

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 16 Newsletter

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. The first (mini) week back has passed successfully and everyone came back happy from their Christmas break and ready to learn! We have lots to tell you so we'll get straight in to it!

**Spring Term Events:** Last week we launched our latest raft of diary dates including visits, sports events and...excitingly, some new events! The Marathon March event is an optional, sponsored event where we will give children the chance to run or walk a marathon either with their class or their family (or both!) across the month of March! Any sponsorship money will be used to buy new playground equipment and to spruce up our reading environments in school. The School Council will be heavily involved in budgeting and supporting the choices made in this improvement work. We also launched important meetings for families in Y6 and Y2 (in school) and Y1 plus Y3/4 with short online meetings. Please note the dates on the letter/website, I have sent a text message to each class to confirm them for your diaries. Please make every effort to attend as it will really help the staff to get any vital message across to help your child and their progress/achievement. We also have a new family quiz night which we're still planning the logistics for, we will launch this next week via the newsletter and a link to book. Perhaps the most important diary date is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February for the Springvale Museum event. Next week we will launch a booking link through our newsletter and we have times available between 4pm and 7pm. The staff have worked so hard all year towards this event and we would urge all families to come along. You will see work from across all year groups and all subject areas as we showcase our amazing curriculum. School age children can come with you and will be supervised whilst you look around the school. They are self-led tours but we estimate it will take 30-40 minutes. Please come along and share the hard work of pupils and staff!

**Club Update:** All clubs have been launched and very well received. The clubs will all go ahead as planned. Please note that, due to the school field, the football club is to be played on the MUGA and/or hall so please bring trainers, not studs or boots. All collections from all clubs (including football) this half term should be from the hall doors/main reception area.

**Visit Feedback:** This year we have slightly reduced the number of visits that pupils make out of school due to the cost of living situation. Not only is it harder for families to afford them but the cost of visits has soared from previous levels, especially when a coach is required as part of the visit. We are exploring more local options, visits where we can use public transport and bringing experiences into school at a much lower cost- although we know that these feel far less special to the children. We will be launching some Twitter polls this week for you to share your views to shape our 2022/23 planning so if you're not on Twitter feel free to share your views on email or when you see me on the playground. Our residential visits, planned in Y5 and Y6 as normal, are a significant cost to families so any views on those are particularly welcomed.

**Music Update:** Spring Term – Spaces still available for some instruments. A reminder that if your child is interested in taking up music lessons in the Spring term, please let us know via the school office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. We currently have spaces for flute, clarinet, violin, cello & trumpet and also have waiting lists for keyboard, guitar, ukulele and drums. If your child currently has music lessons and does not wish to continue, please also let us know by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January to ensure you are not charged for tuition fees.

**Online Safety:** Mr Venus is planning a session to support staff and families in developing their understanding of staying safe online. The online world continues to develop at pace and sometimes it feels like the children are keeping up with it better than the adults who keep the children safe. Mr Venus' last session was very well attended and received. We are planning the content now and will consult families on days and times that best suit you to be present too. If you have any important questions or concerns that will help us to shape the session effectively please get in touch sooner rather than later. **As an example of how important it is to be safe online could we remind families that any content on Twitter is locked for safety reasons and updates (especially those including images) should not under any circumstances be shared wider on Whatsapp, social media, etc.** Thank you.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

### **Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 15 and averages)**

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| Attendance for the year so far: 96.6%   | Attendance last week: 98%                                 |
| Late marks last week: 0                 | Class of the week for attendance: F2 Superstars with 100% |
| GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.2% | GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99.7%                         |

### **What is happening in school this week? (Week 16)**

**Weekly themes:** Music- Bach; Wellbeing- Resolutions; Week 2 dinner menu

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>:** KS1 suitcase story theatre in school (AM)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>:** Y3/4 sportshall athletics event (4-5.15pm) and prospective parent tour (5-6pm)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>:** Star of the week assembly, lunchtime DISCO, deadline for Primary School applications (F2 Sept 2023)

