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Week 25 Newsletter

Monday 20th March 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We had some lovely events last week and some wonderful feedback too! Barnsley Youth Choir attended for two workshops and were blown away by the quality of the singing. We really enjoyed the visits and the choir leaders commented on how wonderful the children were to work with and what an amazing school it is! We also had two other visitors, both of whom work in hundreds of schools, commenting on the behaviour of pupils, their manners and what a joy they are to work with. In a very unusual phone call, I also received some very positive comments from the Headteacher of Springvale Primary- in Wolverhampton! In search for his own website, he stumbled upon ours and was so impressed he decided to call me! I have invited him down to visit us soon! We really are so very proud of the school, the children and, of course, our staff team who help to nurture and support them! Thank you for your superb support on Friday with our latest dress down day and fundraiser...we made £245 for a great cause and we had lots of laughs in the comedy show! Well done to Lily in Y1 who won the show too! Please note that we have just received our lunch time menu for after Easter, we have attached it to our website and the email carrying this newsletter for your perusal.

Italian Banquet (Y3/4): Over the last half term, Years 3 and 4 have been looking at Italy as their class topic. As this topic draws to a close, we thought there would be no better way to celebrate their learning journey than by holding an Italian banquet on Tuesday 21st March. The children will be able to help prepare a variety of traditional Italian foods whilst also finding out more about the history of these foods. Once prepared, the children will then be able to sample a bit of everything and decide which foods were their favourites! Throughout the day, we will also have a carousel of activities allowing the children to explore Italian culture further. All ingredients will be provided by school, and special adjustments will be made for any allergies. In order to support this fun-filled day, school would like to ask for a voluntary contribution from the parents, in years 3 and 4, of £1. This will allow us to buy ample ingredients, so that children will get to try a bit of everything! If contributions could be brought to school on Tuesday, they will be collected by the class teachers. Many thanks.

Book Fair: Our book fair will be here in no time at all, arriving mid week. Please see the separate document for days/times.

Class Photographs: A reminder that we have class photographs a week on Thursday.

Marathon March: We worked really hard last week to catch up and we are now back on track, almost! We will do double mile days on Monday and Friday as we creep closer to the magic total! Families are really buying in to the event and it is lovely to see some examples on social media and even better to hear children tell me that they have been out walking, cycling or running as I pass them in the corridor or share a chat over lunchtime! My planned run is back on with fingers firmly crossed that I make it home! I expect to run the section between the showground (Tesco) and Oxspring at around 3pm to 3.30pm. It would be lovely to see some children and families out and about completing their own marathon miles across the monthly challenge. I won't be able to stop, or chat, or breathe but children are very welcome to run past me with their youthful energy and talent if they wish! Please just ensure they know when to stop and turn back to their parents as I will be heading straight on through Oxspring and home! I'll keep everyone updated on social media during the run and at the end. For those who are taking part and raising money, please do keep seeking sponsorship as any funds raised will really help us with sports equipment and new, exciting reading materials. If you want to donate to school via the school fundraising page please do so here, the money will all be added to what the children raise. Please don't feel any pressure to do so, we will only tweet this twice (before and after) and include in the newsletter this week and next.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/springvale-primary?utm_term=my4mBDVYz

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 22 and averages)

Attendance for the year so far: 97.5%	Attendance last week: 97.4%
Late marks last week: 2	Class of the week for attendance: Y5 Proud Pentagons with 100%
GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.2%	GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99%

What is happening in school this week? (Week 23)

Weekly themes: Music- Tchaikovsky; Wellbeing- People Who Help Us; Week 3 dinner menu (note some changes)

Monday 20th: Y4 Hockey match v Cawthorne (4.15-5pm) (selected pupils), F1 visit

Tuesday 21st: Y3/4 Italian Feast

Wednesday 22nd: KS2 Planetarium (no cost to families, provided by a Governor of the school- THANK YOU!)

Thursday 23rd: 2.30pm Achievement Assembly (selected pupils)

Friday 24th: Lunchtime DISCO, Y5 swimming, Star of the Week, KS2 Captain's Table, Y3/4 Virtual Author Visit

