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Newsletter- Week 22

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term! A very exciting and busy half-term is ahead of us and all of the key dates are listed at the end of this newsletter for your attention.

Parent Meetings: A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Y2 SATS meeting or Y1 phonics meeting. Information has now been emailed out to parents and it is also online where our website supports the latest version of Powerpoint!

Developing Memory: Staff are currently developing a thoroughly and carefully sequenced curriculum (across all subject areas) to support children in **knowing more and remembering more** from their learning experiences. We know from discussions with parents that many children don't say much about their school day- except maybe what they had to eat and a few parts of their favourite lesson- this is why we spend so much time sharing our work with everyone on newsletters, learning journals, our website and, most often, on our Twitter feed @SpringvalePS. We are trialling a new system where we set little quizzes and recap tests called 'this week, last week, longer...' If parents would like to get involved in this it would be a great help! Basically we set little questions about different areas of the curriculum from different time scales to develop short, medium and long term memory. This would be most useful in maths and topic learning as the curriculum moves on so quickly! For our younger learners, little games like 'shopping list' or 'remember when' are really effective. So, I went to shop and bought crisps, cheese, biscuits and four pints of milk. Later you could ask them to recall all of the list? Or, remember when we went to the sea-side at half-term, what did you order for lunch at the beach café?

Parents' Evening: A reminder that our second parents' evening of the year will be held on Wednesday 4th March 2020 between 1.30 and 7.30pm in the school hall. Appointment bookings will open at 5pm today. We will offer some extra appointments to nursery parents on Monday 2nd March from lunchtime onwards as Mrs Exley has a lot of parents to see! Online appointments will be sent to everyone as a link on email and mobile phones but the extra Monday sessions with Mrs Exley will be a sign-up sheet at the Nursery entrance. We recommend that parents in Nursery without older siblings use these Monday appointments to allow for parents to see Mrs Exley on the Wednesday who are coming to see other teachers at the same time. Please let us know if you cannot make it or if the appointments that are left when you log in are not suitable and we will arrange another time, generally just before or after school to support our teachers' workload and wellbeing.

Please also let us know if you have any concerns that you would like to discuss that may require longer than the allotted 10 minutes- this helps our evening run to time which is fair for parents who are booked in later in the evening. All appointments will be in the hall, as usual, but we can offer a more private space where requested beforehand- again, please just get in touch. The theme of this parents' evening is progress and achievement and each child will have some personalised feedback for their parents to share based on our most recent classroom observations, marking and assessments. Children in Y1-6 will have their books available to view beforehand so please try to arrive a little earlier than your appointment. Our Book Fair selection will be on display in the main entrance if you have a little time before or after too!

Science Week: This week we have lots of exciting science learning going on! Today all of KS2 have enjoyed a special lesson in the Planetarium, KS1 will enjoy an owl visit on Thursday and the whole school can be a mad scientist on Wednesday when we see the return of 'Mad Hair Day'...for new pupils and parents just think of a science lab explosion- all styles and colours of hair welcome! It should be normal school uniform otherwise and the hair theme is totally optional! A huge thank you to our Science Leader, Miss Alderson, and all of our staff for bringing such exciting opportunities to our school!

Dinner Monies/Visits: A recent meeting with our office team demonstrates that a large number of parents are now paying for school meals after building up a debt to school. Please note that, as school budgets and cash flow are very tight indeed in these difficult financial times, we would urge parents to please pay ahead for meals. This is one reason we have capped meals at £2 this year to make it a nice, round £10 per week. With all school monies- visits, residential trips, music tuition, lunches- could we please stress a need to pay in advance of use or any set deadlines as the school may incur charges from our own bank or suppliers if we cannot pay in a timely fashion. Chasing debt also takes up staff and leadership time which is to the detriment of learning time which should always remain our key focus. Thank you for your assistance with payments in the future.

