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Week 38 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Our days are really busy as we approach the end of term but they are filled with amazing experiences and learning. We are so proud to be able to keep school feeling pretty normal and fun despite the many challenges and risks around us at the moment. Please keep being vigilant and stay safe!

Sports Days: A huge well done to everyone for their efforts at Sports Day! The children are so talented and determined- the standard of the events was sensational! Well done to every child who took part, every parent who attended and supported us and to the staff and volunteers for putting on a great event. Lots of pictures and clips are on Twitter to enjoy! We will announce our team winner and any sprint record breakers very soon. Good luck to Y5 in their Sports Day tomorrow at 2pm! A special thank you to Mrs Exley who works so hard to make Sports Day a huge success each year!

Attendance Reporting: We will be sending home a summary of your child's attendance in the final days of term in a marked envelope. This is a requirement of all schools to report annually to parents. We met all other reporting requirements through our progress reports in November and April followed up with the recent consultations. Pupil work will be returned home on Monday 12th July although we do have to keep three samples in school for evidence- staff will contact you if we want to keep your child's work and we can ensure that you get to see it before we put it in storage and that you receive it later in the calendar year. If any parent would like to discuss their child's work or final assessment levels please just let us know but we feel that the recent parent appointments have brought parents fully up to date.

Clubs: We are delighted to have offered so many clubs this year. The clubs end this week but we are already planning for next year. Look out for the club list and details of our launch date/time soon! A huge thank you to our sports coaches and club leaders who have been amazing all year- providing great opportunities and support alongside a very complex risk assessment and ever changing guidance!

Staffing for next year: Now that we know our full staff team we can confirm the staff working with each class, please see below and note that, where possible, we will have the staff with the children for transition events- see the next section for more details!

Nursery: Mrs Honey/Mrs Parr and Mrs Slack

Reception: Mrs Exley and Mrs Armitage

Year 1: Mrs Royston, Mrs Lowe and Mrs Ratcliffe (PPA provided by Mrs Tomlinson on a Wednesday)

Year 2: Mrs Evans, Mrs Northrop, Mrs Haigh (Literacy only) (PPA provided by Mrs Andrew on a Friday)

Year 3: Mr Venus, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Haigh (Maths only) (PPA provided by Mrs Andrew on a Wednesday)

Year 4: Miss Alderson, Mrs Beresford and Mrs Cliffe/Mrs Gale (PPA provided by Mrs Andrew on a Wednesday)

Year 5: Mrs Fearn/Mrs Henstock and Mrs Kent

Year 6: Mrs Mayston, Miss Heeley and Mrs Gale (Literacy only)

Mrs Turner and Mrs Akkrill will not be classed based but they will have key roles in supporting our pupils across lower and upper school respectively. Many of our team will be classed based in the mornings and then working with small groups to support their areas of need in the afternoons.

Mrs Wildsmith is now on maternity leave but she will return for 3 days a week in January. Mrs Wildsmith will be working with Year 5 on her return alongside Mrs Henstock to allow Mrs Fearn to focus on Literacy across KS2 which will be our biggest focus in our development plan next year.

Bubble Closures: Today was a very complex day as we worked with families reporting positive cases on Lateral Flow Tests in years 3 and 6 respectively. Please see separate communications about these cases once they have been confirmed or rescinded following PCR results, hopefully tomorrow. All clubs missed during a bubble closure are refunded by the end of the isolation period. Cases are on the rise, significantly so, in the local area. Please be extra careful as we approach the summer break.

Careers Event: Y6 really enjoyed learning all about different careers last week and we wanted to thank all of the parents and services who attended to share their skills and potential career routes for our children. It is a vital and underdeveloped area in education and we are delighted that Mrs Mayston added it to the Y6 transition plan as it is ignited some fires with our pupils and, no doubt, raised their aspirations.

