

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter- Week 34

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. It has been an incredibly busy first week back and we have lots to share with you all!

**Staffing 2019/20:** Last week our leadership team worked together to establish our final staffing list for September 2019. This allows our staff to begin to meet to discuss and consider effective transition for all pupils. Please see our staffing list below. Please note that in Year 3, where Mr Venus will be teaching next year, we will be joined by a second teacher who is completing her training with us, Miss McNaught. Miss McNaught has been in school a lot already during the last 12 months when she worked with Y6 pupils alongside Mrs Mayston. Unlike so many schools in the current educational climate, we are delighted to be able to offer parents and children in every class; fully qualified and strong teachers with dedicated support staff in their class who are consistent for the children. This is a very strong profile of teaching and we are excited about another successful year for the school.

Nursery F1	Mrs Exley PPA- Mrs Kelly	Mrs Armitage
Reception F2	Mrs Honey- Monday to Wednesday Mrs Parr- Wednesday to Friday	Mrs Slack
Year 1	Mrs Evans PPA- Mrs Tomlinson	Mrs Lowe
Year 2	Mrs Royston PPA- Mrs Andrew	Mrs Gale (Monday to Thursday) Mrs Cliffe
Year 3	Mr Venus- Class Teacher Miss McNaught- Trainee Teacher PPA- Mrs Andrew	Mrs Haigh (AM)
Year 4	Miss Alderson/Mrs Wildsmith PPA- Mrs Andrew	Mrs Northrop (AM) Mrs Akrell (AM)
Year 5	Mrs Fearn Mon-Tues Mrs Henstock Weds-Friday	Mrs Beresford (AM) Mr Crossfield (AM)
Year 6	Mrs Mayston PPA- Mr McClure/Mrs Fearn	Mrs Kent (AM) and SATS boosters

**New in 2019/20:** Listed below are some initial changes for next year that we are very excited about. Our new Y6 children will be taking in leadership roles as ever but they will be assigned as wellbeing leaders, this will include setting an excellent example at all times in school. They will act as monitors in assemblies and during special events where parents visit the school. They will also be trained to support younger children in and around school. Our Y5 children will have morning jobs once again but they will also be sports leaders next year. Mr Crossfield will train and manage the team to ensure that they keep all children active and busy at all times! Our class names will be themed around 'People Who Change the World' in Y1 to Y6 and EYFS will have a slightly more child-friendly theme each year from now on.

**Swimming:** We recently ran a consultation regarding swimming in Y5 and the cost implications. Most parents felt that a full swimming programme for one year group was important and that they would be happy to pay towards coach transport rather than children miss out. The suggested plan is to cut the 15 week programme to 12 weeks and ask that parents pay a voluntary donation of £5 at the start of each swimming half term (Spring 2, Summer 1 and Summer 2) costing a total of £15 over the 12 weeks. I would like any feedback parents have on this suggestion before we finalise any plans for 2020. Our current Y5 children are doing so well with their swimming and they are making us very, very proud!

**School Uniform:** A reminder that a new logo will appear on any uniform ordered from Vortex (through school) from now on which will arrive well in time for September. We **do not** expect all parents to replace everything at significant cost, both logos are welcome in school but we would like to phase in the new logo over the next 12 months where possible.

**Y6 Sports Challenge:** On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June our Y6 children will compete in many sporting challenges against two visiting schools. Y6 children can wear sports kit all day and will require a warm coat and a water bottle. The programme of the day will be emailed to all Y6 parents and our families are very welcome to come along and support what was a superb day last year! The children can accrue points through competing at various team sports all morning and then in the afternoon we have a short athletics programme where the most confident children from each school can compete for the final points, and ultimately- a very nice, shiny trophy!

**Sports Update:** Congratulations to our amazing Y5/6 athletes who qualified for the Barnsley Finals last week! They were incredible and worked beautifully as a team. The final event clashes with a PGS transition day so we will endeavour to switch the date if we can and, if not, pupils will have a choice of attending the athletics or staying at PGS. Where children choose not to attend we will invite Y5 children to take their place. This isn't ideal at all for our talented Y6 pupils but we will do our best to get things changed for them so that they don't miss out!

#### **Music Tuition - increase in fees:**

Barnsley Music Service have recently communicated an increase in their tuition fees effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. This increase will affect costs to parents (per term) as follows:

Group Lessons - increased from £50 to £55 (groups of 3-4 pupils)

Musical Bridges - increased from £35 to £37 (for Y4 pupils wanting to continue guitar after Y3 whole class lessons)

Scheme of Aid - increased from £16 to £17 and from £11 to £12 if musical bridges (for pupils receiving free school meals)

Individual Lessons - increased from £98 to £104 (20 minutes) and from £138 to £147 (30 minutes)

*Instrument hire costs will remain the same at £15*

Please note that our prices will differ from the BMS prices as they include a £2 admin fee per term.

