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Week 13 Newsletter

Monday 5th December 2022

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. I am so excited about this week! After three years we have the return of the live Christmas Shows! We're just two weeks away now from a Christmas break and all is well in school! Behaviour and the manners of pupils are very impressive (Santa is watching after all...) and the pupils are so engaged and giving their all in lessons, assemblies and at events! The latest batch of clubs has now finished for 2022! A massive well done to all pupils who took part in the vast range of clubs on offer! I also want to congratulate our Y3/4 basketball team on their 3rd place finish at the recent P4Sport event! They were incredible and so much fun to watch!

Christmas Raffle Prizes: We have just under two weeks to go until we draw the Grand Christmas Raffle! Remember, every ticket sold really helps us to subsidise or fully support special activities for pupils and this year's Christmas offer is free to ensure that EVERY child gets a Springvale Christmas! Additional prizes are constantly coming in and attached is a list of what we have so far! Thank you again for your donations and tickets purchased so far and to Mrs Beaumont for co-ordinating! The prizes are on display for you to see as you arrive for the Christmas shows next week! Breaking news...we have just been given 4 tickets to a Disney on Ice show at the Sheffield Arena on Wednesday 14th...this is an amazing donation to make a family very happy! The problem is that the raffle draw is the day after...SO...we will put all of the tickets that we have on Wednesday afternoon in the tub and pull out just one winning ticket for this amazing prize ONLY! This gives the winner a week to adjust their plans and attend and then the rest of the raffle can continue as normal!

Christmas Shows: A reminder that we want all families to enjoy the shows next week...the staff and pupils have worked so hard and thank you for your support with costumes and learning lines at home! Costumes/suggested clothing are either provided or support from home has been requested. Please bring any items in a bag and dress in normal uniform on show days. Please help us to make sure the shows go well by:

- Telling us if pupils are off ill (or not returning for evening shows) ASAP
- Not arriving too early- we won't open the doors until the times stated below for safeguarding reasons and the weather could be terrible!
- Not moving chairs around from where they are positioned
- Not sharing any images or video clips taken- if all parents/carers are present then please enjoy the shows 'live' and we will give a photo opportunity at the end for all families
- Turn phones off or to silent and please sit near the doors if you have young babies/toddlers
- Babies and non-school age siblings are not permitted at the evening shows for KS2- any school age siblings need a ticket or to sit on knees etc but children must be with their parent so that everyone can enjoy the show
- Families with a child in Y3/4 and the Y5/6 show can watch each other without the need for a ticket

Dog Mess: A number of staff and parents have raised concerns about the amount of dog foul in the community. While this is not directly a school issue and there is currently no way of knowing whether it is caused by a Springvale family or not we would stress the importance of cleaning up after dogs as many children are walking the narrow paths to school. The dangers include pupils walking in the road to avoid the mess or walking it in to school which can cause serious health and safety issues as well as extensive cleaning efforts and cost. We are launching a competition to create a poster to promote the importance of keeping our streets safe and clean. All entries should be A4 and either computer designed or art work. The closing date is Wednesday 14th December. I look forward to 200 posters all with 'poo emojis' on my desk next week!

Christmas Bits and Bobs: Our Christmas post boxes are back and are in operation for the next two weeks! No stamps are required, please simply post your cards and include the child's name and initial plus class and our Y6 elves will do the rest! Christmas Jumpers can be worn (and general dress down bottoms and shoes) on their cinema day and Christmas dinner day. Also, party clothes can be worn all day for your child's party day next week. If you have a Christmas jumper that no longer fits your child please hand it in so we can free-cycle it with another family! Look out on Twitter for details!

Have a good week everyone,
Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 12 and averages)

Attendance for the year so far: 97.4%	Attendance last week: 97.7%
Late marks last week: 4	Class of the week for attendance: Y1 Smart Circles 100%
GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99%	GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99.3%

What is happening in school this week? (Week 13)

Weekly themes: Music- Christmas Carols; Wellbeing- Charity/supporting others; Week 3 dinner menu

Tuesday 6th: EYFS shows at 10.30am and 2pm (doors will not open until 10.15am and 1.45pm)

Wednesday 7th: Y3/4 shows at 9.30am and 6pm (doors will not open until 9.15am and 5.45pm)

Y5/6 shows at 10.30am and 7pm (doors will not open until 10.15am and 6.45pm) New F1 stay and play 1.45-2.30pm

Thursday 8th: AM- Whole School Panto (all Nursery in AM- 30 hours stay PM) and Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
(selected pupils and families in the hall)

Friday 9th: Y1/2 shows at 10.30am and 2pm (doors will not open until 10.15am and 1.45pm) and lunchtime DISCO
Enterprise Day for Y5 pupils, Val in school AM

Nursery Only

Nursery hours: A little reminder that all Nursery pupils should attend between 8.40am and 11.40am on Thursday 8th, Monday 12th and Friday 16th December. 30 hours pupils can stay in the afternoon and collected as normal on 8th and 12th but the Nursery is closed to all pupils from 12.10pm at the latest on Friday 16th December. Nursery pupils attending the cinema next Monday should complete the form to tell us where pupils will be in terms of drop off and collection- please return this slip ASAP to help us to plan our staffing ratios. Where possible we would encourage parents to drop and collect at the cinema unless your child attends for 30 hours.

For the cinema visit on Monday 12th December

Part 1...Please tick one of:

I will drop my child off at Nursery at 8.40am

Or

I will drop my child off at the cinema at 9.40am

Part 2...Please tick one of:

I will collect my child from the cinema at 11.50am

Or

I will collect my child from Nursery at 12.30pm

Part 3- Friday 16th December: Please confirm...

I have noted that the nursery closes to all pupils at 12.10pm at the latest on Friday 16th December.

Name of child:

Signed _____

Date _____