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Newsletter- Week 19

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We have had a very busy half term so far with lots of different events and this week is no different as we open up our first ever Springvale Museum!

Bear Fund: Wow- how on Earth did you all raise so much money before Christmas?! We have met the target but Mrs Royston had already planned some more events and fundraising so we thought- why not donate even more if we can...it is such a good cause, I am sure you will agree! Next half term we are planning an after school club (for KS1 and KS2) to design and make items to sell towards our continued 'Bear Fundraising' for Sheffield Children's Hospital. We are hoping to up-cycle these items and need to begin collecting our resources. Please feel free to share:

- clean tin cans (to become pencil pots)
- stones (to become paper weights)
- any lengths of ribbon (to use for bookmarks)

Reading Army: A reminder that we now have our Reading Army initiative each Wednesday afternoon in the circle. On a good day we have had approximately 40 children enjoying a reading activity which is absolutely brilliant! If anyone is available to join us (1.30-3.00pm) you're very welcome. It really is a great way to enjoy being a part of our team and make a difference to our children and their progress. Please let me or Mrs Royston/Mrs Fearn know if you are interested!

Quiz: We have a couple of family tickets left for this exciting new event. Please see Mrs Ridgwick to secure your ticket. We have planned a really fun evening with quizzes, bingo, etc. If anyone has any little prizes or gifts to donate please let us know. Maybe you've had Christmas chocolate and wine and have a little left over! 😊

Wellbeing event: Thank you to everyone who attended or emailed their support for our wellbeing development work. We are just pulling all of the ideas and links together to share with parents in the next few days. It was great to see how much families appreciate our hard work in this area and their support to help us to be even stronger moving forward. It was also great to see 6 staff, including Sonia, our school counsellor, in attendance showing their passion for our pupils and their wellbeing!

Y6 Parent Meeting: Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting last week. We have now emailed out the slides regarding SATS and the Steps to Secondary document. A reminder that attendance in Y6 is more important than ever...the teaching content from now to SATS is very structured and layered in a way that will support children to achieve their potential in all areas.

Football Returns: We are struggling for schools who have the capacity to take us on at football (they must be scared of our amazing teams 😊) so we have set up a few intra-school matches. This Friday Y5 will play Y6 from 2.15 to 3.15pm on the school field. All spectators are welcome to watch! No permission is required as it is in school time but please bring kit, shin pads and suitable footwear if you want to play. We will also have matches for Y2 to Y5 the Friday after. Y2 v Y3 at 2.30pm (no permission required) and then Y4 v Y5 3.15 to 4pm (you will get an email with details and for permission purposes later this week!)

Nursery Collections: We have had lots of parents in Nursery collecting at random times between 2.30 and the designated finish time of 3.30pm. The children are usually outdoors or enjoying stories in the nursery space between these times and it means that staff have to stop what they are teaching to answer the door. Please ensure that collections are always through the main entrance to Nursery at either 2.30pm or 3.30pm prompt to maximise learning time for all Nursery children. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Governor Update: We are indebted to our very skilled and supportive team of Governors for leading and supporting our progress over the years. We have recently had a few changes on the board of Governors that we wanted to share with you. Firstly, we say goodbye to Mr Richard Punshon who has supported the school for 12 years as a governor and through his visits to enthuse the children with exciting topics and events. Mr Richard Fletcher, our Chair of Governors for the last 8 years has stepped back as Chair but he will remain a Governor. We thank Richard for his hard work and support as Chair and look forward to working with him in the future. We are delighted to announce that our new Chair of Governors is Mrs Kristianne Thorogood. Kristianne is an experienced and highly-skilled Governor who is present at school very regularly with her three children. Kristianne has been vice-Chair for the last 2 years in preparation for being Chair which represents a good, thorough transition, We look forward to working with you! We also have a new vice-Chair in Claire Throssell. Claire is our safeguarding and SEND governor. She is also experienced and highly-skilled and we thank Claire for stepping in to take on this role. Lastly, we welcome Mr Andrew Noble to the team as a co-opted Governor. Andrew has many skills and much experience in education with a particular strength and interest in sport so he can work with us to ensure that the quality of PE, sport and clubs remain high. We do have a Parent Governor role up for renewal very soon so if anyone would like to put themselves forward for the public vote please let us know. More details about this post in the coming weeks.

Walking Home: Now that the evenings are getting slightly lighter we will relax the rule on Y5/6 children walking home (where we have written permission already in place). Please stress that children must go home immediately to ensure that they are home before dark.

School Improvement: Next week our newsletter will be themed around it being the mid-point of the academic year and we will share a school improvement update. We have had very positive feedback from our evaluation officer in recent weeks, especially about reading and phonics! If parents would like an update on any specific areas please let us know!

Reminders:

- Please endeavour to keep on top of school payments for visits (using set deadlines) and for school meals. Mrs Ridgwick is spending lots of time chasing up payments at the moment. Thank you. We are aware that lots of parents had issues with School Money accounts around Christmas and early January but this seems to have been addressed. We have asked the company to improve their password reset facility at the 'user end' as many required us to reset the password on this occasion. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.
- The basketball visit is this Friday! A reminder that it is at Ponds Forge now. Unfortunately, due to the different venue, children aren't allowed on to the court at half time as they had been allowed at EIS. We have asked that we can meet some players or get involved as mascots in any way we can but I am awaiting a response. It promises to be a great evening. I attach the letter as a reminder for timings and FAQ help!
- Mr Venus is launching a competition to design a badge in assembly this week- the details are on our website under 'letters home' and we have shared it on Twitter too. Mrs Ridgwick has some printed, colour templates if children would like to take part
- Please see the separate letter about Springvale Museum (this Wednesday) and please let us know if you- or grandparents, etc- would like to attend.
- We have musical instrument spaces for flute and clarinet with Mrs Yates- this is the last chance to sign up! If you are interested please contact us ASAP.
- Please note the reading update letter for lower school that was sent as a reminder recently.
- KS1 Football Club and Cartoon Club are not scheduled this week due to the Museum event
- Please ensure that all children have a warm coat and a named water bottle in school

Have a great week everyone!

Kind Regards

Mr L McClure

Headteacher

Week 18 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 18 Diary Dates
Attendance: 98.4% Late marks: 1 GREEN LIGHTS: 98.7%	Attendance: 97.2% Late marks: 0.4 per week GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	Wednesday 29 th : 4.30-6.00pm Springvale Museum event Thursday 30 th : Y1/2 sports hall athletics event at PGS 4-5pm (selected pupils) Friday 31 st : Whole school Star of the Week
Class of the Week: Y3 'Heroic Higinbothams' and Y4 'Resilient Rowlings' with 100%		

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BAKE SALE- WE RAISED £138!