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Newsletter- Week 35

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Last week was one of the busiest ever! Lots of special events were cancelled last week due to the pretty awful weather. But the weather won't spoil our fun here at Springvale- we still had a great week. Take a look on Twitter at everything that is going on in school...we have almost 500 followers now, fantastic!

Events Update: The cricket events have been rescheduled (this Friday and next Wednesday) and new letters sent out. The Springvale World Cup will now run, to the original timings, on Wednesday 26th June. We have kept all of the responses so you only need to let us know if your plans have changed! We have also had to cancel a special Imagination Gaming competition that was due to take place today due to issues at other schools who were due to visit Springvale to take us on! We have also rearranged the Nursery welcome meeting that was due tomorrow at 6pm as some Nursery parents have only just been informed of their child's place by BMBC so we have pushed this back to Wednesday 26th June at 5.30pm in our school hall. Let's hope for a week of calm and sunshine!

Road Safety: Last week our Y6 children had two special events to help them to become safe and secure on their travels to and from PGS next year. The children were very mature and independent. The feedback from group leaders was that the children were confident but we were asked to urge all children and parents to remember the importance of keeping focused when crossing busy roads. Some children were very chatty and not watching where they were going/what might be coming at speed, even whilst during a road crossing. I'm sure you will agree that safety is a key part of any new transition and I'm delighted that children have had some specific sessions/opportunities to further their confidence in this area.

Y6 Hoodies: The hoodies have now been ordered and should arrive very soon. They will be handed out in class when they arrive. Children can wear them to and from school and then they can wear them in class all week on the final week.

Steps to Secondary: Our children in Y6 have been excellent role models this year and we have really pushed them hard to become more independent and ready for the world of secondary education. The children start their transition days this Wednesday at PGS too- we wish them well and know that they will represent us very well indeed in their new setting! To help the children to prepare well we are giving them special PGS style transition diaries this week for the final five weeks of this school year and, sadly, the final five weeks of their time here at Springvale! Children will go through the diary with staff and leaders who will set challenges for each day/week to test their independence, memory and readiness to learn. Failure to complete the challenges will lead to a loss of free time to help the children to prepare for PGS systems...the aim is to help the children to get used to the new ways of teaching and learning so that their start at PGS is smooth and successful!

eSafety: A huge thank you to the team from O2 who delivered some excellent eSafety training last week for us. The feedback about our pupils and their knowledge was fabulous! Sadly, however, the number of children who reported that they had felt unsafe online was quite alarming and some of their concerns show just how many inappropriate and unsavoury people exist on the internet today- a sobering experience for our staff. I feel strongly that eSafety is a priority for modern children and families and we will continue to work hard to keep our curriculum content in this area as strong as possible. Even apps and games that are 100% safe can have updates that introduce new features (chat/messenger type features, normally) that may not be locked or completely secure. We teach eSafety throughout the year and through various assemblies and special events and our key message to children is simple- if someone or something online makes you feel unsafe and uncomfortable...stop, turn off and tell a trusted adult! We would ask our families to check on usage and settings regularly to ensure that children are safe. If any parent requires advice or technical support please get in touch!

Active Travel: It has been lovely to see so many children and families being active before, during and after school over the last few years. It is so important to exercise daily and also to consider how we can best protect our environment. Thank you to Mr Venus and Harriet from Sustrans for their messages in assembly and support. Keep it up everyone!

Sickness procedures: Children **must stay off school for a full 24 hours** after a bug or an episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Some children have attempted to return sooner but we must be very strict on this policy as it can allow bugs to circulate across the school for many weeks. We will contact parents ASAP if your child is taken ill. Everyone can help us to keep attendance high and our children safe by collecting as soon as possible following a phone call and following our **24 hours after the last sign of symptoms** rules. Thank you.

Sad Goodbyes: This week we say goodbye to Antony in the Amazing Acorns class and his lovely family as they relocate. Antony has been with us for a number of years now in Nursery and Reception and he has been a pleasure to work with. He loves to learn and we will really miss him. We wish Antony and his family well and, Antony, we will enjoy sharing lots of pictures of your exciting learning on Friday, your final day here at Springvale.

Toddler Group: This week our wonderful Toddler Group (who meet every Wednesday AM) are having a special pet day. The group have booked the event on Wednesday 19th June for 2 hours which means that our AM nursery, reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will have time to visit too at no cost to parents. Thank you so much to the Kate and Helen, and all at the Toddler Group, for including us- how very thoughtful! Please let school know if your child has any allergies to pets/hair, etc, before the event.

Y5 Quiz: Over the coming weeks our Y5 children will be taking a special quiz to test their knowledge of the wider world. Our children now know the categories covered in the quiz so that they can revise! The winning team will represent our school at a final event on Monday 15th July when we compete for the title of Barnsley Quiz Champions! This is a new initiative that I have led on and want to develop across all 80 schools in Barnsley!

Y3/4 plans 2019/20: We just wanted to make our families aware that, much like Y1 and Y2 this year, Y3 and Y4 will be working as a team next year to plan and deliver an exciting and engaging curriculum. Staff have started to plan which staff will deliver their specialisms to both classes (Miss Alderson teach science and Mr Venus ICT, for example). We also expect that the classes will enjoy more special events and visits together. One other benefit is that visits can be taken together to reduce the cost of coach transfer to parents.

Messages from the school office:

- Please could we remind Y6 parents that all dinner monies be paid before they're child leaves our school for the summer.
- The uniform deadline for all orders before the summer holidays is 27th June.
- A reminder that the office is staffed from 8.30am to 3.30pm minimum each day. Outside of these times the absence line can be used for sickness messages.
- Please only use the staff car park if you are disabled and have a visible disabled badge in your own name.

Lastly, we would like to pass on our sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Mr Paul Cooper who sadly passed away recently. Paul was a kind and gentle man who we got to know well as a parent in school. It was an honour to represent our school community at Paul's funeral last week and to speak on behalf of his daughters. Thank you to everyone who has passed on such kind thoughts and wishes to the girls and the extended family. These are sad and difficult times but we, as a very special community, can support the family to be at peace and to make Paul proud of his girls' growth, now and in the future. RIP Paul.

Wishing everyone a fabulous week,
Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Week 34 Stats	Average 2018/19 Stats	Week 35 Diary Dates
Attendance: 95.6% Late marks: 1 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.0%	Attendance: 97.3% Late marks:0.5 per week GREEN LIGHTS: 99.2%	Monday 17 th : Return firefighter packs in the shelter (AM) Y5/6 Netball at PGS 1-3.15 Monday 17 th : Water Safety assembly Tuesday 18 th : KS1 Bike/Scooter Day- helmets and bikes/scooters required Wednesday 19 th : Toddler Group Pet Day (F1-Y2 also involved for free!) Wednesday 19 th : New starters (F2) 2.30pm onwards Friday 21 st : Y5 swimming (10am) Y5/6 Girls Cricket (9.30-12) Boys Cricket (1-3.30pm) Friday 21 st : Y2 Synagogue Visit (all day) Friday 21 st : F2/Y1 Captain's Table
Class of the Week: Y4 Venus' Flytraps with 99.2%		

