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Week 10 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. A big well done to our KS1 multi-sports teams who were magnificent at PGS last week in finishing in second place and picking up silver certificates! The certificates are now named and ready to present, they will come out very soon to the appropriate pupils- the teams were amazing and it was lovely to see so many parents coming along too! A slightly quieter week in school this week believe it or not but still lots to share! Our wellbeing theme is around respecting yourself and it is also Anti-Bullying Week! On Wednesday this week we will have a special whole-school assembly about friendship and the impact of unkindness or bullying. It is totally optional but children can wear odd socks on this day if they choose to...this will help us to talk about the power of being different and recognising that we all have different strengths, looks and personalities. On Friday it is Children in Need day- pupils can dress down and make an optional donation to the charity. The theme is spots and stripes but please don't buy anything special for the occasion! Could we also remind everyone that next Monday is our World Cup day- pupil can wear sports clothing all day and from 1pm we will have geography or sports themed activities and pupils can choose to watch or listen to the match too. Collection is at the normal time please and clubs will go ahead! The dinner menu choices will be hot dog, cheese and tomato panini, jacket potato or sandwiches and the desserts will be football themed!

Questionnaire feedback: We are continuing to work through the questionnaire feedback provided. The two policies out for consultation were very well received. The final copies for both are now on our website in the policies section under the school information tab with some minor additional comments based on consultation with families, staff and Governors for clarification. We have also had very strong feedback on our school meals and visits. This feedback has been shared with the appropriate staff and leaders of those departments. We are also pleased to that clubs are so appreciated and that so many parents comment so positively on the offer, the costs and variety across the year. Next week we will share some key improvement suggestions and the things that you love most about the school!

Working Together: Sadly, in recent months we have seen a rise in staff being communicated with in a manner that causes some concern for school leaders. Although these occasions are rare, we do feel the need to just remind everyone that, whilst we respect that our children and their education/wellbeing are very emotive subjects, the staff work very hard to keep Springvale a safe, welcoming and positive environment for all pupils. It is a big part of my job, and that of the Governing Body, to ensure that all staff feel safe in the workplace and are not subjected to any actions that could potentially threaten or intimidate. Moving forward, please ensure that all communications with staff are respectful and appropriate, so that our ethos is truly followed to benefit and protect everyone at Springvale Primary! Thank you.

Timely collections: Over the last few weeks we have had over a dozen significantly late collections and pick up mix-ups! This can happen to the best of us, but we are having more and more. Please ensure that communication with childminders/family members is effective so that late or non-collections are minimised. We have also had several that are late after clubs finish which is most unfair on the staff and a potential safeguarding issue as club and school leaders may have other meetings/commitments or family commitments to attend. Please ensure that pupils are collected on time, especially from after school clubs.

Reminders: Please take extra caution safety wise when driving on Green Road- there have been at least two serious crashes and a cycling accident in the last 6 months. Please also park responsibly and safely in the local community as we have been contacted by someone who uses the Community Church car park to say that their car was damaged last week around school drop off time and no contact details were left.

Remembrance: A special assembly was held last week by Mrs Fearn. All staff and pupils held a period of silence together in the hall at 11am on Friday 11th November to mark this special and very important occasion. To see the silence respected immaculately and know that pupils of all ages were aware, at an age appropriate level, of the importance of this was such a proud moment to witness. We must also please thank our Y6 pupils for selling poppies and related items and also everyone who supported this year's Poppy Appeal. We will let you know how much was raised by the school community in due course. Have a good week everyone,

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 9 and averages)

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| Attendance for the year so far: 97.4% | Attendance last week: 98.1% |
| Late marks last week: 4 | Class of the week for attendance: Y2 Sensational Semi-Circles 99.3% |
| GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99% | GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99% |

What is happening in school this week? (Week 10)

Weekly themes: Music- Vivaldi (Classical); Wellbeing- Respecting Ourselves; Week 3 of new dinner menu

Wednesday 16th: Optional odd socks day for special Anti-Bullying assembly

Thursday 17th: Y6 Boot Camp competition (selected pupils) after school

Friday 18th: Star of the week and lunchtime DISCO, Children in Need Day- suggested family donation and spots/stripes

