

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 22 Newsletter

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter and Happy Valentine's Day everyone! We hope that the children really enjoy our dress down day today and we raise some healthy funds to start our drive to buy a defibrillator for school!

**School News/Improvement Update:** Last week we had a visit from our School Evaluation Officer and the feedback is incredibly positive regarding our standards and provision. Thank you to families who shared their views with our visitor...she was very impressed by the engagement of parents and how positive everyone was about reading and phonics. This is great news and gives us the confidence to move forward with our approaches in these areas. A big thank you and well done to Mrs Royston and Mrs Fearn who have led these areas with skill and enthusiasm. Special thanks also, as always, to every child, parent/carer and staff member for the ongoing efforts with progress in these areas. Our push for daily reading and phonics is working and the impact on our children is a joy to see. We must also say well done and thank you to everyone for a superb parents' evening last Thursday. It was superb to see parents and staff working together and sharing the overwhelming positive news. A reminder that our 'How to Help Your Child' video is on our school Youtube channel! Our Beech team thoroughly enjoyed their celebration to acknowledge their TT Rockstars efforts in recent weeks with food, laughter and dancing.

**Parking and Safety:** A number of parents have recently expressed concerns about parking around school. Comments around using the staff car park, pulling in to the disabled bays (including for club drop off or collection), etc. were communicated last week but we have still had some families doing so. The biggest concern being reported now is that some parents are blocking the small number of parking bays within the school site. Some parents are driving round in loops waiting for a space to come up, some are pulling in to the car park and then blocking the way as they attempt to wait for a space to become free. This is concerning to hear as it could cause a serious health and safety incident. We would also ask that parents vacate the spaces as soon as possible to free up access for more families please. As always we would encourage active travel where possible- walking, cycling, scooting and where pupils live too far away to do so there are park and stride options by parking somewhere less busy, safely, and walking the final part of the journey. Thank you for your support with this very important matter.

**Lego Competition:** Last call for the big Lego event! Our School Council have organised it all and we have vouchers and certificates ready for the top 3 in upper school and the top 3 in lower school! The School Council and Mrs Wildsmith will be judging the competition on Tuesday PM. Good luck everyone!

### Reminders:

- We are closed for half term from Friday evening for a full week and we have an INSET day on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please note that pupils will return to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.
  - All of our current run of clubs end this week. The new clubs will be emailed to you before the end of the week and bookings will open on the first day back for pupils, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Clubs restart w/c 7<sup>th</sup> March!
  - Pupils in Y5/6 can walk home from clubs again after half-term due to the improving light at 4.15pm.
- Have a great week and a lovely half term break everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

### School Statistics- Week 21

Attendance: 97.9%    Classes of the Week: Y2 with 100%    Late marks: 4    GOOD to be GREEN: 99.3%

### Mini Diary- Week 21

(Well-being theme: People Who Love Us /Music of the week: DISCO week)

Dinner menu: Week 1

Current clubs all end this week!

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>: Valentine's dress down and discos at lunch and PM (family donation, no fancy dress please!)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>: Lego competition judged at lunchtime

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>: Star of the Week Assembly and closed for half-term- Val Cortese in AM for wellbeing support