Transition Plans: This week the children will have some experiences with their new teachers and support staff (where possible- we have 3 staff isolating at present!) as they prepare for next year. Please note that the children will attend school as normal and go to their current class to register and order lunch. We will then move children to where they need to be. Year 6 will be working with Mr McClure on their production in the hall. All children will then return to their classrooms in time for lunch and the afternoon. The focus of this year's transition days will be to build relationships and to learn as much as we can about their children and their learning. Thank you to everyone who attended our parent consultation events recently...parents have been very positive about them and staff felt it was so important to talk through the year and any next steps after a year of very little personal interaction with parents...this is such a vital part of our ethos! The system of new teachers attending to make transition notes appears to have worked well too! Further to our transition plans we have set up a Zoom meeting for all year groups Y1-6 this week. KS1 (new Y1-2) will have a joint meeting on Tuesday 5-5.30pm (a link will be sent out on the morning of the event) and KS2 events will be on Thursday as follows: 5-5.20pm Y3/4, 5.20-5.40pm Y5, 6pm Y6- again a link will be sent out that morning. Teachers will present their curriculum and any key information about their class and then take any questions verbally or in the chat facility. Mrs Haigh will lead the Y3 transition mornings and we have set up a special event in the Summer with Mr Venus as previously communicated with Y2 parents moving to Y3.

COVID update: We are aware of the growing issues and rising cases in the community, our own rising cases at Springvale and the very complex issues at the local secondary. COVID is so difficult to manage and protect everyone from and PGS have our full support and understanding. We are constantly reviewing our risk assessment and feel that we have remained very careful and safe throughout- for example- many schools have removed the wearing of masks, etc. We will review the new DfE guidance in the coming weeks for September re-opening and ensure that we communicate any changes in a timely manner.

School Meal Costs Sept 2021: Please be aware that there is a slight rise in meal cost next year which will now stand at **£2.07** per day (£10.35 per week). This cost reflects the rise across the PFI project. We have had excellent feedback on our meal service this year and the children reporting enjoying the meals and that portions are age appropriate. We would love to see more children enjoying a hot meal, especially in winter. Our current menu will run until the end of the October half term and then a new menu will be shared with pupils, staff and parents from November onwards! Please note that F2-Y2 child receive a free school meal each day. Please ensure that all accounts are topped up ahead of meals being taken to avoid the administration of chasing payments. Thank you.

Safeguarding Lists: Our safeguarding system and collection lists were successfully introduced four years ago and have added an extra layer of protection for keeping our children safe. The lists have been rolled over year after year but they get outdated, clunky and hard to manage for staff so we are introducing a brand new list for next year. This means that all previous permissions will be removed from current F2 to Y5 families at the end of July 2021 and a new list brought in from September. Please see the separate email and reply to it directly by 1st September 2021. We will acknowledge that your new request is received and recorded. This applies to children walking home too- new permission required for current Y4 and Y5 (new Y5/6) please.

Y6 Leaving Events: We can confirm that all requests received so far for Y6 events like the show and the family football have been accepted and we are (just) within the COVID guidelines and our risk assessment. Anyone who hasn't yet returned the form with your requests and preferences should call us to discuss what spaces are available. Y6 loved their special day on Friday in Scarborough and at the Sleepover in school. Many thanks to the children for their efforts and excellent behaviour and also to the staff who went above and beyond in organising both events so well.

Thank you for your fantastic support as always.

Regards

Mr L McClure

Headteacher

School Statistics			
Attendance Update	Week 37: 98.7%	Summer Term: 97.9%	Year to date: 98.1%
Class of the Week:	Y3 Courageous Captain Moores with 100%		
Punctuality Update	Week 37: 1 late	Summer Term: 22 lates	Year to date: 46 lates
Good to be Green Update	Week 37: 98.7%	Summer Term: 98.8%	Year to date: 99%
Mini Diary Week 38			
Monday 5 th July: School Council Meeting (1.30pm), Y5 Sports Day (2-3pm)			
Tuesday 6 th July: Transition morning in school, Y6 party on the field PM, Zoom meeting for KS1 parents (5-5.30pm)			
Wednesday 7 th July: Y4 on Road Safety walk (Beating the Street) 9-10am, wear football kits, red or white for Euro Day!			
Thursday 8 th July: Transition morning in school (including new EYFS pupils) and Zoom meetings KS2 5-6pm (see above)			
Friday 9 th July: Dress down for Cystic Fibrosis (wear bright or yellow) & donation, final NTP session, final Y5/6 swimming			