

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Week 21 Newsletter

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. It was a very busy final week in school with all of the pupils in Y3/4 enjoying a fabulous Field Archery event at PGS with P4Sport. Many of our pupils achieved a top 3 finish and have since received certificates but every child had a great time and represented the school very well. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along to our Springvale Museum event too, it was very well attended and many more parents took a look through the featured work on Twitter too. We have been thrilled to receive such positive and appreciative feedback from families and from teachers and leaders at other schools who came away inspired and keen to use many of our resources and plans. We must acknowledge the hard work and outstanding skills/experience of our wonderful team who showcased their subjects so brilliantly. Finally, I did say it was a busy week, we would like to thank Nigel and the good people at Imagination Gaming for supporting Y1-Y6 pupils (and some families too) to enjoy new and exciting games that develop thinking skills, strategic and tactical skills and social confidence too. We hope that everyone has had a lovely half term and are ready for the second half of the Spring Term as we head towards Easter in six weeks. The key dates for the next half term are printed on page two of this newsletter for your reference. This features one or two additional dates to the original list so please note the dates in full for your diaries.

**Centre of Excellence:** <https://www.yorkshiresport.org/2023/02/10/springvale-primary-academy-accredited-as-a-centre-of-excellence/>

As announced via email late in the final week, we are delighted to confirm that we have achieved accreditation as a Centre of Excellence. This award fills us with pride as we all worked so hard to develop excellent sporting provision at the school both in and out of school time. This approach sits very carefully alongside our extensive approach to mental health and wellbeing so that pupils can have a healthy body and healthy mind as they move through school and prepare for the next stage of their educational journey. We would like to thank all staff, our sports and club leaders, our PE leader Mrs Exley, our office team, our wonderful pupils and their supportive families!

**Clubs:** Speaking of clubs, our latest batch of sessions begin today. We attach the list one final time to the email that carries this newsletter to families. **Please note that there are no clubs this Thursday due to Parents' Evening.** Running Club, Dodgeball and Games and Puzzles are now full but there are spaces for others as it stands. If you would like to add your child to a club please call the office ASAP as the online link has now been disabled. A reminder that all pupils who receive the Pupil Premium are allowed to join one school-based club for free each half term- please don't miss out.

**(Reminder) Marathon March:** Please find attached our suggested fundraiser for March as a reminder. **Please keep the sponsor sheet at home but return the marathon front sheet by the end of this week so we know who is taking part.** There will be more detail next week about the fundraising elements and what children need to do/bring, etc.

**Parents' Evening Plan:** Our link for parents' evening goes live at 5pm tonight. Time slots of 10 minutes are available and all appointments are in the school hall. If you would like longer or have something complex to discuss please let us know so that we can plan accordingly, otherwise please adhere to the time limit to help us to be fair to all families and the staff. A reminder that we have set up separate meetings for pupils with SEND paperwork as these take more time to discuss precise targets. Some work will be given out to Y1-Y6 families when you arrive so feel free to come a little earlier or stay a little afterwards! Please note that some extra slots are available for EYFS on Wednesday PM- please sign up with staff!

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

### Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 20 and averages)

Attendance for the year so far: 97.4%	Attendance last week: 98.4%
Late marks last week: 1	Class of the week for attendance: Y1 Smart Circles with 100%
GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.2%	GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99.3%

### What is happening in school this week? (Week 21)

**Weekly themes:** Music- DISCO; Wellbeing- Stay Safe Week; Week 2 dinner menu, Bedtime Stories week  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>:** Parents' evening launches at 5pm, extra slots available on F1/F2 classroom doors for Weds PM  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>:** Pancakes for school desserts- HAPPY PANCAKE DAY!  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Extra EYFS parents' evening appointments 1-3.30pm (sign up at the classroom doors)  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Parents' Evening in the hall 1.30-7.30pm (no clubs on Thursday, as planned)  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>:** Lunchtime DISCO, Y3-Y6 Captain's Table, Y5 swimming begins AM

**Spring Term (2/2)**  
**Diary Dates**

Monday 27th: Whole school attendance review with EWO and KS2 Shakespeare performance (AM)

**March**

All month: Marathon March events (see planner) please take part as a family at the week- cycle, walk or jog!

Weds 1st: Y2 SATS meeting for all Y2 families (in school) 5-5.30pm

Weds 1<sup>st</sup>: Y4 enterprise day (in school)

Weds 1st: Launch of Marathon March fundraiser for sports/play equipment and reading improvements

Thursday 2nd: World Book Day- book and breakfast events in classes from 8am (dress up as book character or dress down in onesie or PJs)

Monday 6th: DT day in Nursery

Tuesday 7th: DT day in F2

Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th: Y6 on residential

Tuesday 14th: KS1 visit all day (likely a 4pm return)

Wednesday 15th: F2 eye tests (opt-out available)

Friday 17th: Comic Relief Day- wear red, family donation, talent show in the PM

Wednesday 22nd to Wednesday 29th: Book fair in school (see timetable for specific classes)

Wednesday 22nd: AM KS2 Wonderdome coming in to school (no charge)

Thursday 23rd: 2.30pm Achievement Assembly (award winners' parents invited 2 weeks before)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>: Y3/4 Virtual Author Visit (in school)

Wednesday 29th: F2/Y6 height and weight checks (opt-out available)

Thursday 30th: Class Photo Day (some individual photos for new nursery pupils)

Friday 31st: Easter Egg competition...this year's theme to be decided by the School Council and announced a few weeks before!

**Friday 31st: Break-up for Easter**

**Easter Holidays: MONDAY 3RD APRIL TO FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023**

**INSET Monday 17th April 2023 and Return to school on Tuesday 18th April 2023**