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**Week 26 Newsletter**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

Dear families,

It has been another positive week in school. There has been a noticeable difference in the confidence of the returning children and their readiness to learn...it really has been a strong transition and another big challenge ticked off. Very few additional children are presenting with any concern either academically or in terms of their wellbeing which is testament to the hard work of staff and the fantastic support received from their families. Next week we will be assessing the children in the core curriculum areas so that we can report back to families at the end of the first week back after Easter. Following these assessments and the associated analysis undertaken by leaders and Governors we will be working hard to support all children- including those who we have targeted for greater depth, for example- to ensure that they make rapid progress to meet their potential. We have many plans to support learners using our quality team of teaching and support staff but we will also be bringing in some special tutors in the afternoons to target pupils who have been most affected by the disruption- we will make contact with you soon if this includes your child.

This week marks the four year period since I was offered the very privileged role of Headteacher at Springvale and, despite being very proud of our achievements and progress so far, the challenges of COVID have only sharpened my desire, and that of our staff and Governors, to work harder than ever to keep on improving our school. In short, this newsletter is about one thing...making our school the best in the World!

Over the coming months and terms our staff will be reviewing our approaches, our curriculum, timetables, clubs, behaviour systems. We are presented with another great opportunity to freshen things up and bring new experiences and challenges to our pupils and their families. In order to do so we would love your views and ideas. For example, when we brought in GOOD to be GREEN and the weekly texts it was very well received and many schools have adopted our approach too which is great to see. We've never had negative feedback on it but even good ideas get stale and need freshening up to keep everyone interested and involved- this is one example of an area where we can work with staff, pupils and parents to keep moving forward and being innovative and creative. If you or your child have any feedback about school please share it with us- you can tweet, email or give us a quick call!

Our questionnaires always receive fantastic, positive grades so we know that parents are happy with our work and provision. As stated above, that doesn't mean that any leadership team or school should 'stand still'...we must keep moving and developing to keep up with the ever developing World. We want behaviour, attitudes to learning and effort levels to be the best they can be...every day. We're excited about the coming years and want to have the highest standards of engagement, attendance and progression/achievement of any school in the region. Your ideas/feedback could help us to do just that.

Thank you for your fantastic support as always. Have a good week.

**Regards**

**Mr L McClure**  
**Headteacher**

In other news:

- Our mini-diary and attendance updates will return to newsletters after Easter
- On Wednesday we have our first ever Easter Egg competition online- look out for a link soon! 6pm for lower school and 6.30pm for KS2! The theme is Olympics!
- Thank you for your Comic Relief donations. We raised a fabulous £300 and our talent show was won by the brilliant Jessie in Y4 who sang 'Try Everything' by Shakira! Well done to everyone who took part in our fun show!
- A reminder that we break up next Friday for the Easter holidays and we return on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April (no INSET day).