Jigsaw PHSE programme: This week we will be launching a new well-being programme called JIGSAW. The system has little characters who appear in the project and they all piece together to create a full JIGSAW of well-being skills. Stay tuned to Twitter and future newsletters for more information. More information is available on the jigsaw website at:

https://www.jigsawpshe.com/?gclid=EAiaIQobChMikIOkyrDq5wIVyrHtCh2WjgzHEAAYASAAEgK87PD_BwE

Swimming: A reminder that all Y5 children will be attending weekly swimming lessons on a Friday morning at Hoyland Leisure Centre starting this week. Children required a towel, an appropriate swimming costume and a hair brush, etc, where applicable. Please consult the specific letter about swimming that was sent out a few weeks ago for full details. The children will be out of school from 10am to 12.20pm so please avoid any medical appointments between these times wherever possible.

Sporting Update: Well done to our amazing basketball teams who came 1st and 3rd at a recent event at PGS! They were superb and progressed brilliantly as the event developed. Well done everyone! This Thursday we have a small group of Y3/4 children attending a netball event at PGS. Emails have been sent out already.

Reception Class: As always we are keen to develop the independence of our 'Curious Cubs' in F2 and we will be asking that children line up at the classroom door at 8.45am from next Monday. Children will enter the classroom independently and they will be supported to order their lunch by staff where required. A teacher will come to the door for any messages to be shared by parents while children enter independently.

Reminders:

- **Parent Governor Vacancy:** The deadline has now passed for applications. We have had an excellent response in terms of quantity and quality which is great to see! We will keep everyone updated on our progress in appointing a new parent Governor.
- The Cross country event has not yet been rearranged. We will let you know of a new date as soon as possible.
- Club launch will be tomorrow at 2pm in the afternoon!
- Books for Breakfast (Nursery and Y4-6) is a week on Friday (6th March) please ensure that your order form has been returned. We hope you can join us!

Diary Dates (Spring 2)

Tuesday 25th February- Spring 2 Club Bookings open at 2pm

Wednesday 26th February- Mad Hair Day

Thursday 27th February Y6 Bike maintenance Workshops all day

Friday 28th February- Y5 swimming begins (AM)

w/c Monday 2nd March- Parent and Pupil Feedback week (book fair in during this week too)

Tuesday 3rd March Fire Fighters Charity pick up.(first thing at drop off time please)

Wednesday 4th March Book Fair Sales Begin (no after school clubs on this day)

Wednesday 4th March- Parents' Evening 1.30-7.30pm

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day- dress up (book characters) or dress down (PJs)

Friday 6th March- Books for Breakfast from 8am (Nursery and Y4-6)

Monday 9th March Last day for the Book Fair

Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th March- Y6 at Robinwood

Thursday 12th March- Y5 Class Assembly at 9am

Friday 13th March- Sports Relief Day- Dress Down (sports theme and some events TBC)

w/c Monday 16th March- Wellbeing week

Wednesday 18th March- Y1 Class Assembly at 9am

Thursday 19th March Y1 & Y2 Trip to Ecclesall Woods

Friday 20th March- EYFS (F1 and F2) Mothers' Day Presentation at 11am and 2.30pm

Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March: Y3/4 in London

Thursday 26th March: Y5/6 at Cross Country event at PGS

Monday 30th March: Easter Egg Competition begins

Wednesday 1st April- Class Photographs

Wednesday 1st April- Instrument Evening from 6pm

Thursday 2nd April- 3.30pm Y5 Scarborough Meeting for parents

Friday 3rd April- Easter Egg Competition judged and school closes at 3.15pm

Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April Easter Holidays (Closed for INSET on Monday 20th April)

Have a great week everyone!

Kind Regards

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Headteacher

Week 21 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 22 Diary Dates
Attendance: 96.3% Late marks: 3 GREEN LIGHTS: 99%	Attendance: 97.2% Late marks: 0.6 per week GREEN LIGHTS: 99.2%	Monday 24 th : Science week begins with KS2 Planetarium Monday 24 th : Parents' Evening booking opens at 5pm (online) Tuesday 25 th : 2pm launch clubs (online) Wednesday 26 th : Mad Hair Day (optional) Thursday 27 th : Y6 Modeshift cycling workshop (all day) Thursday 27 th : KS1 Owl Workshop (Science Week) Friday 28 th : Y5 swimming begins (AM) Friday 28 th : Star of the Week (whole school)
Class of the Week: Y4 'Resilient Rowlings' with 99.6%		

THIS WEEK'S SCHOOL DINNER MENU IS WEEK 2