

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 19 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We are almost at the half way point of the academic year believe it or not! Time flies when you are having fun and the children certainly seem to be enjoying their current topics and all that the curriculum offers. We have lots to update our families on so, let's get started!

**Latest COVID update:** We have had 7 new cases reported to us since last week (1 staff and 6 pupils) and all of our systems and processes are well established and have been shared with families. Please check online for latest risk assessments and newsletter updates. Could we please remind all families that it is important to tell us if your child is fit and well enough to be completing work so that we can provide work. Our Remote Education Policy is online and, as always, if you are away from school for COVID reasons please just contact us about any support needs and we will do our best to support you and keep your child happy and learning at home. Please note that our policy is to use the Learning Log for the first day of absence as this gives the staff some time to organise appropriate work to email/print for you.

**School News:** Our new School Counsellor will begin her new role late next week. She has written to all parents to introduce herself, please see page 2 below. We are delighted to secure such an experienced person to support the vital wellbeing work in school. Where Val works with a child on a 1:1 basis, you will be contacted and asked to complete such permission paperwork but we will also utilise Val, at times, in a wider role working with groups and whole classes for friendship issues, online safety advice, etc. If you do not wish for your child to be involved in such sessions please contact me to make me aware before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Our sports update is significant this week! Our Y2 team at Sportshall Athletics came home with a giant trophy and 1<sup>st</sup> place certificates. They were superb from start to finish- well done everyone! Our Y5/6 girls were absolutely outstanding and they came home with the title of South Yorkshire Champions after a tense 1-0 win in the final to Bradway from Sheffield. Josie grabbed a birthday goal and Ella made a superb save in the dying seconds to secure the win. All ten of the squad played their play and they will all travel to Lancashire for the North of England finals in March!

**Lego Competition:** A little reminder that we have a Lego competition planned, as organised by the School Council. Our School Council meet regularly and they have huge plans for the rest of the school year include some amazing Summer Discos and improved equipment for play times and lunch times. The competition is open to all ages, please ensure that it is a child's own work and creativity (we can have a competition for mums and dads next year maybe!) and please don't enter any pre-designed kits/sets. The entries should be labelled with your child's name and class and brought to main reception on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. They can be collected from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Good luck! The School Council will be judging it (for all classes except their own) and they are promoting the competition in assemblies over the coming weeks. This year's School Council are very active and engaged- long may that continue!

### News nuggets:

- A very important attendance update was sent out last week on email- the letters are also online. Where we have concerns about rates of attendance or punctuality that have not yet been discussed directly with families we will send out a more personalised letter this week. Please contact school ASAP each day to update us on any absence (this includes nursery pupils) and state a clear reason for absence including symptoms, where applicable, rather than say 'poorly' or 'unwell' as this helps our record keeping.
- An important email has been sent out to Y5 families updating everyone about the residential to Scarborough
- Our chosen maths scheme in school has a new, free '1 Minute Maths' App that has had rave reviews so far. This is accessible to all children in school and will really help them to secure their mathematical learning through games.

Have a great week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

### School Statistics- Week 18

Attendance: 93.2% Classes of the Week: Y3 with 98.9% Late marks: 2 GOOD to be GREEN: 99%

### Mini Diary- Week 19

(Well-being theme: Online Safety/Music of the week: Johnny Cash/Hank Williams)

Dinner menu: Week 1

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>: Selected Y5 pupils at PGS for Sports Hall Athletics event- 4-5.15pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>: Star of the Week assembly

## **To the Children, Parents, Governors, and Teachers at Springvale Primary school.**

Hello. My name is Val Cortese and I am a children's therapist at Creative space, working with children & young people through creative therapies. I use creative resources to support children in a comfortable space which enables them to explore their emotions and feelings.

I have thirty years' experience of working with children and families as a social worker and therapeutic practitioner. I support children with many issues enabling them to make sense of past and current experiences to feel emotionally balanced again.

I had the pleasure of being guided round the school on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January by two year six pupils who did an amazing job of explaining the ethos of the school which included their thoughts and feelings. It was great to hear how happy they felt and their interest in the service I am due to provide. They were amazing...a credit to the school, their families and the teaching staff.

I am looking forward to commencing work within the school from the 4<sup>th</sup> February and meeting further children and staff as I become a familiar face in the school.

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