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Newsletter- Week 37

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope that everyone is keeping well!

EYFS Transition Meeting: A huge thank you to those who managed to join our first ever virtual welcome meeting! We had good attendance and we have had marvellous feedback! We have recorded the meeting if anyone missed it and wants to catch up! Just let us know if that is the case.

Hoodies: The Y6 hoodies are almost ready and we expect to be able to hand them out by the middle of next week. Children can wear them in and around school straight away. We have been so impressed by our Y6 pupils and they continue to receive outstanding feedback on their behaviour and attitudes in and out of school!

Meals: The cost of ISS meals will rise from 1st September. We remain significantly below the cost of local primary settings however. The cost will be £2.06 per child, per day. F2 to Y2 will continue to receive a free meal to the best of our knowledge. We await confirmation of this and other related schemes like free fruit for EYFS and KS1 and free milk for those under 5 years old. The set cost of the meals is very fiddly but we will mirror it exactly so that we do not lose or gain on our food provision (we always pass on the exact cost or slightly subsidise meals) and the online payment system makes the unusual amount irrelevant anyway!

Uniform: We will be returning to school uniform from September when school returns unless we receive scientific advice not to do so. Our uniform supplier is now open online and they will return any orders, where requested, to school for handing out from here in the final week. Our uniform details have been emailed out and posted online already. Order forms are available on our website on the uniform section under the 'key information' tab!

Y6 Road Safety: A week on Wednesday (8th July) we will be taking Y6 pupils (in their bubbles) out on to local roads and paths to teach them about staying safe on the roads, when using public transport, etc. We will ensure that we visit PGS grounds as part of our work to ensure familiarity for pupils. The work has been fully risk assessed and children will be in groups with a ratio of 1:8 (or better) with a staff member. I was so proud to observe and, thankfully very rarely, contribute to the Y6 Sexual Relationships Education sessions this week. We had every Y6 child involved despite the current situation. I genuinely think that is just amazing! We will also be teaching a very 'wellbeing' heavy curriculum from now until the end of term including lots on body image, personal hygiene, cyberbullying, substance use and misuse, online safety and friendships. Children will receive their 'mock PGS diary' soon too as we challenge them to be completely independent and organised learners!

Transition Plans: This week we have emailed out our transition plans and details regarding getting Y2-Y5 back in to school for some face-to-face sessions. Please check for the email and get in touch to book. A few parents reported that the attempted reply to the original email bounced back. Apologies if that is the case. If so please email me directly or contact the school office.

Staying Safe- Government Advice:

The following link provides lots of advice for families to stay safe at this complex time. The final sections of the link below on *Online Safety* and *Mental Health and Wellbeing* are well worth a read.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm/advice-to-parents-and-carers-on-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Staffing next year: We can confirm that most of our staffing will remain the same for next year. Class names will be themed around NHS and medical heroes! Here is the staffing plan from September 2020:

EYFS Unit- F1/F2: Mrs Parr, Mrs Exley, Mrs Honey, Mrs Slack, Mrs Armitage and Mr France (SEND Support) Mrs Kelly and Mr McClure (PPA - 1 afternoon)

Year 1- Mrs Evans, Mrs Lowe, Mrs Tomlinson (PPA)

Year 2- Mrs Royston, Mrs Northrop, Ms Heeley (Maths- P/T), Mrs Andrew (PPA- 1 day)

Year 3- Mr Venus, Mrs Kelly (to Christmas) and then Mrs Haigh, Mrs Cliffe (SEND), Mrs Akrill (P/T) Mrs Andrew (PPA half day)

Year 4- Miss Alderson, Mrs Gale, Mrs Akrill (P/T) Mrs Andrew (PPA half day)

Year 5- Mrs Fearn, Mrs Henstock, Mrs Beresford

Year 6- Mrs Mayston, Mrs Wildsmith (P/T), Mrs Kent, Ms Heely (Maths- P/T), Mrs Fearn (PPA - 1 afternoon)

More details regarding class organisation and staffing via transition Powerpoints and pupil transition information to be shared next week or in the final week. We are delighted to announce that Mr Ian France has successfully secured the position of EYFS/SEND TA and he joins our exciting EYFS Unit team! The whole school staff have proven, as if they needed to, that they are simply brilliant and that they will always put our children first. We have clear and effective plans in place to support all children from September to get back on track to, very soon, be thriving socially and academically once again.

Learning Projects and Home Support: This week's theme is 'Around the World.' We have also shared our weekly Art/DT challenge from Mrs Tomlinson! We hope that you enjoy all of next week's opportunities! Our website link www.springvaleprimary.org/curriculum provides everyone with a wide range of resources. We hope that you enjoyed our Virtual Sports competition from home as much as we did in school! Look out for daily assembly news on Twitter which children can enjoy from home! Thank you to everyone who supported our Cystic Fibrosis day today- we raised a wonderful £70 total and everyone looked fabulous with yellow or summer pastel colours in the sun!

Stay safe everyone and thank you for your continued outstanding support.

Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher