

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 17 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Despite the very high number of cases in the community we have seen fairly low pupil case numbers so far, long may that continue. We have, sadly, already experienced very significant disruption to staffing. The staff in school were magnificent last week, as always, at adjusting and supporting each other and the pupils to have a successful first week back!

**Latest COVID guidance:** Our updated risk assessment is now online and it is on the email that carries this newsletter too. To summarise the latest changes, we would like to bring back a few elements of the good practice around social distancing from last year:

1. Masks to be worn if you **enter the building** at any time please, unless you are exempt. Masks are not required on the playground.
2. Please arrive at the allotted time and not early or late. This will help to keep the numbers of people on site at any one time as low as possible. The timings have been the same all year but we have a large percentage of families currently coming very early to collect at the end of the day. **Timings: 3.10pm for F1, Y2, Y4 and Y6. 3.20pm for F2, Y1, Y3, Y5. If you have more than one child you should arrive at 3.15pm.**
3. Please observe social distancing around the school site and also avoid congregating at the gates/shelter. Where possible if only one parent/carer could collect per family, that would also be appreciated. Lastly, please keep your children close by at all times.

**Staffing News:** Last week we successfully recruited two new relief SMSAs to help us to manage the impact of COVID. A warm welcome to Miss Hull and Miss Dryden who performed brilliantly in interviews before Christmas and again last week. Please note that we expect a lot of staff reshuffles with the current COVID situation. If your child's class has significant disruption, we will be in contact but we may wait until we are fully informed (e.g. test results, etc). Today is sadly Sonia Prescott's (School Counsellor) last session in school- we thank her for her fantastic support and wish her well for the future. An interview has been set up for this week with a potential new counsellor.

**How to help your child and their wellbeing:** We are in the process of organising a special online meeting for families to support mental health and wellbeing. We plan to have many short sections to cover the range of needs and then some further, in depth follow up sessions where parents feel there is a need. If you have any suggestions for what we could cover please let us know! Our current suggestions are resilience, parenting, sleep, diet and online safety. We will survey families to ascertain the best day/time to hold the event too.

**Nursery collection times:** Now that we have new nursery pupils, some of whom only access the afternoon session we would like to remind everyone of the timings for drop off and collection. Before Christmas we were allowing families to collect at a time to suit them towards the end of the day but now that we have a focused PM group we need to ensure that learning time is structured and maximised to the very end of the nursery day. With that in mind, please drop off and collect at the specified times below:

**AM nursery opens:** 8.40am (siblings and childcare groups 8.45am) **Collection AM pupils:** 11.40am or 12.10pm if they stay for lunch club **PM nursery opens:** 12.10pm **End of day collections:** 2.40pm for 30 hour pupils or 3.10pm for PM nursery (please do not arrive between these times) or 3.15pm for pupils with a sibling in school

### News nuggets:

- Our clubs are still open with spaces available for most. The vast majority start today!

Have a great week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

### School Statistics- Week 16

Attendance: 96.4% Classes of the Week: Y4 with 99.3% Late marks: 1 GOOD to be GREEN: 99.7%

### Mini Diary- Week 17

**(Well-being theme: Road Safety- Be Bright, Be Seen/Music of the week: Classical- Strauss and Bach)**

**Dinner menu: Week 2**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>:** KS1 Visiting Historian (all day) and Sonia's last visit (School Counsellor)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>:** Selected Y3 pupils at PGS for Sports Hall Athletics event- 4-5.15pm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>:** Star of the Week assembly

