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Newsletter- Week 30

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! Our weekly update is the best place to go to make sure that you stay abreast of all of the latest news and events in school...lots of little snippets to share today, so let's get started!

Summer Clubs: A reminder that our clubs begin this week, with the exception of KS2 football, netball and patchwork. These clubs begin next Monday or Tuesday. The original letter is now online if you haven't booked yet and would like to look at the options available. Most clubs have a few spaces remaining so please contact the school office to secure a place!

Census Day Lunch: Please note that on Thursday 16th May there will be a change to the dinner menus. The Friday option of chicken nuggets will swap with Thursday's spaghetti bolognese. The reason for the change is that we have an administration task called a school census and the number of children who take a school meal that day is registered for financial purposes and this benefits our school budget moving forward.

Finance/Staffing Update: We have worked hard as a team, with the support of our Governing Body, to ensure that we use our limited school budget to the maximum effect. Two teaching assistants have reduced their hours to half days and two more staff members have reduced the number of days that they work temporarily. Mrs Walker has retired from her role too. These measures have been taken to balance the budget as, like you may have seen through the media, school costs are rising significantly and the budget is becoming stretched in schools across the country. We have taken decisions based on ensuring high quality class teaching and tried to maintain the current standard of education despite being faced with significant savings to make. We have also reduced the hours, slightly, of our office staff. We don't expect that this will have a significant impact on the quality of communication and support but please help us to ensure that standards remain high by using our website as much as possible to avoid additional telephone calls to the office and, if passing on safeguarding messages (collection details, etc) please do so as soon as possible and preferably in the morning time as the office will be very busy in an afternoon. We will continue to keep you updated on our school budget but we feel that we have balanced the budget well without losing significant staff hours or disrupting the children and their learning.

Sports Award: We are delighted to announce that we have won a special award for the amount, breadth and quality of sports that we now offer in school. We will be collecting the South Yorkshire Sport 'Participation Award' in June at a special event in Harrogate. We are delighted to be recognised for the vast improvements to our sporting programme over the last two years and we are excited about the future of sport here at Springvale. Congratulations to all of the pupils, parents and staff who take part and support our events. Special mentions for Mrs Exley and Mr Crossfield for their passion and commitment too!

Safety Update: Please help us to uphold our excellent record of pupil and visitor safety by supervising children at all times when on the school grounds. We have recently had concerns about injuries sustained on the MUGA, the trim trail and playing near the planters at the front of school (just EYFS). Any injury occurred is unnecessary and avoidable through good supervision before doors open. It may also impact learning time and attendance at school if a serious injury occurred. We would urge that the trim trail and MUGA should not be used before or after school and that children should remain close by their adult until doors open. We're delighted to see the growing numbers of bikes and scooters in school (due to the weather or inspired by the Tour de Yorkshire) but could we please ask all pupils and parents to dismount when on school grounds as, again, this may lead to an accident or injury due to the large number of visitors on the school grounds at 8.30-8.50 and 3.10-3.30pm. Mr Venus is seeking some additional cycle/scooter storage near the main gates to avoid them needing to go into the main playground.

Football Opportunity: Please see our Twitter feed for details of school excellent girls' football coaching. The group will be delivering an assembly in two weeks to increase the number of girls involved in sport!

SATS Update: Y2 pupils will be taking some assessments during the mornings this week and the week commencing Monday 20th May. Y6 children will sit their formal assessments in the morning next week (w/c 13th May) Monday to Thursday. Our staff are experienced at ensuring that children receive the support/guidance required to sit the assessments without distress so your child, especially in Y2, may not even note the significance! Good luck to all of the pupils involved, we are so proud of your efforts and progress this year!

SATS Breakfast: Next week our Y6 pupils are invited in early for breakfast in the Community Room from 8am on Monday to Thursday. We will offer toast, cereals, fruit and juices with some extra goodies during the week! We encourage all children to join us as it helps us to ensure that children are happy and settled by the time we start the assessments just after 9am.

PTA Meeting: Our recently organised PTA discussion meeting was cancelled due to many key parents struggling to attend. We would like to try again on Wednesday 7th June at 7pm. Please email Mr McClure if you would like to attend.

Uniform Orders: Uniform order forms with the new logo will be available within the next few weeks. We will send one home in your child's book bag as well as putting it on the web site. The deadline for any uniform/book bags etc. is Thursday 27th June. We will phase out the old logo gradually so if your child's uniform is in good condition/still fits please don't rush to buy a new one.

Class Photographs: Please note that the deadline for class photographs is Friday 17th May. Please ensure you have returned them to school before this date. Any posted samples should arrive with you today or tomorrow.

Y1 Church Visit: Our Y1 visit to St John's Church today has been cancelled. The children will now attend with Mrs Andrew and Mrs Lowe next Wednesday afternoon (15th May). Children can wear comfortable footwear all day and they require a warm coat. Children will return by the end of the school day as normal. We have enough staff (4 in total) involved to ensure that the visit is safe but we would appreciate the additional support of an extra parent helper if possible, if anyone is available and interested please let Mrs Evans, Mrs Lowe or Mrs Andrew know ASAP. We really appreciate the support of so many parents recently with visits to Springvale Gardens and the Barnsley Civic! We wouldn't be able to offer the breadth of experiences that we do without your amazing support!

Mrs Walker Volunteering: As you will already know, Mrs Walker has now formally retired. We are delighted to confirm that she will still be coming into school as a volunteer to deliver JAM Club (Jesus and Me Club) and to lead assemblies. Children will naturally approach Mrs Walker to discuss their worries as this has been part of the school's pastoral approach for so many years but we have asked Mrs Walker to pass on any significant worries as we need to ensure that volunteers aren't handling complex or sensitive matters in-line with our safeguarding procedures. The leadership team, several experiences support staff or our school council (with the express, prior permission of parents) would then support the child's need.

PE Kit: A gentle reminder of the importance of having your child's PE kit in school each week on the allotted days. As it is now the Summer Term we would expect to see additional PE activities taking place, perhaps to prepare for sports day, so bringing kit on a Monday and collecting it for washing on a Friday would be the advised plan. Please ensure that children have their team kit in school as much as possible as it helps with PE planning and team games. Each child should wear their coloured team kit on Sports Day too! Thank you.

Have a great week!

Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Week 29 Stats	Average 2018/19 Stats	Week 30 Diary Dates
Attendance: 98.3% Late marks: 0 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	Attendance: 97.4% Late marks: 12 all year GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	Monday 6 th : BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED) Tuesday 7 th : Y5 Enterprise Day and EYFS Eggucation Visit Wednesday 8 th to Friday 10 th : Y5 at Scarborough (leave at 9.15am and return 3.20pm) Friday 10 th : Captain's Table (lower school) and Star of the Week
Classes of the Week: F1 England Engines, Y2 Sunflowers, Y3 Wildflowers and Y4 Venus' Flytraps with 100%		