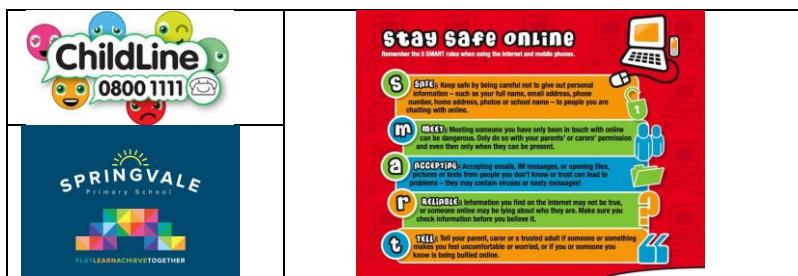


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Newsletter- Week 28

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable Easter period despite the unique circumstances that have inevitably affected all of our original plans.

**Learning Projects and Home Support:** We return to Springvale this week after a successful period throughout Easter at PGS. That means a return to our popular home learning themes which are now online at the website mentioned below under the school week 3 section (near the top of the link). We have had fantastic feedback from parents, pupils and Governors and we have kept what is working well and acted on feedback to improve further by adding more Spanish work and by adding subject specific ideas on the relevant curriculum area tabs... please take a look. We have also streamlined the Y6 work and put more emphasis on the Y5/6 project document- please email us if you would like more guidance or support.

This week's theme is 'Viewpoints.' These themes will be followed in school too in the mornings so that all children are working on similar projects. Again they are non-compulsory but we have worked on them to ensure that they provide structure to the families that would prefer this. Our website link [www.springvaleprimary.org/curriculum](http://www.springvaleprimary.org/curriculum) provides everyone with a wide range of resources including e-reading materials, maths games, subject specific resources or games and even SEND information. We also have links to music, Spanish, exciting PE opportunities and so, so much more! Please keep on checking the website out as we add lots of new ideas every week! We also have two new excellent national resources through BBC Bitesize (on TV and online from today for all year groups and all subjects) and a new national resources bank at: <https://www.thenational.academy/> which has been created by expert teachers from across the nation. Section 7 on the latest DfE guidance is also worth further exploration for support on wellbeing, online safety and educational best practice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

**Transition Plans and New Starters:** Last Thursday was a crucial day for our parents who applied for a place for their child in Reception from September 2020. We had 39 first choice applications, fewer than last year, but still too many to accommodate. We are sad to lose some of our amazing Nursery pupils to other schools and hope that we get them back in Nursery soon to enjoy more learning experiences together. To the families who did receive an offer of a place- we will accept your place automatically if you have a sibling already in school or if you attend our Nursery. Please only contact us if you **do not** want to take up the place ASAP. If you see this letter and your child has a place but you are not connected to school, please do make contact to confirm your place. We are excited to welcome you to the family very soon. We know that this is a unique time and anxiety around what the future looks like in schools is very present and very real for all pupils. We have already started to plan transition for F2 (includes a virtual tour and welcome video message from leaders to be launched very soon) and we have plans A, B and indeed C for transitional visits in small, safe groups as soon as is practical and possible. Please look out for more details in the post or on email very soon! We are also planning F2 to Y5 transition contingency plans but we hope that we don't need them! We will be meeting with PGS leaders over the next 2 weeks to talk about contingency Y6 to Y7 transition plans too, look out for more details!

**School Meals:** We will continue to offer a hot school meal to all children in school. Children who are F2 to Y2 or those who receive free meals through entitlement will continue to receive those meals free of charge. Others can bring a packed lunch or choose a meal that will be charged at the usual daily price through the existing system. We offer a cold sandwich and a hot main meal option each day. The Government system for Edenred is still having significant issues but we are working with them as best we can to get the vouchers out to families (mostly £15 per child, per week) as soon as possible. Please contact us if this issue is having an impact and we will help.

**TT Rockstars:** A new competition is starting today for KS2 pupils. Mrs Mayston is appealing to the competitive nature of our pupils with some internal battles! Y3 will take on Y4 alongside a heavyweight battle between Y5 and Y6! It starts today and runs for 2 weeks! There will be great vouchers for each class winner!

Stay safe everyone and thank you for your outstanding support. **Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher**