

**SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Week 6 Newsletter**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Doesn't time fly? We're five weeks in and just two more busy weeks before we hit the pause button for half term! Let's get you up to speed with everything that is going on this week!

**Parent and Carer surveys:** Thank you for your amazing support so far this year. We are opening up our survey online for feedback and comment please- your views really help us to celebrate what is working well and what could be even better. The survey includes a useful space to share any views on the policies that we are currently consulting families on. We will close the survey in 2 weeks and analyse the outcomes after half term. Please click here to access the link, it should take 5-6 minutes. <https://forms.office.com/r/YfAJBL59Ya> We will be surveying families via the formal Ofsted survey at parents' evening next week too as we are preparing for our next inspection and ask parents to help us to evidence our impact. Pupils, staff and Governors are all being surveyed too over the coming weeks so that every stakeholder has the chance to give their view!

**Staff/Governor Updates:** At the end of last term we said a sad goodbye to Miss Ryalls who left as our lunch-time sports leader to go on to teacher training- good luck! We have now recruited Miss Andrews to develop in to this role during the coming years...welcome to the team! We have also welcomed many new Governors. Miss Alderson is replacing Miss Heeley as staff Governor, Mrs Townrow joins us a parent Governor (with a child in Y2, one to join us soon and one who just left Y6, she is well placed to know the school inside out!) and Mrs Anita Burton has been co-opted a Governor also. Mrs Burton was our Education Welfare Officer previously and she joins us to support our work around vulnerable pupils and their welfare. Sadly we say goodbye to Governors Mrs Waring and Mr Fletcher. Mrs Waring provided invaluable support all through the COVID period and excellent HR advice too. Mr Fletcher has been a Governor for just over 25 years and Chair of Governors for many years too. He was the Chair who appointed me to lead this great school and for that I am very grateful! Mr Fletcher will be joining us in school soon for a thank you assembly from the children and staff! We thank our departing Governors and wish the new members well!

**Sports Update:** It has been a wonderful start to the academic year for sports events! Our Y5/6 boys won the football tournament, Y5/6 girls came second and Y3/4 mixed came third! What an effort! We have had some exciting matches against Burton Road too and a brilliant intra-school match between Y5 and Y6! We've also had 22 pupils take part in a Get Mucky run and this Thursday we have pupils in Y5/6 orienteering (all) and, on Friday, playing tag rugby (selected pupils)...good luck everyone! Keep on being fit, active and healthy!

**Prospective Tours:** We are holding three open evenings to celebrate our school to new, prospective families for F1 or F2 entry in the future. The tours will take place tomorrow at 6pm, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 4.30pm and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 5pm. Please spread the word to families in the area who have children aged 2-4 who might be interested.

**Parents' Evening:** Our Autumn Term Parents' Evening launches tonight at 5pm via text and email. The event is next Thursday (20<sup>th</sup> October) between 1.30-7.30pm. Appointments are in the school hall (unless you request a more private space beforehand) and are limited to 10 minutes per child. Please contact us to set up a separate appointment on a different day if you have any concerns that may take longer to discuss. Pupils' work books in the core learning will be available to view before or after your appointment.

**School Photographs:** The school photographer from Tempest will be in school on Thursday to take individual photographs of all the children, please see more details below:

- Any families with siblings below school/nursery age only can have a photo taken before school. There will be a queuing system at the community room from 8.30am
- Once your family photos have been taken, school age children can head straight to their class
- The children with siblings in school will automatically have family photos taken in school time.

## News nuggets:

- Clubs- a reminder that we have no Patchwork Club this week and it runs until 4.45pm next Tuesday. Our new clubs, for after half term, will be emailed out soon and all clubs will launch for booking next Monday at 2pm.
- We have brand new outdoor libraries coming soon...if you have any unwanted books (in good condition) that would supplement the books we have already, ideally lots to suit children aged 3-7, please let us know or bring them in please?
- We attach an advert for a new Food Bank in Penistone called Food Buddies! Please feel free to support this group or access it if you have a need.
- Our Harvest Show is next week for grandparents...there are 30 seats left...please sign up soon!
- Hallowe'en timings- we've risked assessed the discos and feel that the best approach is as follows...
  - EYFS disco 2-3pm in the hall, bring £1 for light refreshments at drop off, AM nursery can attend!
  - Y1-3 disco 3.15-4.15pm in the hall, bring £2 for disco and light refreshments when you drop off- collect at 4.15pm from hall doors
  - Y4-6 disco 4.30-5.30pm in the hall, bring £2 for disco and light refreshments when they return- collect at 5.30pm from hall doors (children cannot walk home)

Have a good week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, **Headteacher**

### Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 5 and averages)

Attendance for the year so far: 97.1%	Attendance last week: 96.5%
Late marks last week: 5 pupils (3 families)	Class of the week for attendance: Y3 Tremendous Triangles 98.9%
GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 98.9%	GOOD to be GREEN last week: 98.7%

### What is happening in school this week? (Week 6)

**Weekly themes:** Music- Tina Turner; Wellbeing- Friendship; Week 1 dinner menu

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>:** 5pm parents' evening bookings open (online)

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>:** 'flu immunisations, Y5/6 lunchtime TAG session (selected pupils), no patchwork club

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>:** 6-7pm Prospective parent tour, some Y6 pupils involved

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>:** individual and family photographs, Y5/6 orienteering event, 2.30-3.15pm KS1 grandparents event

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>:** Extra TAG session Y5/6 (selected), Y3/4 football event 3.15-5pm (school field)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>:** Tag Rugby event (Y5/6) selected pupils PM