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Week 39 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the most extraordinary year. The children really have coped so well with all of the highs and lows and the staff have worked harder than ever to keep children happy, safe and progressing. In this final newsletter we normally review the previous academic calendar but it really is hard to know what to say other than I am indebted to every member of the community for following the ethos that we created and signed up to four years ago. It really does feel like we have achieved something fantastic; our pupils have made outstanding progress, many are already well placed or even ahead of the progression curve they were following before the disruption kicked in. We have offered a wide range of experiences and a safe, engaging and, at times, exciting place to learn and work. It is a year where we have learned to live with a virus that keeps us all guessing and waiting for the next challenge to our learning or our daily lives.

Whatever the next year brings, with the governors, leaders, staff and families that we have...we simply can't fail to have another successful year next year. We say goodbye to Teaching Assistants Mrs Coulton and Mr France as well as Mrs Baines, an SMSA for 14 years! We wish them all well and thank them for their excellent work, wish them well for the future and appreciate their service to the school. We also say goodbye to 31 wonderful Y6 children, Isabelle in Year 3 and some of our Nursery pupils who will move to their new school settings closer to where they live...good luck for a big and bright future ahead! You have made us very proud and we congratulate you for your many and varied achievements. Year 6 have had such a raw deal these last 4 terms or so but they have really matured and grown in recent months and their end of Y6 assessments are nothing short of remarkable. Well done! We welcome Mrs Turner to our team, an exciting appointment to a new role to strengthen our approach to reading, phonics and language...such a crucial area where we already have such strength but where more expertise and experience can help us to realise our aspirational target that ALL children can be confident speakers, listeners and readers by the end of Year 1. We also welcome many new families to the school and our happy Springvale team in Nursery and Reception. Welcome! We hope you are very happy here. All that remains to say is have a lovely Summer break and thank you once again for your patience, understanding and unwavering support. **Oh and by the way we raised over £700 for Macmillan last month! Wow! Thank you!**

Clubs for next term: Please look out for our club list for the first half of the Autumn Term which will be sent out before Friday. The clubs will be launched as specified on the letter when we return after the Summer break. All clubs end at 4.15pm.

Plans for September: We will be publishing our Risk Assessment and a full document with plans for next year with any COVID adaptations explained before the end of the final week. Please be aware of the timings for next year below so that you can start to plan for drop off/pick up etc around your own busy lives. As you will see we have kept an element of staggering to keep school safe but vastly reduced the gap between the start and end times between the oldest and youngest pupils. These have been created in consultation with staff, Governors and parents.

F1, Y2, Y4, Y6 start 8.40am and finish at 3.10pm

F2, Y1, Y3, Y5 start at 8.50am and finish at 3.20pm

The reading in the hall will come to an end so that we can bring back breakfast clubs. Parents with a child in each group of classes should arrive at 8.45am. Early arrivals will not gain access to school and will risk unnecessary mixing.

Transition Feedback: The children all responded very well indeed to their recent transition visits and staff were very impressed indeed. Staff also reported how useful it was to sit in on parent discussions for their new class as well as leading those for pupils who were leaving them. We are totally ready for next year now! Thank you to all who attended the special meetings on Zoom for parents too- slides have been sent out now for anyone who couldn't make it.

School Meal Costs Sept 2021: Please be aware that there is a slight rise in meal cost next year which will now stand at **£2.09** per day (£10.45 per week). Apologies for the slight error on last week's newsletter which said £2.07 per day.

Safeguarding Lists: Last week (Monday and Tuesday, respectively) we sent out two emails to the relevant families for permission to walk home, etc in current Y4/5, and safe collection lists for current F2-Y5. Please check your emails and let us know if you haven't already. We would like one master copy that is printed by all staff. This will only be updated once per term so please ensure that your details are logged by 1st September. Thank you for your fantastic support as always. Have a great Summer everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics

Attendance Update	Week 39: 97.7%	Summer Term: 97.8%	Annual average: 98%
Class of the Year:	Y5 Hippocrates' Heroes with 98.9%		
Punctuality Update	Week 39: 2 lates	Summer Term: 24 lates	Annual total: 48 lates
Good to be Green Update	Week 39: 99%	Summer Term: 98.9%	Annual average: 99%

