

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter- Week 3

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear families,

The new term continues to be very positive indeed and everyone is fully 'settled in' now! It really has been a great start to the new term! Well done everyone.

**Photography:** Today we will have a visit from a photographer to update all of our branding, website and welcome screen photography as these images are now 2 years old and some of the children have left or changed so much! The images will not be staged- they will be completely natural and we hope that they showcase just how effectively our children and staff play, learn and achieve together! We will share some of the images on our Twitter feed as soon as possible!

**Safe Collection:** Our systems have all been updated now and we would like to thank families for sharing so much information so that we can keep your children safe and in the correct places at the correct times at our very busy school! Please remember to make school aware of any one off or emergency changes to the normal plan so that staff can safely hand over children, we do occasionally still have attempted collections that aren't on safe lists and this can create issues and delays.

**Music Tuition:** We still have a few final spaces for music lessons and have extended the deadline for new sign-ups to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, please contact Miss Chapman in the school office for further information. Due to an amazing donation of an electronic drum kit from one of our parents, one of our music teachers Mr Rafferty is now able to offer drumming lessons to our pupils! Y3 will have weekly ukulele lessons on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that the children always have their instrument in school on their lesson day as it means that all children can gain the full benefit of this fantastic provision which remains free to parents all year! As ever with our music lessons, we must stress that practice between sessions is the key to progress and, ultimately, success!

**Clubs:** Thank you for supporting our latest batch of clubs and for your very positive feedback about the range and value of our before and after school clubs. The clubs begin today and throughout the week ahead. Patchwork begins a week tomorrow. Please keep a copy of the club letter/link close by as it is always useful for start/end dates. Please also refer, and adhere, closely to the finish time of each club as club leaders often have to leave shortly afterwards for their own childcare reasons, etc. Children who are new to clubs should note that collection of children is always from the Main Reception unless otherwise communicated. KS2 football will be released from the Y6 side door (near the steps to the school field). Our staff are informed who is taking part in each club and children in F2-Y2 are taken to their club by a member of staff.

**Captain's Table/Afternoon Tea:** While we are delighted to receive strong feedback about our rewards systems we are always trying to tweak our plans and keep everything fresh for the children. We held a Twitter Poll on which was most popular- the original Captain's Table or a new Afternoon Tea feature with a key member of staff and buns/refreshments to enjoy one afternoon. The result was very close and split our followers 52% to 48%...a familiar story! We have decided to mix it up and hold a range of both during the year ahead...until we can organise a second referendum that is! We will have an Afternoon Tea this Friday and then a Captain's Table next week! Look out for pictures on Twitter @SpringvalePS. How does your child win an invite? Good manners, hard work and following our Steps to Success to be a great learner!

Have a great week everyone.

Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

| Week 2 Information  | 2019/20 Average  | Week 3 Diary Dates  |
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| Attendance: 97.3%<br>Late marks: 1<br>GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3% | Attendance: 98.3%<br>Late marks: 0.5 per week<br>GREEN LIGHTS: 99.5% | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> : Clubs begin, photographs for website being taken<br>Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> : 3.45-4.45pm Y5/6 Girls' Football at PGS (P4SPORT EVENT)<br>Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> : F2- Y2 Afternoon Tea (Reward for good lunch time behaviour)<br>Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> : Y5 at Murton Park |
| Classes of the Week: Y1 Excellent Earhart's with 99.1%    |  |   |