

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Week 29 Newsletter

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Dear families,

A warm welcome back to school. Things feel so much better with the improved weather and the return of clubs and some little extra events across school. More children have signed up to clubs this term and we have many coming to school on bikes and scooters for 'The Big Pedal' and Dr Bike! This is lovely to see. Please find some important reminders and news updates below for the weeks ahead.

**School Uniform Update:** VORTEX our uniform provider has informed the school that they will start to deliver orders back to school again fortnightly from 29th April. The school shop at Grange Lane Industrial Estate, Stairfoot, Barnsley, S71 5AS is once again open, no appointment necessary. Unfortunately there is a price increase on all uniform from the supplier. The website for VORTEX is: <https://www.vortexschoolwear.co.uk/Primary-Schools/Springvale-School/>

**Free School Meals:** Barnsley Council recently changed the way they award free school meals. Here is a reminder of what to do if your child isn't already entitled to free school meals but you are on benefits or if you think your child may be entitled to free school meals. Please apply through the link. [www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals-form](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals-form)

**Stamp Design:** We have launched a special competition to design a new stamp themed around 'COVID Heroes by Royal Mail. We had an assembly to explain and launch it and we have given out a template to all pupils who were interested. The deadline is the end of this half term and entries should come back to school to the office. Please note the GDPR letter is attached to the same email as this newsletter. For more information, please click here: <https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/>

**Return to school:** Pupils and staff are working so, so hard already this term. We're determined to keep learning fun, engaging and age appropriate but we're also working flat out to help every child to reach their potential. For this reason we would appeal to parents that every minute of school and any extra support really counts this term- and always! Good attendance, reducing holiday requests, being on time and keeping up with home reading and homework expectations are so crucial. Please remember to log any reading in your child's reading log so that staff can track their reading and ensure that books are changed, etc. As promised, we have launched our 'How to Help Your Child' video which you can find here: <https://youtu.be/Mdylyh3rWG4>

**After-school clubs/organisation and communication:** Clubs have gone smoothly but we have had a number of parents contacting us just before home time to pass on messages to class. This can disrupt teaching and learning and, if the lines are busy, it could create a safeguarding worry. Please ensure that your child has all that they need for learning and/or clubs- water bottles, a coat for days when the weather changes, PE kit, musical instruments, etc. As an example 5 pupils in Y3 couldn't do music last week as they didn't have their ukulele. We also had calls to ask that children were reminded that they were at club that evening. We have club registers that we check each session to ensure that we have everyone in school, if children need a reminder could this be done in a morning when they are dropped off please.

**Staffing News:** Last week we said goodbye to Mrs Bentley, one of our Relief SMSAs. Mrs Bentley has supported us in various ways during the COVID pandemic when we required extra staffing for individual bubbles, etc. We thank her for her service. We will be recruiting for an additional SMSA very soon.

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

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

### School Statistics

Attendance Update	Week 28: 98.6%	Summer Term: 98.3%	Year to date: 98.2%
Class of the Week:	F2 with 100% attendance		
Punctuality Update	Week 28: 2 late	Spring Term: 7 lates	Year to date: 31 lates
Good to be Green Update	Week 28: 98.3%	Spring Term: 98.8%	Year to date: 99%

### Mini Diary Week 29

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>: Y5 swimming, BYC singing (Y2-Y6)

