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Newsletter- Week 5

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Dear families,

Last week was incredible busy and most of this week's newsletter looks back on sharing news from the many events going on as well as a few nudges to events this week and beyond!

School Improvement Update: School has settled in well and I wanted to make everyone aware that our reviewed development plan from last year is now online under the Governor and Parent hub areas. Our three biggest areas to improve this year, as we push for even greater impact and progress are:

1. Accelerated progress for all pupils in writing and more children reaching greater depth
2. Developed levels of leadership by teachers in the subject area that they lead (foundation subjects like art, music or geography for example)
3. Accelerated progress for all pupils, especially the youngest pupils in reading and phonics

Please continue to help us with daily practice in the basic skills- especially reading, phonics and spelling- it is vitally important as we strive to work together in making our school, and your child, the best that they can be!

Visits: Our Y5 and Y6 children have already experienced brilliant learning experiences out of the classroom that will enhance their curriculum enjoyment and last week our KS1 children went to Yorkshire Wildlife Park despite bad weather meaning a change of date and then some near misses on the rearranged day too! This week Y3/4 go to Magna for what promises to be a wonderful day of science learning too! I just wanted to say thank you to everyone for their contributions that mean that we can offer such exciting opportunities that boost the interest and confidence of our pupils in a given topic. The behaviour of children is always commented on by the general public and event staff and this makes us so proud! Our KS1 staff have commented in glowing terms about the behaviour of our 60 children on Friday- how lovely! Maybe the warning about being fed to the lions had something to do with it? 😊

Please always ensure that your child has ordered a packed lunch (or brought their own) on visit days as we have had some children arrive without food recently. Teachers always tell the children which children have ordered a packed lunch to be provided by school the day before but please check if you are unsure as our kitchen doesn't open until 9am and most visits leave before then!

Sporting Updates: A huge well done to the amazing cross country runners last week- it seems every child overcame their worries and their personal best! The top 4 boys and girls from each year group will compete against 3 local schools this Wednesday afternoon before we take on the Barnsley Finals! A huge well done to everyone!

Well done also to our girls' football team in Y5/6 who came 3rd at the inaugural P4Sport event at PGS 10 days ago. The girls were incredible and scored lots of goals whilst only letting one goal in throughout! All KS2 girls have a match this Friday against Churchfield.

Well done to all of the KS2 boys who took on the excellent, and slightly older and larger than we expected, Burton Road players! All of the games were great, especially a 10-goal thriller at the end of a very wet afternoon! Special mentions to the Y3 pupils who took on children much older than them and sticking to the challenge throughout!

Well done to all of the players involved across a hectic afternoon. Our goals were scored by Noah, Alex C and Finlay B and the score would have been worse had it not been for some excellent defending and our goalkeeper Liam! Star Player awards went to Riley T, Ted, Tristan H and George B! This week some of our Y5/6 boys take on the best from the region in the next P4Sport event on Thursday night!

Also, we would like to say a big well done to our Y5 pupils who performed brilliantly despite the terrible weather in their Bikeability sessions. The staff said you were amazing once again and they picked Katie H as their star performer!

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon: Thank you so much for your amazing support last week with dress down and baking donations and to the people who helped to sell or came along and bought refreshments! We raised an excellent total of £373.85 for what, I'm sure you will agree, is a magnificent and vital cause! What an amazing effort! Thank you also to everyone who donated items to the Firefighter's Charity collection last week!

Mad Science Update: Unfortunately we are unable to offer this club as we were unable to negotiate a suitable price with the company to offer to families. The cost was upwards of £8 a session (mainly due to materials used) and, due to the position of our school budget we cannot subsidise this club at present. We will continue to explore options to extend our extra-curricular offer!

London Visit: We have a special meeting in the school hall this Wednesday. All parents and children are welcome. We will go through the 2-day itinerary and give some general information about the visit before taking feedback and any questions from children or parents. I will send out any information that is shared for anyone who cannot attend.

Harvest Festival: As featured on the recent diary dates and annual calendar we will have our annual Harvest Festival at 10am on Wednesday 23rd October. Please note that this is for grandparents and the elderly only as is tradition at Springvale. We have opened up a guest list so please e-mail office@springvaleprimary.org to book grandparent places. We gather harvest donations, display them to our children and the community and then we deliver them to elderly residents in the local community. It is a fabulous day that helps us to celebrate the joy and importance of helping others to our children. We will update you closer to the time about potential donations. The Harvest festival will be captured and shared with parents through social media. If you know anyone in the local community who would appreciate a Harvest package please let me know or if you know someone who did receive one and has moved house please let us know! We got some very bemused looks last year when we gave new residents at certain house bags of fruit and vegetables!

Have a great week everyone!

Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Week 4 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 5 Diary Dates
Attendance: 97.8%	Attendance: 97.8%	Wednesday 2 nd : Cross Country Event- selected pupils 1.30-3pm (Showground)
Late marks: 0	Late marks: 0.2 per week	Wednesday 2 nd : Y3/4 London Visit meeting at 5.30pm (school hall)
GREEN LIGHTS: 99%	GREEN LIGHTS: 99.1%	Thursday 3 rd : Y3/4 Magna Visit
Classes of the Week: Y2 Attenborough's Animals with 99.6%		Thursday 3 rd : Y5/6 selected boys at PGS (P4Sport Event)
		Friday 4 th : Springvale versus Churchfield (KS2 Girls) 2pm to 3.30pm