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Newsletter- Week 20

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Today we reach the half way point of the academic year so we want to share our progress with you so far as well as lots of other updates to keep you all fully informed about our very busy lives!

School Improvement Update: A huge thank you to all of the families, pupils and staff who made the new event 'Springvale Museum' a roaring success. Our staff have developed so quickly as subject leads over the last few years and their growing evidence base shows what a wonderful curriculum we offer. We are delighted with the feedback from everyone who saw the work in real life and those who saw it on our Twitter feed! This year has seen many changes in the Ofsted framework but we have set our standards and expectations based on what our pupils need rather than agonising over every word in a document. We feel that our school is unique and we all- staff, governors, pupils and parents- share a passion for being the best school that we can be. This is what we hope will set us apart and help us to stand out. Last week we wrote to all parents to explain just how closely we track each child in terms of their academic progress (in all subjects across the curriculum) as well as the energy and passion that we put in to ensuring that every child is happy and thriving socially and emotionally. As ever, there are friendship issues and one or two situations to address with our young people but through effective communication and quality partnership between school and home we can ensure that these issues are infrequent and insignificant.

In general we've had a very positive opening half of the school year. After substantial changes over the last two years we have been working on consistency across school and 'fine tuning' certain areas of our performance. We have had superb feedback from various school leaders who have visited us to share our good practice and our School Evaluation Officer has reviewed our reading systems and expectations as well as our subject leadership qualities- both were reviewed very positively and we are well placed to evidence that we are a very strong school which is improving term by term. Our teachers continue to find exciting opportunities for pupils to learn and we are on track for our school outcomes to be very positive indeed- once again!

Staffing Update: Mrs Wildsmith will be returning from maternity leave after the Easter holidays and she will return on a part-time basis. With this in mind, we have decided to offer Miss Alderson an extended stay on a full-time basis to ensure consistency for the children in Year 4. They are making such fantastic progress it seems to make sense for everyone involved to keep the consistent teaching arrangement in place to complete the year. Mrs Wildsmith will be working with children across the whole school to support target groups and accelerated learning, as well as working in partnership with other teachers, to ensure that her transition back in to the role is a positive one. We will continue to review the budget regularly to allow us to make informed decisions regarding staffing plans from September to see if we can extend Miss Alderson's time with us further or to recruit an appropriate job share partner for Mrs Wildsmith for the future. We are delighted to keep a teacher of such quality whilst also adding further capacity to our provision with the return of Mrs Wildsmith.

Y3/4 Class Assembly and London Meeting (Thursday 6th February): The Y3/4 class assembly has been brought together this year as the children and staff have been working together much more this year. We have also combined our class assembly with the London meeting that we had planned to hold. Please bring children back at 5pm to class and then head into the hall for a final London update. We will recap on the previous meeting content and then share medical/contact detail documentation and share the menu options for the provided evening meal. Please let us know if you cannot attend and we will ensure that you receive the necessary paperwork. We will also give you a little bit of information on the Y4 multiplication check that is taking place for the first time this coming Summer Term. A helpful summary about this can be seen here: <https://www.st-pauls-swanley.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=219&type=pdf> The children will join us after the meeting and perform their class assembly all about their current learning.

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! ☺ If you are in Y3/4 and the two events make it a busy evening don't worry if you miss the start of the quiz- the format of the evening allows slightly late arrivals (up to 7pm) to take part in everything that is on offer!

Sporting Update: We have had 3 teams attending the new style 'P4Sport' events at PGS recently and they have all been absolutely superb! Last week our Y1/2 team won the main event and took home the lovely, big trophy! Our Y5/6 team have also performed brilliantly and the children who have attended every event have given it their all as they tackled a range of sporting and physical challenges. Well done everyone! There are many events coming up including cross country, netball and hockey- look out for further details! Well done also to our footballers this week...Y6 beat Y5 4-2 in a pulsating game last week...well done to everyone involved and a special mention to our Star Players Sam, Lucas, Kian and Paige! We also had a fabulous time at the basketball event...54 pupils and 6 staff had a wonderful time and we hope to have inspired some future basketball stars! Next week we have the opportunity for some Y5/6 pupils to play basketball at PGS against other pupils- look out for details!

Cross Country: Apologies about the mix up regarding the cross country finals. We had been told- several times- that the date was on the Wednesday. We have contacted parents as soon as we were made aware of the change. It only affects the 32 pupils who have qualified- we just sent it out to all KS2 parents ASAP! If you have already emailed permission and the change of day doesn't affect anything then please don't worry. If the change of date changes your transport plans, etc, then please do let us know.

Reminders:

- Football next Friday for Y2 v Y3 at 2.30 to 3.15pm and Y4 v Y5 3.15-4pm (see email for permission to stay). All families welcome to support from 2.30pm! Please ensure that children have kit, a warm coat, footwear and shin pads (we will be playing on the school field) and a water bottle!
- There are no keyboard or drumming lessons today. Sessions will be covered over the course of the term as per the cost/session agreement.
- Please ensure that children have their PE kit in school- their coloured PE top ideally- when needed. The best plan is always to bring it on a Monday and take it home on a Friday to wash it! Also, a reminder that ear-rings cannot be worn in school- this includes our nursery. Please avoid having ears pierced until the long Summer holidays as it presents a health and safety risk in school.
- If your child qualified for the team finals and made it through to the South Yorkshire Finals (32 pupils across KS2) please check your emails for the necessary permission for pupils to take part. All families are welcome to cheer us on. The event is during the afternoon of Tuesday 11th February 2020 at Cannon Hall Farm.
- A reminder that school closes for half-term during the week commencing Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020. We have no INSET day so we return on Monday 24th February which is our whole school Science Week!

Have a great week everyone!

Kind Regards

Mr L McClure

Headteacher

Week 19 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 20 Diary Dates
Attendance: 98.3% Late marks: 0 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.7%	Attendance: 97.2% Late marks: 0.3 per week GREEN LIGHTS: 99.4%	Thursday 6 th : Y6 Active Travel workshop Thursday 6 th : 5.00-6.00pm Y3/4 Class Assembly and London Meeting Thursday 6 th : 6.30-8.00pm Family Quiz Friday 7 th : Lower School Captain's Table and Whole School Star of the Week Friday 7 th : Football Y2 v Y3 (2.30-3.15pm) and Y4 v Y5 (3.15-4pm) all welcome!
Class of the Week: Y4 'Resilient Rowlings' with 99.6%		