

**SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**01226 760930**

**Headteacher: Mr L McClure**  
**l.mcclure@springvaleprimary.org**  
**www.springvaleprimary.org**  
**@SpringvalePS**



**Week 22 Newsletter**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Dear families,

We want to congratulate all families on your outstanding resilience this half term. Whether you are working hard to keep the COVID response going in some way or another and your child is in school OR if you are working from home with your child- we want to thank you all! The staff have responded incredibly well to another new set of complex circumstances and we are very proud of the provision that we have managed to offer face-to-face and online. Well done and thank you all once again!

**Zoom Updates:** Our new learning journal is attached to map out the main coverage of the curriculum. Remember, our core goal is to provide pupils in and out of school with a fair and balanced curriculum so that all pupils can return with similar levels of curriculum support. Friday afternoons will now be Zoom free for all ages and we encourage that you enter the 'wellbeing weekend' with our special activities- see them all on email and online on the 'curriculum' tab. All KS2 pupils will have PE with me on a Thursday PM at 2pm and we have enough log in spaces for Y2 to join us too! (Optional) It will always be games and physical exercise that does not require much space or any resources so that everyone can take part.

Mrs Wildsmith is approaching the later stages of her pregnancy so we have asked that she takes a role of Zoom teacher and works safely from home with Y5/6 after half-term on her working days. Mrs Wildsmith and Miss Heeley will lead the Zooms for Y5/6 each morning and Mrs Fearn, Mr Venus, Mrs Mayston and myself will be added to the team to contribute to the afternoon sessions. Y3/4 will be unaffected but Miss Alderson, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Andrew and myself will share out the afternoon sessions to supplement Mr Venus' core sessions each morning. We will reassess if there is any further delay to the return to schools by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. As an extra thank you some of our staff have created a little video to show you just how our Zoom planning meetings have been going, hopefully you will have seen the video that we are parodying or it might not make sense! Enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/OOUMHgMG1JQ>

**Safety:** The last few weeks have seen horrendous weather conditions and temperatures. In the last few days we've had large sheets of ice falling from the angled roof and we have had to do our best to knock away any ice before key times of the day (parents on site, lunch, play times, etc). It is a quite large site to grit/make safe with the one-way system in operation so we wanted to make parents aware of the potential issues. Please do take extra caution on site and report any concerns to me directly. Our staff will be working hard to make the site as safe as possible each day.

**Uniform:** We will remain in non-uniform after half term as the temperatures are expected to remain cold but this will be reviewed on a week by week basis. Please dress for the cold weather- lots of layers!

**Half-term:** A reminder that we close for the half-term break today and re-open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to pupils who are in school currently. The Government is currently aiming to re-open to all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. No work will be set during the half term but daily reading, physical/wellbeing activity and maths games are encouraged, as always, where possible.

Thank you for your fantastic support as always. Have a great week.  
Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher