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Week 36 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Lots to share (just for a change!) as always so let's dive straight in with some good news and lots of important updates! Two pages this week- sorry- just too much going on!

School News: A big well done to Mrs Kelly and the KS2 pupils and staff for what was one of the best visits I've ever experienced...tapas, dance, a lovely (and very sunny) afternoon in Sheffield! The children were exceptional and the 'cultural capital' gained was simply enormous. Thank you for supporting this visit, especially at a time of great financial stress for many. Well done to our Y5/6 boys football team who competed so gallantly against a good Cawthorne team in a 5-2 defeat with goals from Ernie and players of the match awards for Charlie S, Tristan and Josiah! We also had a boys cricket team in action who came in third place with just one defeat in the afternoon- well done boys!

The Big Babysit was a roaring success and the children had a wonderful time. Your feedback and comments from this event (and the Spanish experience on Friday) on Twitter have blown us away...your appreciation keeps us all going in the chaos of the summer term here at Springvale! I strongly believe that these special experiences and little touches are what sets us apart from other schools! We raised around £650 on the evening, which, when added to the £250 raised at the Valentine's Disco means that we are almost there with our £1000 for the defibrillator with a few more families telling us they still need to hand in their donations...I think we might just do it this week! Amazing! We will order it and ensure the staff training is arranged for all staff and volunteers ASAP!

Our review day on Tuesday went incredibly well and we had so many glowing comments to share. Here are just a few of them:

- The school feels more like a family than a school
- Leadership and communication are excellent
- Staff are visible, caring and they all go the extra mile
- My child's curriculum experience is high quality and varied
- The range and cost of clubs is outstanding and every effort is made to include all children in sports and clubs
- The children are very lucky to access Springvale
- Pupil behaviour is outstanding and the children are proud to attend the school

Naturally, we are delighted with this feedback and thank the parents who responded to our feedback requested or came in to school. On behalf of the Governors and leaders of the school we say thank you to every staff member for their ongoing efforts and approach...it is a great team here and we all want the best for our pupils. Well done to our pupils who shone as always! Lastly, it is worth noting that our parent interviews helped us to gather some really useful ideas and feedback to help us to be even more effective moving forward- thank you!

Staffing News: We're really sad to report that Miss Heeley will be leaving us this Summer. Miss Heely has made a huge impact on our school in terms of the pupils she supports, the maths boosting and support, games club and who can forget her contribution in lockdown with Zoom teaching and the endless games and quizzes to keep us entertained! We will miss her very much but we wish her well and we are incredibly proud of her new job which is a promotion to class teacher and maths leader...the ethos is for everyone- we want our staff to push themselves and reach their full potential too! We will be recruiting some new support staff in the coming weeks so please stay tuned for details and spread the word to help us to get the best people out there to join this amazing team...just what our children deserve! Any external roles will be advertised through the BMBC website and we will keep you updated!

School Day from September 2022: We are now in a position to confirm our school day for the next academic year to help your forward planning. Nursery and Reception (EYFS) will open at 8.40am and close at 3.10pm and Y1-Y6 will all open at 8.45 and close at 3.15pm. All morning clubs will start at 7.50am and all evening clubs will end at 4.15pm. Due to the 5 minute gap between doors opening/closing at the front and rear of the school we will not need to have siblings coming through school/further logistical issues. The one way system will be completely removed and the caretaker's service area between the gated areas will likely be locked so the main paths should be used.

Attendance Matters- Holidays: The number of holidays being taken across the school year is becoming a serious concern at the moment. Whilst we understand the current situation with holiday prices in school holidays we would like to remind parents of the hard work that has gone in to supporting pupils to make excellent academic progress following the challenges of COVID and how our efforts and momentum in doing so are impacted by taking term time holidays- some families more than one in the same academic year. Furthermore, some families have said they are disappointed that their child is missing something in school i.e. school visits/special DT days etc-plus some parents are taking them out but asking teachers for work to do at home/whilst away so they don't miss out. Our school diaries are packed with events and visits- if you take a holiday in term time the chances are that your child will miss out on something, or maybe lots of things, that they would enjoy. Whilst we appreciate the effort staff can only provide work for positive COVID cases and there is no adequate replacement for a full school day (socially, pastorally, academically) the final piece of work is only half of what is missed. Taking a holiday close to an assessment is also proving to have a very detrimental effect on pupils too so please consider the various concerns shared before booking a term time holiday and note that, where applicable, in-line with our school policy, we will issue fines for holidays taken.

News Nuggets

Online Safety meeting- Due to the excellent weather and, at the risk of having very low attendance, we decided to postpone this event and we will reorganise it in October/November when the dark nights draw in and more children are at risk of online safety issues. We will set a date soon but please come along if you can!

COVID- some of our families are still very concerned about COVID and the risks associated with crowding, etc, so please ensure that we keep moving when on the school site and keep entrances and pathways clear so that everyone feels safe when on site.

Car park- A further reminder that the school car park should not be used by parents at any time. Thank you.

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 35

Attendance: 97% Classes of the Week: F2 and Y3 with 100% Late marks: 1 GOOD to be GREEN: 99.3%

Mini Diary- Week 36

Well-being theme: Online Safety & Music of the week: Holst (Classical) Dinner menu: Week 3

No basketball club this week, Patchwork finishes alter at 4.45pm and Y6 miss cricket for PGS day!

Monday 20th: Springvale's Got Talent for Y3/4 pupils

Tuesday 21st: Y6 Reward Visit, Y5 cycling AM (bikes and helmets required) 3-4pm Netball v Thurgoland (parents welcome)

Wednesday 22nd: Y6 transition visit, selected Y5 pupils at enterprise finals, KS1 bikes and scooters day

Friday 24th: INSET- School is closed to all pupils