

## SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter- End of the Year

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Dear families,

**Thank you:** A special thank you to everyone for their support throughout the past year. The staff have asked me to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and gifts received. They are never expected but always appreciated.

**Leavers' Assembly:** Our leavers' assembly was simply stunning! What an amazing bunch of children to celebrate. They have come so far and they have made us so very proud. We wish our Y6 children, and the Brown and Smith families who left us in lower school, well on their continued journey! You will all be missed!

**Class Names 2019/20:** Please see our exciting class names as chosen on transition days by the children in their new classes. The EYFS theme is animals and the Y1-Y6 theme is people who changed the world!

**F1:** Discovering Dolphins

**F2:** Curious Cubs

**Y1:** Amazing Aerharts

**Y2:** Attenborough's Animals

**Y3:** Heroic Higninbothams

**Y4:** Resilient Rowlings

**Y5:** 'Thee' Shakespeares

**Y6:** Magnificent Malalas

**Reading Army:** Our children made better progress than ever last year thanks to support in school and at home. One initiative that made a significant difference was our Reading Army! Our Reading Army are a team of volunteers who help our staff to ensure that every child reads/works on spelling, etc, as often as possible. If anyone is interested in giving up just one afternoon a week (or as many as you like/are free) please get in touch. We can provide support and training materials to help people who feel they need it. Volunteers work alongside our staff team and any help is very much appreciated and vital to us achieving our goals. Please do get in touch if you are interested at all. Please note that Mrs Fearn has launched a Summer Reading challenge in assembly recently too. There is nothing better than enjoying a good book in the sun! We encourage children to keep reading and, where possible, try something new!

**EYFS Timings:** Since we changed the EYFS classroom layout and lost the extra fire door to the front of school (this has since been replaced to the adjacent EYFS playground) we have really struggled to find a safe and calm system for releasing F2 children and their siblings from the same door. Having the number of siblings that we do next year for F2 children, we are concerned about how we can safely release so many children from one door at a single point in time. With this in mind we will be opening the F2 door from 3.10pm to 3.15pm each day next year. This gives staff the opportunity to release children who have siblings first and the parents have enough time to collect from F2 and then get around to the other classroom doors as necessary. Any parents with children in F1, F2 and upper school can also collect from nursery slightly early. Collection at F2 for parents without older siblings can still take place by or at 3.15pm. This little adjustment makes things much safer for everyone and just allows a calmer end to the day in EYFS. Older children are still quite welcome to head through to their classrooms through EYFS at 8.45am as this works quite smoothly and ensures that all children are in class and ready to learn on time.

**Attendance:** Our attendance finished off the year at 97.2%, the same as last year. This is a fantastic standard to reach two years in a row...let's keep it up!

**Summer Events:** We have organised two Summer events for families to enjoy...

1. Leeds Urban Bike Park- this Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup>) Mr Venus and I will be there from 10am to 4pm. This is not an official school visit as we would have had to book in and pay at the centre, and we would have had to provide lots of documentation, etc. This is simply Mr Venus and I meeting up with fellow cycling enthusiasts to enjoy the trails and jumps at the bike park for free. We will tweet where we are set up from 10am and we will have a base in the park adjacent to the biking tracks. The address for the park is Leeds Urban Bike Park Ring Road Beeston Park LS10 3TN. Parking is available to the side of the café where refreshments can be purchased throughout the day. Please email us if you would like to meet us there that day and book in for 10-1 or 1-4 slots. Children must be able to get themselves and their bikes to the centre, be confident riders and they must have an appropriate helmet. Please email me ASAP to book a slot!
2. Yorkshire Cricket T20 v Derbyshire. Again, like the above, planning an official school visit in the Summer holidays is tricky due to the school office being closed. Mrs Exley and I will be in the Family Enclosure for the fixture versus Derbyshire on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August starting at 3pm. Tickets are for unreserved seating so we are encouraging other families to book tickets and come and join us for the afternoon with a picnic! All are welcome! We have selected this fixture as it is a designated 'kids for a quid' match and as the timing is family friendly (most T20 fixtures are late at night). We may have a few spaces in our cars so if children want to attend but parents cannot get them there please email me ASAP. Otherwise parents can organise their own tickets through the following link <https://yorkshireccc.com/t20>, or pay on the day (please be aware prices may rise on match day and tickets could sell out). Please note the policy on weather affected play on the Yorkshire CCC website as weather can affect the play or lead to a cancellation.

### General Reminders:

- All lost property from the cloakrooms is now stored in the basket in the main reception- this can be accessed without gaining access to the main school building between 9am and 2pm, generally. The contents will be added to a charity bag at the end of the Summer holidays so please check it if you cannot find an important or expensive item.
- A reminder that no items of jewellery, other than a simple watch, are allowed in school. **If children are having their ears pierced in the Summer Holidays please ensure this is done straight away so that they do not have to miss PE activities on their return in September.**
- The school's Uniform Policy is available online and has also been emailed to all families alongside this newsletter. Everything ordered from Vortex from now on will include the new school logo but both the new and old logos are allowed in school next year. Items need not be branded at all, plain uniform matching our colour scheme is also allowed. We do, however, encourage everyone to have some branded items for things like school photographs and visits.

### RAFFLE PRIZES

Please see below the unclaimed raffle prizes from our Family Picnic. Thank you to everyone who donated/organised prizes and everyone who bought a ticket! We raised over £650 on the raffle and another £470 on the Family Picnic day to spend on resources for classrooms! Amazing! The full winners list is on Twitter. Prizes can be claimed when school re-opens in September.

Photography Voucher- Fraser B F2 971  
Cannon Hall Voucher- Paul Crossfield 511  
Baylis and Harding Sports/Cosmetic Set- 636 NO NAME  
Beard Kit and small make up- 811 and 816 Claire Burton  
M and S cosmetics set- Abby H- Y6- 311  
Dove Cosmetics Set- 416 Michelle  
Wine- 191 Ella Y1  
Soap and Glory Set- 46 Alfie Walters  
Body Lotion- Rudi F2 706  
Baylis and Harding Body Lotion- 821 Teddy F1

A reminder that we are now closed for the Summer Holidays for 6 weeks. We return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September as Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> is our first INSET day of the year.

We will see you on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September!**

Thank you all once again and have a fabulous Summer break!

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