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Week 17 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Last week was a brilliant week in school, the new class topics are in full swing, clubs are all up and running and as always we're plotting the next raft and fun learning and events for our children! We wanted to say a big well done to our amazing Y3/4 sportshall athletics team who competed with great energy and a wonderful team ethic last week! Good luck to our Y1/2 team this week! We're keeping our school field in good condition at this tricky time of year weather wise but lots of extra sports and football events will be planned in the late Spring and Summer as always. Speaking of weather we are expecting an incredibly wet and potentially freezing few weeks ahead so please wrap up warm and look out for updates via text and tweet on snowy days! Just a few general updates for this week, here they come...

Family Quiz: On Thursday 26th January at 5.30pm we are holding our first ever Family Quiz night. As this is a trial event we are just opening up a small number of family tickets. This event is also not to raise funds- it is a fun, family event that will not break the bank. Any monies raised will be used for resources and prizes. We might scale it up and add a fundraising element if we do it again but for now we are targeting 20 families (up to 5 people per family- please tell us the make-up of your group and if any visitors require assistance or disabled access) at just £5 per family for an hour of quizzes, games and bingo! The event will be held in our school hall. To book please email myself or the school office ASAP and we will send you a link for the payment. If the places fill up we will let you know and we will try to open up more spaces if it is safe to do so. People of all ages are welcome to attend- young children, grandparents, etc to make up your team. Let's hope it is a fun evening and something we can grow in the future.

Springvale Museum: Last week we explained in more detail the special event coming up on Wednesday 8th February. We are now launching a link to book in for your museum tour! Remember, it should take around 40 minutes to look at everything but the tour is self-led so you can be as long as you like. School age pupils can be supervised whilst you take the tour but non-school aged children would need to stay with you at all times. We would also ask that buggies and pushchairs are not brought in to school due to capacity/safety issues. They can be parked up in the EYFS area so that they are safe and dry. Please book your time on the link below and note it down for your records.
<https://forms.office.com/e/7sELUqQB35>

Menu Changes: Tuesday is biryani or macaroni cheese and Thursday will be sausage roll or cheese and tomato pizza. Jacket potatoes and sandwiches available on both days. Could we encourage all pupils in F2-Y2 and any on free school meals to order a lunch on Thursday as it is census day and this will positively impact our school budget. They can bring along a 'back up, pack up' lunch if required.

Twitter Polls: A reminder that we have a range of Twitter polls live at the moment about visit costs, frequency, type, etc. We also are asking for views on Nursery children using the school uniform in the future and if and when people would attend a 45-minute online safety meeting. If you do not follow Twitter and would like to share your views, please email me for details.

School Visit on Thursday: Could pupils in Y3/4 attend a little earlier on Thursday, 8.30am through the hall doors at the front of school. I will be there to greet them and any siblings can come in then too. The visit is due back at 4.15pm but we will update you via text if there are any delays.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 16 and averages)

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| Attendance for the year so far: 96.8% | Attendance last week: 98.2% |
| Late marks last week: 11 (3 families) | Class of the week for attendance: Y1 Smart Circles with 100% |
| GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.1% | GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99% |

What is happening in school this week? (Week 17)

Weekly themes: Music- Elton John; Wellbeing- Be Bright, Be Seen (Safety); Week 3 dinner menu
Thursday 19th: Y1/2 sportshall athletics event (4-5.15pm) and Y3/4 visit (in early at 8.30am and back at 4.15pm)
Friday 20th: Star of the week assembly, lunchtime DISCO

