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**Week 3 Newsletter**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. It has been a very emotional week for many of our pupils and families due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. The pupils have been incredibly understanding and knowledgeable about the events of the week. A shorter week this week as we paid our respects yesterday but, as always here at Springvale, lots to cram in to the 4 working days that we do have. Let's begin!

**School Timings and Safety:** A very important safety update was sent out on Thursday. Please ensure that you have seen/read it and shared with other family and/or friends who access the school grounds. Things have been much calmer since the letter went out but we would still like your feedback if you do not feel that things are managed safely in school so that we can rectify it quickly. One thing that we didn't mention that many parents are doing...please don't walk down the school car park, please use the path as this is much safer. Also, a reminder that, when using busy paths it works much smoother and safer if every keeps to the left where possible. Timings are working much, much better in terms of punctuality and learning time. There are a few families struggling with punctuality but we are addressing this so that we can be 100% on time, every time! This is a key standard that we are aiming for very soon...maybe even this week?

**Collecting Pupils:** Please be aware that staff are still learning the names/faces of family members at the end of the day. This is always the case at this time of year and we will get much slicker with the handover! To help our cause could we ask that parents step forward when they see their child at the front of the line to help the teachers to become secure more quickly in pupil/family links.

**Learning Logs:** Just a further reminder that it is crucial that all parents sign and comment in their child's learning log every week. This used to be a daily expectation and we have reduced it a year ago to be much fairer but it is so crucial that it is done to build that effective home and school partnership around the most crucial of skills...reading! Staff are already reporting an increase in parents commenting/signing which is great...let's keep on improving!

**Clubs:** All clubs start today and any missed yesterday have been/are being refunded. Unfortunately JAM and Bruce Dyer were cancelled due to low numbers. We will try again next half term! (Please note that Bruce is popping in to assembly tomorrow to try and an increase in pupils to make the club viable...we will contact you if this is the case!)

**Club collection:** Please collect pupils after clubs from the main reception area at 4.15pm (pupils will exit either the hall doors or the reception area doors). The only exception is Monday football club- pupils should be collected from the rear playground please. Pupils attending morning clubs should come through the front doors for a 7.50am start please.

**Toddler Group:** The new Toddler Group starts next Monday at the Community Church across the road. It will run from 9am to 11am every week in term time. Please spread the word and come along if you have pre-school pupils! The group will be run by Mrs Andrew but it is a community playgroup and not run by Springvale. Our staff/leaders may pop in from time to time to build links with the group and the prospective new pupils/families.

**Meetings for parents in F2 and KS1:** Please note that we will hold meetings for families in F2, Y1 and Y2 next Monday evening in school. We hope that you can join us! F2 are meeting Mrs Exley in the classroom at 5pm and Y1/2 are meeting with Mrs Evans and Mrs Royston in the hall at 5.30pm. Both meetings will last approximately 30 minutes. We will send out what we can after meeting but please attend if you can for important support on helping your child (and us) and continuing to build that effective partnership between home and school. Thank you.

**Defibrillator:** Immediately after our fantastic fundraising efforts we received notification from the DfE that they had decided that all schools should have a working defibrillator on site...we're really glad they agree! We are just waiting to find out how quickly we would get one before we complete the purchase of ours. We wanted to be transparent about this as parents supported the efforts so brilliantly. It makes sense to get the free one and use the funding for other school projects...we hope you all agree!

**Celebrating Reading:** We are delighted that so many children took part in the 'Gadgeteers Reading Challenge' this summer. If your child took part could they please bring in their certificate for Mrs Fearn for a special assembly (by 30<sup>th</sup> September!) we promise that they will get it back after! 😊

**News nuggets:**

- Please continue to ensure that names/classes are written in every item of clothing brought to school- especially our younger pupils!
- School shoes- please note that the policy asks for plain black shoes. Please do not purchase flashing shoes, shoes with large/different coloured logos or footwear with large accessories (fur/buckles, etc). A number of pupils are also wearing black trainers now- these can be worn for playtimes where preferred but we would like pupils to have smart school shoes for classroom learning.
- A reminder that only water can be provided for pupils in water bottles, this includes nursery pupils
- Ear-rings should not be worn at any time please in school- please remove them before school or pupils will be asked to remove them themselves if this is appropriate/possible. We don't want pupils to miss PE lessons!

Have a good week everyone!

**Regards,**  
**Mr L McClure,**  
**Headteacher**

**Mini-Diary and School Statistics**

Attendance for the year so far: 98%

Attendance last week: 96.7%

Late marks last week: 8 (3 families)

Class of the week for attendance: Y3 Tremendous Triangles 99.3%

GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.4%

GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99.3%

**What is happening in school this week?**

**Weekly themes:** Music from the Movies, Road Safety, Week 1 dinner menu

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>:** Bikeability and Autumn 1 clubs begin (Monday dinner menu)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>:** Y6 visit

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 4-5.15pm Y3/4 mixed football at PGS