**Springvale World Cup:** Following the success of last year's World Cup we had planned a similar event this Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup>) from 6pm for Y1 to Y6 pupils to be followed by a parents and staff match against Y6 pupils. The weather forecast is so poor this week that we have already decided to postpone the event on this date. We originally suggested the 19<sup>th</sup> but there is a major event at PGS for Y6 pupils and parents so we are now planning the event for **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** at the same times. We will not send out another batch of letters- just let us know if the change of dates means that your plans are any different!

**Mayor's Parade:** A huge well done to everyone involved in creating another wonderful float to represent Springvale in the Penistone Mayoral Parade. I was really proud of the work completed by our children and the dedication of some staff and parents to create such a vast amount of work to fill an enormous lorry! The finished product looked amazing and 38 children came along to enjoy the experience on the float with us! I enjoyed being typecast as a giant and Mrs Royston enjoyed being my wife, if only for a day! Special thanks to staff, pupil and parents who played their part and a special mention for Tracey and Steph for their incredible dedication to the cause once again. We didn't place in the top three this year but it isn't about that; it is about having a great day and showcasing the talents of our pupils...we certainly did that once again.

**Beat the Street:** Lots of parents have asked us about a special initiative across the Barnsley area called Beat the Street. We are aware of it and we love the idea but, sadly, we were only approached about it a few days before it started and we had already got a 10 day active challenge all planned. We just didn't want to confuse everyone! We will take part next time.

**Active Travel Breakfast:**

On Thursday 13th June, we will be holding an 'Active Travel Breakfast' for the children who have come to school in an active way such as: Cycling, Scooting, Running, Walking or Skating

The children will come into school as normal to be registered and the teachers will then send the children who have actively travelled through to the hall for their breakfast. Due to the numbers of children we are expecting, I hope you will understand the following points:

- We will not be inviting parents through with the children,
- We cannot provide children with a complete breakfast and will provide a snack of a drink, fruit and a yoghurt. Therefore, please can you ensure that your child has their normal breakfast before coming to school? If you drive to school because you live too far away to walk, you could have a go at a 'park and stride' by parking further away from school and walking in from there. As long as you have walked at least 5 minutes to the school gate, it counts!

I look forward to seeing how many children we can get 'actively travelling' to school.

Mr Venus

**PTA feedback:** We had a positive meeting despite a low turnout for our PTA ideas meeting. Thank you to those who attended or emailed ideas across to be discussed. Look out for details next week about the ideas that we have collated and details of future events. One or two simple and easy ideas may be introduced very soon including selling ice pops/lollies after school on 'Frozen Fridays!' Stay tuned to Twitter for updates about our future fundraising too!

**Safeguarding Systems:** Could I please remind all parents that we need to be aware of any changes to collection that have not already been agreed on the safeguarding systems letter. Unless school has signed permission to let children go with other parents regularly, we must have permission from a parent to allow their child home with another family. Even if it is a one off please let your child's class teacher know in the morning and in an emergency, call the school office before home time. Staff have been asked to keep children with them if they are unsure and to call home. Making us aware could save lots of time for everyone.

**Head Lice:** A number of parents have contacted me to say that children have already had to have head-lice treatment since the half-term break. This was becoming a frequent and serious concern before Spring Bank and we hoped that all of the information sent out would have addressed the matter. As a parent I fully appreciate how frustrating, time consuming and expensive treating children constantly can be. I assure every parent that we are doing all that we can, and are allowed to do, in this matter and that we will keep asking school health professionals for the best practice. Sadly the days of the nit nurse have gone! One point that a professional did make to me was that some treatments only kill the live lice and not the eggs. This means that the lice may return soon and then be passed on. If parents experiencing the issue could please note that treatments exist that remove both and have much higher success rates. Thank you for supporting us to address this issue.

**REMINDER: THERE IS NO PATCHWORK CLUB THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK**

Have a great week everyone,

**Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher**

<b>Week 33 Stats</b>	<b>Average 2018/19 Stats</b>	<b>Week 34 Diary Dates</b>
<b>Attendance: 96.4%</b> <b>Late marks: 2</b> <b>GREEN LIGHTS: 99.0%</b>	<b>Attendance: 97.5%</b> <b>Late marks: 0.5 per week</b> <b>GREEN LIGHTS: 99.2%</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> : Y1 children take a phonics check with Mrs Evans (AMs all week) Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> : 6pm New F2 starters meeting (Hall) Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> : O2 eSafety sessions (Y5/6) Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> : School Council Assembly- Talent Show- Ball Skills Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> : Active Travel Breakfast (8.35am) and Y5/6 cricket events AM and PM Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> : PM- Y6 Road Safety Sessions Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> : KS1 Wheelie Day Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> : Y4 Multiplication Skill Checks with Mr Venus Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> : Y5 Swimming 10am Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> : Y3/4 cricket (all day at Shaw Lane)
<b>Class of the Week: Y4 Venus Flytraps with 99.2%</b>		

