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## **Newsletter- Week 14**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. It's show time! We look forward to welcoming you all to watch our amazing children perform this week!

**Christmas Shows:** Tickets for the KS1 and KS2 shows have now been sent out, please let us know if you didn't receive any ASAP. Also, please return any spare tickets ASAP so that we can reallocate them where required. Please note the following for our show week:

- A reminder that photographs and videos can be taken during the show and an opportunity for photographs will be provided at the end of each show so please enjoy the show in real life rather than feel the need to capture the perfect picture! Please adhere to our strict policy (see online for full details) and **ensure that no images of any child other than your own are shared on social media**. Many schools no longer allow images of any kind at school events and this will have to become our stance too if parents do not follow this key guideline. Thank you for your understanding.
- Please don't arrive more than 20 minutes before the show as staff may not be available
- During KS2 evening shows, parents with a child in each show can bring both children and stay in the hall during the interval, we will supervise the children
- Parents with little babies who may become distressed may want to come to a Dress Rehearsal to avoid the stress of a large crowd, please ask us for more details if required. If parents do bring young babies or Toddlers to the shows please keep them with you at all times and please step out of the hall if they are likely to affect the show for other families. I will be at all of the shows and I am happy to provide a quiet space or some toys to play with if it helps.
- Please note that pushchairs, prams and strollers need to be parked up in the foyer and they cannot be taken into the shows due to fire regulations. We are relaxing this rule for occasions when we have smaller audiences (class assemblies, etc) but the hall will be very busy for the main Christmas shows.
- Dress Rehearsal details for anyone who may like to bring small babies along or who may prefer a smaller and less intense environment are as follows...Y3/4 9.30am on Tuesday, Y5/6 11am on Tuesday, KS1 1.45pm Tuesday, EYFS Thursday 10.30 and 1.30pm (please check precise timings with relevant staff if you are intending to come along).

**Christmas Fair:** What an amazing event. The organising team have been hard at work for months and everyone has been incredibly kind with their various donations. Special thanks to the core team who have pretty much lived at school for the last four weeks- what a great effort! I'm delighted to say that we broke the record (again) for money raised on the fair day...a whopping £1250 raised and over £200 towards the Sheffield Children's Hospital Bear campaign as some children created their own projects to move us significantly towards the needed £750 to sponsor our own bear! Thank you for your amazing support as ever. We will continue to sell tickets for the raffle as we always do and we will draw the adult and child raffles a week on Wednesday after Carols Around the Tree.

**Art Gallery:** Thank you to everyone who came along to our art gallery. I was out of school at meetings but managed to make it back in time to take a look at all of the work alongside many impressed teachers, children, parents and grandparents. The progression was clear to see and the standard of work was very high quality! Well done. We will have a new event called Springvale Museum (see below for details) for parents to see just how amazing our curriculum is right now. The event will be held between 4.30 and 6.00pm and we will need some pupils to help us to bring our learning to life! Stay tuned for more details! Our staff are not just teachers, they are leaders of the curriculum and I can't thank them enough for their hard work to make sure that learning and progress are so positive, so consistently.

**Sports Update:** Well done to everyone for another term of super effort and progress in their after school clubs, they continue to be very popular and children are learning so much whilst having lots of fun! Our current run of clubs has now finished! Well done also to our wonderful Y5/6 multi-skills team who competed well against other local schools at PGS last Thursday. They finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and worked well as a team throughout. The P4Sport events are now becoming a well-established part of our weekly calendar and we have the 2<sup>nd</sup> term of events online now, starting with the recently postponed KS1 multi-skills.

**Singing Events:** Well done to the super choir who performed so beautifully at Weaver's Court last week. It was very well received and it left the residents very happy and feeling all Christmassy! Mrs Andrew had sent out a very detailed letter about different singing events over the next few weeks. Please read the letter carefully and return selecting the appropriate events and permissions for your child as we have two events still to come; a Christingle this Sunday and a PGS Carol Service on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

**Cinema Visits:** The exciting cinema visits go ahead this week. To confirm KS2 will all go on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> in the AM and be back for lunch. All EYFS and KS1 will go on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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. We will be watching 'Ice Age' with lower school and 'Home Alone 2' with upper school. Please note that Home Alone 2 is a PG rated film- please contact us if you do not give permission for your child to watch that particular film.

**Reading Books:** Please could parents return all reading books by the end of this week. We will text reminders. We are reorganising all of our books next Monday and Tuesday ready for the new term.

**Writing Competition:** We have received a range of fantastic entries for the writing competition that Mrs Fearn has recently organised and sent out to everyone. The deadline for entries is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and the prize is really worth winning- a visit to an independent book shop followed by cake and hot chocolate!

**Springvale Museum:** Please save the date of **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** between 4.30 and 6pm. We will hold our first ever Springvale Museum evening. This event will replace the 'parent drop ins' that we used to do which have become ineffective and unnecessary now that we show books at both parents' evening events. The evening will be an opportunity to showcase our amazing curriculum from EYFS right through to Y6 and each room will model the whole curriculum for a different subject area. We will send out more detail soon but please note that we will offer 4.30, 5.00 and 5.30pm start times which can be booked in advance. Children can see all of the exciting rooms during the afternoon so they do not need to come back at night time (although some children will be asked to stay and help at the event). We will have a film on in the Community Room for any parents who cannot arrange childcare but would appreciate this facility only being used where needed as space is limited!

#### Reminders:

- **Carols Around the Tree** 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.
- **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 12.30pm 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.

Have a great week everyone!

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

Week 13 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 14 Diary Dates
Attendance: 95.8% Late marks: 0 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	Attendance: 96.9% Late marks: 0.4 per week GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> : Dress Rehearsals (Y1-6) and Lower School Cinema Visits AM (F1-Y2) Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> : 9.30am and 6pm Y3/4 shows, 10.30am and 7pm Y5/6 shows Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> : 9.30am and 6pm KS1 Shows Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> : Cinema visits (Y3-Y6) AM and EYFS Shows 10.30am and 2pm Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> : Christingle Service (Springvale Church) 3pm start
Class of the Week: Y3 'Heroic Higinbothams' with 98.5%		

