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Newsletter- Week 13

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Holidays are coming! Christmas is fast approaching and we have an awful lot of news and reminders...hold on to your (Santa) hats!

Christmas Fair: This Friday (6th) is our Christmas Fair day. Children can all wear dress down with a theme of Christmas colours or jumpers. The event starts at 2pm in the school hall and it will run until 4.15pm. Children can be signed out from main reception at 2pm by their parent or by another parent where we have been granted express permission by the child's parent. At 3.00pm we will cease to allow children to be signed out and they must be collected by parents in the usual way. If your child attends a childminder/out of school club and you would like them to attend the fair please send them with a small amount of loose change and email me before the actual day and I will ensure that we take them along to the fair to enjoy it at some point of the afternoon. Any money sent in will be the responsibility of the child.

Art Gallery: This week is our art week. We study art throughout the year but we like to bring some of the wider curriculum areas in to focus every now and again and art is always such a vital skill as we enter the creative, Christmas themed period of learning. We are delighted to invite you all to come in to school to see our art work from 2.45pm on Thursday in the school hall. The work will be displayed until 3.30pm so that parents can view it before collection or immediately after. We will share lots of pictures on Twitter for parents who cannot attend.

Sports Update: Well done to our amazing Y6 pupils who took on the P4Sport Military Bootcamp for the first time ever! It was very tough but they didn't give up and they managed to finish third out of the many teams present! Well done! We have a Y5/6 event for selected pupils this Thursday and then we take a break until the new clubs and new sports are launched after Christmas. We will be getting football back up and running (in terms of fixtures, etc) in the New Year and we have been approached about a netball fixture too.

Singing Events: Mrs Andrew has sent out a very detailed letter about three different singing events over the next few weeks. Please read the letter carefully and return selecting the appropriate events and permissions for your child. Things are very busy at this time of year- for staff and families too I'm sure- but we need to ensure that we have the correct permissions in place or children cannot attend. The events cover an elderly resident's home for the first time on Friday (a lovely opportunity to build a further link with our community), a Christingle on Sunday 15th and a PGS Carol Service on Monday 16th in the evening.

DT Days: Our DT days were a huge success as always and we can't wait to show you the proud work of your children. Thank you to HeppDT and our parent volunteers and staff for bringing such exciting projects to our children!

Online Safety: As you have hopefully already seen, we have had to navigate a very serious issue regarding Online Safety. Please ensure that you have read the letter (sent out last Tuesday night) and that you have spoken to/checked your child's devices to ensure that they are safe. We are planning an event to support families further in the New Year.

Cinema Visits: Next week we have the cinema visits. To confirm KS2 will all go on Friday 13th in the AM and be back for lunch. All EYFS and KS1 will go on Tuesday 10th in the AM and they will return for 12.30pm. This means that all Nursery children should come for the AM session instead of PM.

Writing Competition: Please check your emails for important information from Mrs Fearn last week regarding an exciting writing competition with an excellent prize attached for the winners!

Reading Books: Next week we will be asking for all reading books in years F2 to Y3 to be returned to school for a short time as we are reorganising and refreshing all of our reading materials. Look out for a text message and further updates! Please note that many children are not bringing their reading logs each day and this means that staff reading sessions cannot be logged. It is vital to have your log in school each day and get into those good learning and organisational habits. We have also noted that many of our reading scheme books are very old and quite outdated, some of the content is no longer suitable for our children. If you ever read a book with your child and it has pages missing or old/outdated themes/vocabulary, please let us know so that we can remove it from the scheme.

African Clothing Appeal/Sports Swap Shop: Thank you to everyone who donated and supported these events. We have raised some money for the latest charity drive and we have sent an awful lot of clean, quality clothing to those who really need it! Great!

Christmas Bear: We have had some lovely feedback about the Charity Bear initiative. Many parents have said they are delighted and they have suggested lots of ways to raise funds. Any donations are welcomed via the school office and we will launch some formal fundraising in the new year.

Active Travel: Last week we received our Silver Star for our amazing Active Travel work. Well done, once again, to everyone involved. The Mayor of Barnsley presented our award and he was very impressed by our children and the work we have done. Let's keep it up now and go for gold!

Reminders:

- **Carols Around the Tree** will be held on Wednesday 18th 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 if you would like to reserve any grandparent places ASAP. We are hoping that we may be able to celebrate the Y3 children with their ukuleles in assembly one day soon too- we will ensure that we share all clips of these events on Twitter.
- **Christmas Dinner Day (Thursday 19th December):** Please ensure you return your child's order by Monday 2nd December. There will be a change of dinner on Wednesday 18th December. We are swapping Wednesday's meal for Thursday on this week 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 16th December for you to peruse. The clubs will be launched on Monday 6th 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 13th January and run them for a 5 week block. Following the news of Mr Crossfield's new role and some recent feedback we will be making one or two changes to the club list to freshen it up a little!
- **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!

Have a great week everyone!

Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Week 12 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 13 Diary Dates
Attendance: 96.9% Late marks: 0 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.7%	Attendance: 97.0% Late marks: 0.4 per week GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	ART WEEK FINAL WEEK OF CURRENT CLUBS ANY UNIFORM/FIREFIGHTER DONATIONS MONDAY AM PLEASE! Monday 2 nd : Pizza Party- TT Rockstar Winners! See Twitter! Tuesday 3 rd : Pop Shop Show 3.45-4.30pm Wednesday 4 th : Toddlers Christmas Party Thursday 5 th : Art Gallery (2.45 to 3.30pm) and Y5/6 sports event at PGS (selected) Friday 6 th : Singing at Weaver's Court (11am) Friday 6 th : Christmas Fair (2pm to 4.15pm) CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!
Class of the Week: Y3 'Thee Shakespeares' with 99.3%		