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Week 20 Newsletter

Monday 6th February 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Last week was such a great week in school. I had lots of opportunities to cover groups, classes and get around school and I was so proud of the effort, behaviour and kindness that I observed in every class. I'm very lucky to lead such a skilled and experienced team and work with such amazing young people. The future is bright at Springvale! A big congratulations to our Y5/6 basketball team who really enjoyed representing school last week in a competition against other local schools finishing in 6th and 7th respectively. Good luck to our Y3/4 Field Archery competitors this week in the latest sports event! I also wanted to say a big well done to the Springvale pupils taking part in the Penistone Pantomime at the Paramount...they have worked really hard and done a great job! We also never formally congratulated Felix in Y6 for his stunning performance as 'Alfie' in Nativity at The Reparatory Theatre, Birmingham. Many staff and pupils made it to watch a wonderful show and an amazing performance...well done to all of our budding and thriving actors!

Springvale Museum: It is the last chance to sign up for our amazing Museum event! The staff have worked so hard and can't wait to show off our curriculum! The link is here: <https://forms.office.com/e/7sELUqQB35>

What to do on the day? Please come to the F2 door (to the right of the main reception) and sign in, dropping off school/nursery aged pupils with us in Reception. You will be given a sheet explaining which subjects and leaders are where. All subjects will be displayed but our history and geography leader is unwell at present so some Y6 leaders will show you our history timeline and mega map areas. When you have finished you come back to collect your child. The event finishes at 7pm as we need to tidy away and lock up so the last entry is 6.30pm.

Gaming Day: This Friday we have a special gaming day for Y5/6 pupils during the day. As part of the special provision the games expert has offered to do a **free family session for Y5/6 families between 3.15-4pm in the classrooms.** Please email me to book a place at either so we can ensure that we have adequate space and resources set out. All children in these classes will access the games during the school day too! Please only attend if you can do the timings set out as joining/leaving late/early will impact the quality of the session.

Marathon March: Please find attached our suggested fundraiser for March. It is completely optional as an event and a fundraiser but there is scope for pupils to take part in school, out of school with their family and even both! The calendar gives the timetable for mileage to follow. We'll share more details about this event in the coming weeks but we will send out a hard copy sponsor form today and please just ask if you would like more. The benefits of our event are endless so we hope everyone can get involved in some way! Please keep the sponsor sheet at home but return the marathon front sheet so we know who is taking part. Pupils are recommended to bring trainers for the month of March if they prefer to change in to them before walking or running. This is for F2 to Y6 pupils but, as stated, it is optional!

Parking Plea: Residents who live opposite Penney's Garage have reported inconsiderate parking around busy times in the school day. One particular resident could not get out of their driveway last week and they have asked us to remind families that the 'off-road' area opposite the garage is private land. Thank you.

(Reminder) Barnsley Alliance Surveys: Please feel free to complete the following questionnaire links to help the Barnsley Schools' Alliance to capture parent/carer and pupil views across the whole Borough. These will not be analysed at school level; it is simply to create a snapshot of standards across the 78 primary schools in the area.

Parent/carer link: <https://forms.office.com/e/XuAs35tUMc>

Pupil link: <https://forms.office.com/e/F0AN3uMeUj>

Have a wonderful week everyone and a great half-term break next week. We return on Monday 20th February!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 19 and averages)

Attendance for the year so far: 97.3%	Attendance last week: 98.1%
Late marks last week: 1	Class of the week for attendance: Y1 and Y3 with 100%
GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.1%	GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99.3%

What is happening in school this week? (Week 20)

Weekly themes: Music- Choir; Wellbeing- Friendship; Week 3 dinner menu

Tuesday 7th: Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 8th: Spring 2 club launch at 2pm online, Springvale Museum 4-7pm (we still have spaces!)

Thursday 9th: Y3/4 Field Archery (in school time) please wear warm PE clothes all day

Friday 10th: Y5/6 Gaming Day.3.15pm Y5/6 family gaming, Star of the week assembly, lunch DISCO, F2-Y2 Captain's Table

