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Newsletter- Week 8

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Another busy week has passed and now we are almost at the half-term break. Lots of exciting news to share, let's go!

Harvest: Thank you to everyone for their kind harvest donations and for listening to our show! We have had outstanding feedback and the station reported very high interaction and listening figures! It was great to keep the school's ethos and spirit alive through an adapted harvest plan! A huge thank you to the staff (especially Mr France who recorded and edited most of the content), pupils and all at Penistone FM! We hope that the elderly residents enjoyed their wellbeing packs! We are working on adapting other key events that will be missed now- for example we will have a special film afternoon and Hallowe'en lunchtime disco this coming Friday to make up for the missed whole school disco! Children do not need to do anything as they will design their own mask next week.

Prospective Parents/Promotional Materials: As we cannot welcome into school our usual prospective parents for F1/F2 and any spaces in upper school, we have had to adapt...and quickly! On Tuesday we will welcome Daniel Rose and his creative team from 'We Are Awesome' who will help us to create a 'Welcome to Springvale' promotional video and take photographs to showcase our ethos and exciting curriculum to create a new prospectus to celebrate our strengths and to help prospective parents and candidates for employment in school in the future! Daniel has supported our creative work over the last few years including our logos and signage and we look forward to working with him again! We will only use images or footage of children who have media release consent in school. **Lastly, we have also set up a zoom for prospective parents on Wednesday 25th November at 8pm.** Please register your interest in this meeting with the school office ASAP if you have a child who may need a place in F1/F2 over the coming 12 months. If you know anyone who may want a place in the community please spread the word!

Staffing News: After five years of excellent service we say goodbye to Mrs Dickinson who has now left her post as SMSA. We wish Mrs Dickinson and her family the very best and thank her for her service. We have appointed two extra relief SMSAs to cover any isolation/illness within the team too, a warm welcome to Mrs Hunton who will start with us in a few weeks and Mrs Bentley who will be available in the case of staffing emergencies!

Online Safety: A reminder to make sure that you have seen our Online Safety update (emailed out last Tuesday morning, please note that this is not online due to the sensitive details within the letter) and have taken the time to discuss online safety with your child, especially if they have devices of their own and/or are in Years 5 or 6. Our Family Online Safety Agreement is also a very important document that needs to be read, discussed and returned to school. We have a special meeting for parents set up about staying safe online which will be held on Zoom on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 7pm, please save the date and join us if you possibly can!

Other updates:

- Please note that this is the final week of clubs and there will not be clubs for the foreseeable future
- Our School Meals Debt Policy is now online/ and it has been shared on email. Please pay in advance for meals and contact us ASAP if you are having difficulty in technical **or** financial terms!
- There will not be a parents' evening this term but every child will receive a settling in/update from the class teacher in writing shortly after half-term! This will come home in book bags (with a text to tell you it is there) unless you request it via recorded post for GDPR reasons (please tell us by 4th November).

We break up for HALF TERM this Friday and return on Monday 2nd November at the normal times.

Have a great week and a fabulous half term! **Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher**

Week 7 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 8 Diary Dates
Attendance: 98.4% (95.8%) Late marks: 1 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	Attendance: 98.3% (96.1) Late marks: 0.6 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.2%	Monday 19 th : Gymnastics lessons (Y1, 3 and 4 PE kit required) Tuesday 20 th : Special 'resilience workshop' with Barnsley FC Y3/4 pupils (separately) Tuesday 20 th : Y3/4 Barnsley Football Club (coaching, kit required) Friday 23 rd : Deadline for Y6 applications for secondary places Friday 23 rd : Star of the Week Assembly Friday 23 rd : Y6 swimming, kit required (PM)
Class of the Week: Courageous Colonel Moore's with 100% (again...wow!)		

