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Week 1 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to the new school year...we trust that you have had a wonderful summer? If your circumstances have changed in any way then please do get in touch- change of contact details, perhaps you have moved house, any pupil health/welfare issues, etc. Any such updates are welcomed so that we can support the children well with their learning from the very first moment! We wanted to say, once again, a massive thank you for positive messages and kind cards from families at the end of the term...our staff are always very thankful of your kindness and support. We absolutely CANNOT wait to get started again and we are especially excited about meeting so many new learners and families...welcome to Springvale!

School Timings: Please note that our school timings have changed since last year and they are much closer together for the first time since 2020 and the onset of COVID. **We expect that this will make parking around school much more challenging. Please consider your route and timings using the information below:**

- Only parents/carers with a disabled badge or permission from school may use the disabled bays
- The school drop off area has very limited spaces, please do not pull in to the drop off area or wait in that area if it is full, this can create traffic jams on the main road. Please refrain from using the staff car at any time.
- We advise walking for those who can and we would urge everyone to 'park and stride' by using parking in the community and walking a short distance to school where required. Please park considerately and safely to ensure that our neighbours and local businesses are safe and accessible.
- Nursery and Reception (EYFS) doors will open at 8.40am and close at 3.10pm each day (on Monday and Tuesday we will open these doors slightly earlier for new starters to help them to settle and to allow us to safely pass children back to their parent/carer at home time).
- Y1-Y6 doors will be open at 8.45am prompt each day and pupils will leave at 3.15pm each day unless they are signed up to a club. New pupils in Y1 should come to the rear playground with their parent/carer. Staff will be at the front of school tomorrow to help anyone who can't remember where to go!
- Families with siblings in EYFS and Y1-6 should take EYFS pupils first and then walk round to the back playground.
- Please access the playground safely and refrain from using bikes or scooters once you are on the school grounds.

Diary Dates: The confirmed diary dates for the year ahead are attached again for your perusal. We will be sending out a more comprehensive list for the term ahead (up to Christmas) on next week's newsletter. The key date for today is that new clubs will launch on Monday at 2.30pm. Could we also remind you that pupils can bring their favourite book next Tuesday for a special author celebration day as we start the school year talking about the magic of books and reading! Please note that this is not a dress up/dress down day. This is later in the school year when we celebrate World Book Day!

Class Names for 2022/23: Our amazing new class names are ready following the transition work at the end of the term and they are all linked to shape this year! This is because we are having a big push on maths again! Here are the class names:

F1 Little Stars F2 Superstars Y1 Smart Circles Y2 Sensational Semi-Circles
Y3 Tremendous Triangles Y4 Superb Squares Y5 Proud Pentagons Y6 Heroic Hexagons

Behaviour Systems: Our Good to be Green system will remain this year for most pupils and classes as it is working really effectively and always receives good feedback from the pupils, parents and staff. This year we are trialling a new approach for some individual pupils and two whole classes. We will write to the individual pupils/classes involved and explain our holistic approach and how you will be communicated with. If you are not contacted (which will be the majority of families!) you will continue to receive the weekly GOOD to be GREEN texts on a Friday after school and other updates!

News nuggets:

- Thank you for your safeguarding list updates- these have now been printed and shared with staff. Further additions can be added at Christmas for the Spring Term. If you need someone who isn't on the list to collect your child please contact the office (with good time please so that they can inform the teacher) on the day.
- A reminder to Y3 that, except pupils who receive benefits related to Free School Meals, all school meals need to be paid for in advance.

Have a wonderful first week back everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher