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Week 8 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope everyone has had a good half term? We now have 7 weeks of exciting curriculum content, special events and Christmas festivities to enjoy...let's get everyone updated! There is lots to tell everyone today...

Exciting News: A huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Venus on the birth of their first child! We're delighted to announce a very healthy and happy baby and parents. Thank you to Y3 families (and many others across the school) for your kind and supportive tweets and messages! Thanks also for Y3 families understanding about the postponement of parents' evening...the lengths Mr Venus will go to get out of a late shift! In all seriousness, we are rearranging the Y3 appointments from 8.30am to 6pm on Wednesday 30th November. A link will be sent out at 5pm on Monday 21st November to book. If you prefer a telephone call or Zoom please let us know at the point of booking (we will leave open the comments section).

Parent and Carer survey analysis: A big thank you to everyone who took the time to share their feedback with us, it really does help. Despite a completely anonymous survey going to every family we're delighted to say that we have had glowing results and every 'critical' comment was shared with school improvement in mind...thank you! In this week's newsletter we share the outcomes of simple yes/no/star rated questions. It will take a week or two to filter through more detailed answers and provide full analysis and what changes we will make as a result of your feedback but here are the headlines:

Springvale Primary is a GOOD school (100% YES)

Springvale Primary is an OUTSTANDING school (86% YES)

Springvale Primary is well led (4.86 stars out of 5)

Springvale Primary has effective communication (4.82 stars out of 5)

My child feels safe at Springvale Primary (4.82 stars out of 5)

My child is making progress at Springvale Primary (4.82 stars out of 5)

The curriculum at Springvale Primary interests my child and meet's my child's need (4.68 stars out of 5)

I know how to help my child make progress (4.5 stars out of 5)

As you can imagine we are delighted to receive such high scores and support. We have only one further request please...there is always a but with us! Could families who provided feedback please help us and our evaluation work by also completing the formal Ofsted Parent View survey? This can be found here: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Pupil survey analysis: Please see page 3 below for full results for our pupil survey outcomes. Again, very useful feedback from our pupils. Our school uses pupil feedback and voice more than ever before and all subject leaders now interview groups of pupils throughout the year about their learning experiences so that we can keep our offer sharp, enjoyable and effective for all. The results will be discussed at this month's school meeting too so that we can action plan some development work.

School News: We must start by saying a huge well done to the children and indeed the whole community for their excellent work on Harvest. The yield was outstanding as ever and the children pulled off a great show for the live audience and the radio broadcast which was a joy to listen to! Thank you to everyone who donated. We have had lovely feedback on the show and the food packages received! Penistone FM want us to do a Christmas special now! Our Autumn clubs have been a roaring success and we have a fresh batch starting tomorrow...we hope everyone enjoys them again! Just two clubs are at risk of cancellation-patchwork and singing- we will keep plugging them and let parents know But tomorrow's patchwork will definitely go ahead as it is too short notice to cancel. Next week we have an assessor coming to meet our staff, pupils and some parents as we have been nominated for Centre of Excellence Status in terms of our extra-curricular offer. If you are collecting from a club next Monday and can get here a little early to collect (around 4pm) please do so as the assessor wants to speak to some parents and carers please without our staff present! We also wanted to congratulate everyone who took part in the recent Summer Reading challenge too...they absolutely loved the celebration event and books/cake/buns with Mrs Fearn.

Christmas Shows: A few families have asked about seats to the Christmas performances. It will be 2 tickets per child, per show. You will receive them automatically and please just return any you don't plan to use so we can provide extras where required. Shows won't be recorded due to a number of pupils in school not being able to be filmed so please save those dates and be there as we present live Christmas shows to every family for the first time in 3 years! Tickets will be free of charge but we do ask that anyone visiting supports the grand Christmas raffle if you possibly can! Speaking of the Christmas raffle, tickets go on sale in 4 weeks time, if you know any businesses who might donate to us this year please let us know!

Parents' Evening: A big thank you to families and staff for coming together just before half term to collaborate about how well pupils have settled. It was a positive evening and everyone appears well placed to have another successful year. If you have any concerns following the conversation or you didn't make it in, please let us know and we can arrange a chance to talk/discuss further.

Safety on site/around school: We continue to make pupil and family safety a key priority and leaders get out and about to welcome pupils/families and assess the safe access to, and egress from, school as much as possible. We have had new banners installed over the half term break that recap all of our key messages to families (picture on page 3 below). These are really important so please do take a look at the posters regularly! **We still see lots of pupils and parents walking down the drive rather than the path to access the front of school or clubs- this is really dangerous and goes against what we teach the children in road safety. We also see lots of people not keeping left on the narrower paths causing some jams- please do keep left everyone...we're having some markings added soon as a reminder.** The only issue to monitor now is bikes as some pupils are using busy pathways with bikes as they approach school. Mrs Langley is reporting that children have been excellent in terms of using the crossing which is great to hear so we just wanted to make sure that Y5/6 families especially were ensuring that their children are accessing school safely for them and all school users. We are planning a workshop/assembly with Y5/6 about cycle safety too. If we could ask that all bikes/scooters for any supervised pupils are used very carefully too now that the weather is turning wet and cold. Let's all work together to keep school as safe as possible!

Additional club: I would like to launch a new club, just for this half term, potentially. It is open to all KS2 pupils and it is on a Friday after school for 1 hour. The club will run 3.15-4.15pm each Friday and it will focus on speaking skills. There is no charge for the club. I have up to 30 spaces, please email me to secure a place ASAP. Pupils can be collected from the hall doors at 4.15pm each Friday...it starts this week! On the final session, Friday 2nd December, parents (and siblings) can attend at 3.30pm to watch a little show of what we have been working on. Pupils will be given some guidance/activities/challenges in terms of speaking clearly, audibly and with confidence and then they will apply this to any style of the spoken word they choose individually or in small groups- poetry, song, rap, comedy, playscript...whatever they want to do!

