

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Week 23 Newsletter

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We had a lovely week in school celebrating books! Thank you for your support for our World Book Day events- everyone looked fabulous and we were able to enjoy books in a really wide and exciting range of ways. The assemblies, story sessions, dressing up, early read, bedtime stories on Twitter, they all make reading exactly what it is...exciting and an opportunity to expand our knowledge and our imagination! A huge thank you to our Literacy leads Mrs Fearn and Mrs Royston for organising the events! Marathon March has also got off to a great start! Three miles down and 23.2 to go! We have a six-week mile this week with a double Friday! Please keep your Twitter updates coming from your family efforts at the weekend, it is great to see so many families engaging already!

**Dog Fouling:** Unfortunately, we have seen another increase in dog dirt in the community including the main access roads to school. The pathways on Green Road are particularly bad and we have had pupils walk in it and traipse it to school. It is only a matter of time before this affects the health and safety of pupils in school or the cleanliness of the school environment. We are working with the council to do what we can but please ensure that we all work together to keep our local streets clean and safe by reporting anyone who doesn't pick up.

**Holidays:** Our attendance review last week went really well. We are currently at 97.5% which is well above the national average. Only 8 pupils now are classed persistently absent in school which, as a percentage, is much better than the national average too. However, persistent absence is the number one barrier to a child reaching their full potential in school so we must keep striving for the day when no child is below 90%. We are also monitoring children who are below school target with an ethos and goal of every single day being vital! We are concerned that our attendance may fall away in the summer term due to term-time holidays, as is often the case once we enter the warmer months. We thought it would be a timely reminder that Y2 and Y6 need to be in school for SATS weeks/the month of May and that Y1 and Y4 pupils take phonics and times table checks respectively in June. It is also worth reminding families of our attendance and punctuality policy and that pupils taking a term-time holiday where attendance drops below target are highly likely to be fined under the current policy.

**Musical Instrument Evening:** This year's musical showcase for individuals who learn an instrument (in or out of school) is being held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm. Mrs Andrew will lead the event. Please save the date and make sure you get those rehearsals in! Mrs Andrew would like to make this year's event formal dress for the musicians if possible!

### News Nuggets:

**Dinner Menu-** Please note the email sent out last week about some minor changes to the dinner menu between now and Easter. We will remind the pupils each day where a change has occurred.

**Learning Logs-** We are delighted with the standard of Learning Logs this year and the hard work from children/support from families! Keep it up! Please do ensure that a parent/carer checks and signs the bottom section weekly! 😊

**Medical conditions-** Please inform the office immediately if your child has a medical condition. This will generally mean that a child is off school, of course, but there are medical conditions where pupils can return safely to school BUT they may present a risk to vulnerable children/staff or pregnant staff. We do have a member of staff who is pregnant at the moment and want to protect her. Shingles, chicken pox, measles, etc can all present a risk to vulnerable people. Thank you.

**23/23 calendar:** Please note our 23/24 calendar has been released- attached to the email with this newsletter.

**Easter Egg theme:** This year's theme is...aspiration! What job could you do when you are older?

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

### **Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 21 and averages)**

Attendance for the year so far: 97.5%	Attendance last week: 98.2%
Late marks last week: 4 (2 families)	Class of the week for attendance: Y4 Superb Squares with 99.6%
GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.2%	GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99%

### **What is happening in school this week? (Week 22)**

**Weekly themes:** Music- Madonna; Wellbeing- School Council Presentations; Week 1 dinner menu (note some changes)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>:** DT days for EYFS (today and tomorrow) 4.15-5pm Netball match v Cawthorne

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>:** Y6 on residential visit (can come in a little later)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>:** Y3/4 netball event selected pupils at sports event 4-5.15pm

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Lunchtime DISCO, Y5 swimming, Star of the Week, pupils return from residential