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## **Newsletter- Week 12**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We wanted to start this week's newsletter by thanking everyone for their recent support with fundraising and community events. We are raising more funds than ever and this is allowing us to support families in return either subsidising, by paying for, lots of exciting events like the Christmas cinema visits! Furthermore, our amazing families bring a sense of real togetherness and charity for those who need help. Our food bank drive and recent kindness from families, staff and Governors towards families that need support is so touching to see. Acts like this make me proud of our entire community and long may it continue.

Over the next 6 months we look to build a fantastic new link with Sheffield Children's Hospital. This institution is loved by many and has a special place in the hearts of many of our staff for their life changing work. Please see a letter attached about a new drive to raise funds which we will be supporting. Some staff have already donated a chunk of our target instead of exchanging gifts this Christmas and our letter explains some of our ideas to reach our special target.

**Staffing News:** Unfortunately Mr Crossfield's new role looks likely to grow very quickly and we have mutually agreed that our new arrangement is unlikely to work for either party. With this in mind we are releasing Mr Crossfield from his contract and his final working day will be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. He is really enjoying his new role and we do not wish to stand in the way of him reaching his potential. As stated on previous communications we wish Mr Crossfield well and look forward to hearing about his success in the future. We will all miss his contribution to sport, SEND support and the school's overall ethos. We can confirm we have appointed Mrs Armitage as the school's new disco queen, on a ten year contract, with immediate effect. Running Club will continue to the 6<sup>th</sup> December as planned but will then take a break before returning in March or April. With cross country South Yorkshire finals in February we will provide training on Thursday lunchtimes to finalists so please have a kit in school for a 12.30pm run and a late lunch. KS2 PE will be taught by external coaches or class teachers until we reassess and wait to hear on the Government funding renewal which is due on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

In other staffing news we want to formally welcome Mrs Coulton and Ms Heeley who have now officially started their new roles as part time teaching assistants. We look forward to working with you both and thank you for the excellent start you have both made.

**Active Travel:** We did it! Our school has officially won the School of the Year Award for Active Travel for the region! Well done to all of the families and staff involved and a special congratulations to Mr Venus who has led the project. We will receive our silver award this week too when the Mayor of Barnsley visits to present a special plaque. We also have our new cycle storage going in outside the community room soon too! This award means that we currently hold the Sports School of the Year and the Active Travel School of the Year at the same time! Amazing!

**Carols Around the Tree:** This event will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am in the school hall. The children will be singing carols and serving mince pies. Y6 children who have musical instrument tuition will also have the opportunity to perform a prepared piece to our audience at this event so they need to ensure they have something in mind soon and get lots of practice! Please let the school office know at [office@springvaleprimary.org](mailto:office@springvaleprimary.org) if you would like to reserve any grandparent places ASAP.

**Christmas Dinner Day (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December):** Christmas dinner menus will be coming home this week. Please ensure you return your child's order by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Jacket potatoes and picnic plates will not be available on this day.

Please Note: There will be a change of dinner on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We are swopping Wednesday's meal for Thursday so the children don't get two roast dinners in succession this will include pasta pot.

**After school/Breakfast clubs:** We will be sending the clubs list out the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December for you to peruse. The clubs will be launched on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January (INSET Day) at 12.30 which is a change of date from the information on the planner. This change is to allow us to start clubs on 13<sup>th</sup> January and run them for a 5 week block.

**KS1 requests:** KS1 pupils will be creating superhero capes in class very soon. Any plain tea towels or pillow cases that aren't needed would be much appreciated! We are providing masks for them to personalise to complete the look!

**Shakespeare Morning:** The children all loved our special Shakespeare day. The children enjoyed a live performance of Macbeth and then completed some super, creative work linked to the play later in the day/week. This opportunity was provided at no cost to parents due to the fundraising done in school, another great reason to keep supporting our events, raffles and fundraising drives!

**DT Days:** This week our F2 to Y2 children will all take part in a special Christmas project to create Christmas items using their design technology skills. The projects will be led by the wonderful HeppDT who have been working hard with our children already in clubs this year. If any parents are on hand to help (Y2 Weds AM, Y1 Friday AM and F2 Weds or Friday PM) then please let us know as our project days often need a few extra pairs of hands. HeppDT will be working with KS2 in the Summer Term once again on a special project!

**Stay Safe Week:** Our children learned about being safe online, on the roads around school and when walking home in the dark. Please ask them about what we learned and keep talking about safety as little, regular reminders are the best way to make sure that key information sticks! Our safety record is superb and we want to keep it that way!

**African Clothing Appeal:** We will have a special visitor in school today to talk about their time volunteering in Africa to support children and families in need of support. As part of this assembly we have pledge to share any unwanted school uniform so please send it in if you have any as soon as possible.

**Sports Swap Shop:** This Thursday at 3.15pm we will have a sports swap shop in the reception area near the hall. Please donate any unwanted sports items and then come along and take anything that you would find useful for the future! This idea was suggested last year by a parent and we think it is a good way to recycle some lovely clothing that has simply been outgrown. Any sports kit, clothing or PE kits are welcomed. Sports equipment, footwear, etc are also welcome. The event will run until 4.30pm for anyone collecting from clubs.

Have a great week everyone!

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

Week 11 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 12 Diary Dates
Attendance: 94.2%	Attendance: 97.1%	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> : Special author visit (Y1-Y6 assembly) letter home about books for sale
Late marks: 0	Late marks: 0.5 per week	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> : DT Day Y2 and F2, Y6 on science visit
GREEN LIGHTS: 99.7%	GREEN LIGHTS: 99.2%	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> : Sports Swap Shop 3.15 to 4.30pm and Y6 Bootcamp event at PGS
Class of the Week: Y5 'Thee Shakespeares' with 99.6%		Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> : Special presentation about SILVER active travel award- Mayor in 9am
		Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> : Star of the Week Certificates! Afternoon Tea F2-Y6 reward
		Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> : Y2 Hanukah Day, Y1 and F2 DT Day