Autumn Diary Dates:

November

Tuesday 8th: KS1 Great Fire of London Workshop and F2 visit (note late return)
 Thursday 10th: 4-5.15pm Sports event for selected Y1/2 pupils
 Friday 11th: Y2 Hanukkah Day in school
 Thursday 17th: PM Y5/6 Boys Football- Barnsley Finals and KS2 Bootcamp event after school (both for selected pupils)
 Friday 18th: Children in Need dress down day- spots and stripes theme and donation
 Monday 21st: World Cup Party Day- themed lunch, sports kits and option to watch the match from 1pm, Y3 parents evening launch online at 5pm
 Wednesday 23rd: Y6 visit (science college sessions) and new prospective parent tours (4.30-5.30pm)
 Thursday 24th: P4Sport football fun event (PM) and potential Christmas Tree event in Barnsley after school (both selected pupils only)
 Monday 28th: Raffle tickets on sale and Hepp DT day (Y1 and F2)
 Tuesday 29th: Hepp DT day (Y2 and F2)
 Wednesday 30th: Y3 parents' evening (8.30am to 6pm)

December

Friday 2nd: Friday speaking club- presentation to parents 3.30-4.15pm (hall)
 Tuesday 6th: EYFS nativity (10.30am and 2pm)
 Wednesday 7th: 9.30am and 6pm Y3/4 Christmas Shows, 10.30am and 7pm Y5/6 Christmas Shows
 Thursday 8th: AM- Whole School Pantomime and 2.40pm Achievement Assembly (TBC)
 Friday 9th: 10.30am and 2pm Y1/2 Christmas Shows, Y5 enterprise day all day
 Sunday 11th: 10.30am Christingle Service
 w/c 12th: Christmas party week, cinema visits, raffle draws
 Monday 12th: F2-Y2 treat (AM), Y3/4 Christmas Party afternoon
 Tuesday 13th: Y3-Y6 treat (AM), Y1/2 Christmas Party afternoon
 Wednesday 14th: F2 party (AM) and Y5/6 party (PM)
 Thursday 15th: Christmas Dinner Day and raffle drawn PM
 Friday 16th: Break up for Christmas (return Wednesday 4th January 2023), Nursery party in AM

Reminders:

- Today is the deadline for secondary school applications for current Y6 pupils
- Pupils should not be using mobile phones on their way to or from school. This is part of our safety assessment for pupils and using devices is proven to make children much less safe.
- We will be selling poppies and Remembrance items starting on Wednesday this week. We will sell at home time each day outside the Y6 classroom on the rear playground. EYFS families are very welcome to come round to buy from there too.
- The deadline to order school photographs online is Friday 4th November.

Have a good week everyone and Happy Hallowe'en!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 7 and averages)

Attendance for the year so far: 97.2%	Attendance last week: 97.3%
Late marks last week: 3	Class of the week for attendance: Y2 Sensational Semi-Circles 99.7%
GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.1%	GOOD to be GREEN last week: 100%

What is happening in school this week? (Week 8)

Weekly themes: Music- Songs from the Musicals; Wellbeing- Kindness; Week 1 of new dinner menu
Monday 30th: Hallowe'en Theme Day- discos at 2-3 (EYFS) 3.15-4.15 (Y1-3) 4.30-5.30 (Y4-6)
Tuesday 1st: Y6 visit (in school at 8.15am please, pupils doing Bruce Dyer will be collected at 8.30am from the hall)
Tuesday 1st: New clubs begin for this half term
Thursday 3rd: Y5/6 Spanish culture sessions and Y5/6 Benchball Competition (selected pupils) after school
Friday 4th: Star of the week and lunchtime DISCO

Question	Yes	Mostly	No
I know my school's ethos	95%	4%	1%
I enjoy school	86%	12%	2%
I enjoy the lessons	79%	17%	4%
I am making good progress	80%	17%	3%
The learning is interesting and exciting	72%	26%	2%
I like working with the teachers	85%	12%	3%
I have some good friends at school	95%	4%	1%
I feel safe in school	92%	7%	1%
I feel supported in school	82%	17%	1%
The school teaches us to be healthy	89%	10%	1%
Behaviour in school is good	83%	15%	2%
School rules for good behaviour are clear	95%	3%	2%
When people follow the rules they get rewards	82%	14%	4%
When people break the rules they have a consequence	92%	6%	1%
I receive good support with my learning	84%	15%	1%
If I was upset I know who I would talk to	90%	10%	0%
I enjoy reading	87%	11%	2%
I receive regular homework	85%	10%	5%
The staff want me to do my best	97%	3%	0%
I know how to make my work better	85%	12%	3%
I like assemblies	84%	12%	4%
I have been on school visits in the last 12 months	96%	4%	0%
I know where the worry monsters are and what they are for	93%	1%	6%
We know who at least one Governor is	62%	5%	33%
We know what Governors do	37%	23%	40%
I enjoy school dinners	62%	22%	16%
I go to clubs	78%	2%	20%
I enjoy clubs (those that attend)	87%	7%	6%
My work is sometimes too easy	22%	8%	70%
My work is sometimes too hard	26%	16%	60%

**Springvale Primary School
Pupil Questionnaire Results 2022/23**

Grey boxes show where we would hope for the highest response %

Less than 60%	60-70%	70-80%	80-90%	90-100%
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