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**Newsletter- Week 24**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. This week is one of the busiest of the year so we have lots to share!

**Parents' Evening:** An enormous thank you for attending our parent consultation appointments last week and celebrating the progress that children have made. Staff have reported very happy parents and, where there are areas in need of extra support, it is great to hear that parents are always keen to work closely with us, in line with our school ethos and policies, to help their child to reach their full potential. If there is ever anything that you would like to discuss between consultation appointments please do contact us to arrange to see the class teacher as soon as possible. Our next formal update will be a full written report in June with effort, progress and achievement feedback as well as a personal statement about your child's work in their current class. As ever though, our staff will be feeding back little and often and we will always make contact if we are concerned about anything. Indeed, I am delighted to see the feedback over the page about communication in school as we do work very hard to keep everyone informed. It is great to see that this is acknowledged widely and to read comments about how much this is appreciated. From my work with other schools and experiences prior to joining Springvale, I do feel that we do this very well!

**Sports Relief:** This Friday we will be raising money for Sports Relief. Children and staff can wear red or sports kits and pay a family donation (suggested £1) to help us to raise funds that we can share with the national fundraising effort. As a special theme this year we will also try to run/walk/cycle/scoot 2020 miles during the period from 9<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> March. Other sporting activities can also translate to miles for our special target! Surely we can achieve it together! We hope to get close to the final target by the Friday afternoon and then we can invite parents/grandparents in to run/walk the final mile(s) with children from 2.30pm while those not collected early can run/walk with our staff. We will survey children in assembly each day for the miles they have completed or minutes of activity and translate that in to points. We will even count Y6 at Robinwood and their efforts! On Friday we will let you know how many miles are left and then parents and grandparents can come to reception from 2.30pm to 2.45pm to collect their children and join us on the playground to run or walk a mile to help us to the magic total. If parents or grandparents do not attend we will keep children with staff to complete a mile together as a group and they can be collected at 3.15pm as normal. Once you have collected your child (all children will be in the hall with their belongings) you can go to the playground, complete your mile (where it will be logged) and then head home. Once children are signed out they are the responsibility of the adult who collected them. Normal safeguarding rules apply in terms of signing out- we need to know in advance if it is not someone who would normally collect. Our cricket coach Chris Schofield will be running a 'marathon in a morning' on Friday in our playground so each class will join him to run with him or support for a mile too!

**Dinner Menu:** This week is the final week of our current dinner menu. The new menu will be launched in assembly soon and picture menus will be shared with staff and pupils. These seem to have been popular with the children and helped to ensure that an appropriate meal is ordered. The full plate policy is working really well too and children are eating a better balanced meal and trying new things- great to see! Our staff never force children to eat things they really don't like but we do encourage children to try new foods.

**Robinwood:** This week our Y6 pupils will be attending Robinwood activity camp. Keep your eyes peeled on Twitter for lots of pictures and updates! I will be there on Thursday to catch up with all of the groups so I will make sure there are lots of updates during my visit too. Mrs Kelly and Mrs Northrop will be covering Nursery during this visit as Mrs Exley and Mrs Armitage will be supporting Y6 and Mrs Mayston. I have emailed all F1 and Y6 parents about the staffing plan in more detail for both classes during this time.

**Events update:** Thank you to everyone for their attendance at Books for Breakfast...a superb, relaxed morning with books and great food! A huge thank you to ENGIE (our building contractor) for sponsoring the event and to Lorna, Kerry and Mr Kilner for their efforts to prepare and serve the food on behalf of ISS, our catering provider. Our World Book Day event was superb too with lots of great costumes from staff and pupils alike! The parade was the best I have ever seen! Children love these special days and they give us another chance to remind everyone about the importance of reading in our daily lives and the impact it has on our wider learning.

**Sporting Update:** I was so proud of the eight year-one children who competed at PGS this week! They came second out of six schools but the other schools were mostly older children! They were brilliant and gave some tricky challenges (I'm still trying to recover from the beach ball challenge myself ☺ ) a very good go! Well done team! Our clubs have all started up successfully again too- great to see!

**Questionnaire Outcomes:** Please see our family questionnaire outcomes below. Thank you for sharing your views. We are delighted to see such a fantastic, overwhelmingly positive, picture but we also appreciate your honesty and feedback where we could improve. We **are** listening and we are passionate about making school a positive and thriving place for children **and** their families. Our pupil questionnaire was also very positive with similar outcomes- full details are on Twitter and our website now under 'letters home' and 'pupil hub' sections. One area that pupils want to improve is how engaging assemblies are so we have requested a School Council meeting about which assemblies pupils enjoy and which could be improved and/or developed further.

Question	Disagree	Not sure	Agree
Springvale Primary is a consistently 'good' school	-	1	139
Springvale Primary school continues to improve	-	1	138
The school mirrors its ethos of 'Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together' in its daily work	-	1	139
My child enjoys school	1	2	136
My child is making good progress	-	5	135
The curriculum in school offers exciting opportunities and topics	-	2	138
Relationships between staff and pupils are good	-	2	137
The school offers pupils a safe and secure environment/atmosphere for learning	-	2	138
Behaviour is well managed in school	-	3	137
School rules are clear and appropriate	-	2	134
My child receives good support and guidance from the staff in school (pastoral)	-	1	137
Communication is good	-	2	138
I receive feedback about my child's progress (at least each term- parents' evening or reports, etc)	1	5	130
My child receives regular, appropriate homework	-	4	132
The school has high expectations for my child	-	5	134
I know how well my child is doing in school	-	6	132
I feel safe and welcome in school	-	1	138
My child has had opportunities to take part in extra-curricular activities	1	5	131
The school balances experiences for pupils and cost to families well	2	9	126
Any concerns that are reported are dealt with swiftly and appropriately	-	4	133
The school is well led by the Headteacher	-	-	140
Leaders are visible and available to help when needed	1	4	132
The school is well supported by the Governing Body	-	7	131

The key issues to explore seem to be; more clubs and opportunities for EYFS pupils, being more careful to balance and spread the cost of extra-curricular activities and visits and making sure we share the work that our Governors do in school. I have to say, we have a superb team of Governors who are skilled, committed and enthusiastic. We just need to share this work with you more often through newsletters and Twitter!

**Book Fair:** Our book fair will be open every morning and immediately after school on Thursday and Friday this week (and early next week). Classes Y2 to Y5 will be given a time slot to bring money this Thursday to buy a book too if this helps working parents. Please see an updated letter from Mrs Fearn attached.

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

Week 23 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 24 Diary Dates
Attendance: 98.1%	Attendance: 97.3%	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> : Walking bus- 8.25am and various 'pick ups'
Late marks: 1	Late marks: 0.8 per week	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> : Y6 at Robinwood (to Friday)
GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> : Book Fair in school and open AM and PM
Class of the Week: Y6 'Magnificent Malalas' with 99.3%		Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> : Y5 class assembly (9.15am)
		Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> : Star of the Week (whole school), Y5 swimming AM, Captain's Table F2-Y2

**THIS WEEK'S SCHOOL DINNER MENU IS WEEK 1**