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## Newsletter- Easter Update (2)

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope that everyone had a lovely Easter and that you enjoyed some relaxing family time (and maybe a little chocolate) together? I got one Easter egg this year so I popped it in the fridge; I know that will horrify at least half of you! My daughter offered to share an egg with me during an online quiz with family members which I thought was lovely...until I went to the fridge late at night and realised that it was indeed my only egg we had shared! Oh well, at least I have my first assembly about kindness and sharing ready for when we return to school! We hope everyone is staying safe and enjoying some of the silver linings of the current, unpleasant and most unusual situation.

**Easter Provision:** The Easter provision has been very smooth and successful and I would like to thank Paul Crook at PGS and all of their staff and our wonderful staff team for working to protect the key families and their children. I would also like to thank the children and parents who were able to minimise the risk to staff by staying at home and staying safe.

**Learning Projects and Home Support:** After Easter our weekly learning themes will return. We will send out projects in Word *and* PDF so that they can be easily accessed on phones, iPads and other devices. As so many children need to be online to play, learn and achieve right now we are sending out our annual eSafety family agreement to discuss ASAP. We also recommend the use of the SMART rules we use in school for pupils (pictured above) and a fantastic website for parents and children here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Our website link [www.springvaleprimary.org/curriculum](http://www.springvaleprimary.org/curriculum) provides everyone with a wide range of resources which includes e-reading materials, maths games, subject specific resources, Spanish ideas, PE projects and competitions or games and helpful SEND information. There is so much to do but there is, as ever, no pressure or timescale. **Please just focus on what makes you and your family happy and comfortable at this time!**

**Emergency Provision:** We will operate from Springvale Primary again from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Rather than send out lots of letters and templates we would just ask that parents **email me by 12noon on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April (and then every Friday thereafter until we have a change in circumstances) with their emergency provision needs on a week by week basis.** Please note that all INSET days and Bank Holidays are, in effect, cancelled and we will be open Monday-Friday 8.45am to 3.15pm each week. We will provide meals as normal but with limited options. Children are welcome to bring a snack and they should also bring a water bottle (every day) and sun cream/a hat on warmer days. Quizzes, interactive assemblies, the Friday disco and bedtime stories will all return on Monday too!

**School Meals:** The Government scheme worked well in week two of lock down so we can see that all parents who are applicable received the voucher in a fairly timely fashion. The system has sadly crashed over Easter despite us fulfilling our part of the system administration last Monday and again last Thursday. This means that many vouchers did not arrive with families. We have emailed all families to explain this and offered food or vouchers, etc through school means to ensure that no child at Springvale went without this Easter. The vouchers are through a company called *Edenred* so please look out for a voucher and please check 'junk' or 'SPAM' folders, especially if we use a Hotmail account for your voucher. If you do not receive the vouchers and you need urgent support please email me and we will make alternative plans. All families should receive two sets for the last two weeks in the coming hours or days if you haven't already. I am meeting with Governors (online) tomorrow to set up a contingency plan for when the Government system fails.

Stay safe everyone and thank you for your outstanding support.

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