing Acorns Homework: This year we have introduced a little yellow phonics book for F2 children to take home once a week to supplement the hard work being done in school on phonics across lower school. The work comes out on a Friday to be brought back the following Thursday. We appreciate the age of the children but many children need a little extra reinforcement to retain key skills and it gives parents a weekly insight into our work and the progress that your child is making in this vital area. It also ensures that children get into good habits for homework and practice very early on in their school life which will help as the amount of homework rises throughout school.

Musical Instrument Teaching: Just over a week ago we had some specialist music tuition teachers in school to demonstrate their skills and knowledge to the children. Several children have since expressed an interest in joining our in-house music lessons which are led by expert teachers from Barnsley Music Service. For any enquiries please speak to Miss Chapman in the school office.

Pond Development: A huge thank you and well done to our Y4 pupils who have worked with *Twiggs Groundwork* over the last fortnight to tidy up and develop our pond area so that it can be used safely by all age groups this Summer!

World Book Day: Thank you for your wonderful support during our recent special events for Books for Breakfast and World Book Day. The children looked fabulous and we all had a great day! Check out our Twitter feed for lots of pictures of the day...it was a busy one, including a personal highlight; mixed age children enjoying a good book together at the end of the day! Please note that the Book Fair is still open for a couple of extra days before and after school in the Community Room. Books are very reasonably priced and any purchases creates commission for school to use on adding new, exciting titles to our ever improving school library!

Reading Army: Thank you so much to our amazing volunteers who have helped for **so** many hours this year so far. The impact that your work is having is clear for all to see and very much appreciated. If anyone would like to join the group or try it for an hour or two please contact Mrs Royston or myself.

Sports Update: A massive well done to our table tennis players who took on some fantastic players last Tuesday here at Springvale! Special mentions too for the young leaders who scored or umpired throughout the event...you received excellent feedback from the staff and made Mr Crossfield very proud! Well done also to our amazing Y5/6 football league team who played brilliantly against an excellent team, Mapplewell Primary, last Friday in a 0-3 defeat away from home. A superb effort and Player of the Match awards go to Liam for his excellent goalkeeping and Joe for his ongoing improvement and battling qualities!

Comic Relief: This coming Friday is Red Nose Day/Comic Relief. As ever we will have a special 'wear red' day and ask for a family donation to the charity (suggested £1). In the afternoon we will have a comedy talent show for any children who would like to enter. I will collate performance numbers on Wednesday and hold auditions if there are too many! Please get that comedy show planned now and start refining it! 😊

Parent Questionnaires: Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire form last week. The results have been analysed and appear below. As you can see we have generally scored very well indeed, which is excellent. We are, however, committed to further improvement as well as working hard to maintain the current high standards in school. As ever we would urge parents to share their views with us and keep giving us feedback, little and often, to help us to become the best school in the World!

Results are shown in %

Question	Disagree	Not sure	Agree
Springvale Primary is a consistently 'good' school	0	1	99
Springvale Primary school is improving	0	3	97
The school mirrors its ethos of 'Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together' in its daily work	0	5	95
My child enjoys school	0	1	99
My child is making good progress	0	3	97
The curriculum in school offers exciting opportunities and topics	0	5	95
Relationships between staff and pupils are good	0	1	99
The school offers pupils a safe and secure environment/atmosphere for learning	0	1	99
Behaviour is well managed in school	0	7	93
School rules are clear and appropriate	0	1	99
My child receives good support and guidance from the staff in school (pastoral)	0	5	95
Communication in school is good	0	0	100
I receive feedback about my child's progress (at least each term)	4	9	87
My child receives regular, appropriate homework	1	12	87
The school has high expectations of the children	0	7	93
I know how well my child is doing in school	1	8	91
I feel safe and welcome in school	0	0	100
My child has had opportunities to take part in extra-curricular activities	1	3	96
The school balances experiences for pupils and cost to families well	4	7	89
Any concerns that are reported are dealt with swiftly and appropriately	0	3	97
The school is well led by the Head and senior staff	0	0	100
Leaders are visible and available to help when needed	0	3	97
The school is well supported by the Governing Body	0	23	77

Analysis Comments:

- Very positive outcomes overall. Lots of glowing reports and comments from parents. Generally the key measures are 98% or above
- Work needs to be done to ensure that costs to parents for visits are balanced across the year and to further share the excellent work done by Governors in school
- Further feedback would be useful from parents who didn't agree with statements about knowing how children are doing in school and receiving feedback at least once per term. Across our termly Parents' Evening, with a formal written report in July and drop-ins to look at books during the year we feel that ample opportunities are there for parents but we are open to further suggestions!

Have a great week everyone!

Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Week 23 Stats	Average 2018/19 Stats	Week 24 Diary Dates
Attendance: 97.5%	Attendance: 97.4%	Monday 11 th : 4-5.30pm Y1/2 Multi-skills event at PGS (selected pupils)
Late marks: 0	Late marks: 9 all year	Tuesday 12 th : Last day of book fair
GREEN LIGHTS: 98%	GREEN LIGHTS: 99.2%	Wednesday 13 th : Y6 at Robinwood (until Friday)
Class of the Week: Y1 Water Lilies with 99.3%		Thursday 14 th : Y5 Class Assembly at 9am (all welcome)
		Friday 15 th : Red Nose Day- wear red, £1 donation and comedy show at 2pm
		Friday 15 th : Captain's Table (lower school) and Star of the Week

