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Week 26 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We had a wonderful week in school last week! Y3/4 enjoyed an Italian Banquet, the EYFS children got out and about learning about our community and the town that we live in and Y3/4 (lucky them) also had a virtual author visit. The Proud Pentagons in Y5 continue to impress at their swimming lessons too! We have lots of news to share this week so let's get started...

Staffing Update: Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Beresford as she retires after many years of excellent service at the school. She will retire on Friday and she will leave with our best wishes. We thank her for her qualities and her dedication to the children and the school. You will be missed! Mrs Kelly will support in Year 4 for the start of the Summer Term, alongside Mrs Haigh who continues to be part of the Y4 team. Due to the budget pressures that we have recently explained we have postponed the planned recruitment for a TA until the Summer Term as we are currently exploring different models of leadership/staffing that address the budget issues and maintain the high standards that we have set at Springvale. A few weeks after Easter we will also be saying a temporary goodbye to Mrs Roebuck as she will start her maternity leave. We will keep you updated on our plans for support staff when this leave begins. Mrs Exley will also need to take an extended break from school for planned surgery. We expect that this will keep Mrs Exley out of school for the half term between Easter and Spring Bank. During this time Mrs Honey will assume the full-time role in Nursery and Mrs Parr will take on the full-time role in Reception. Both staff know our EYFS and the children/staff very well so this is the most seamless solution possible for everyone concerned. We hope that Mrs Exley has a successful operation and can recover well with our best wishes. I'm sure she will be back for Sports Day!

Book Fair: We have one day left for the Book Fair with Y5, Y6 and PM F1 to visit on Monday. We also have a mop-up day for anyone in school who missed it for any reason which will take place on Tuesday. Please let us know if you need anything. Thank you for supporting the book fair and we hope that everyone enjoys their purchases. Please note that due to the cost of living situation we are going to send out some survey questions and a consultation on events where a cost is passed on to parents to ensure that we are managing such events well in light of the current situation. Look out for details soon and any views, as always, are encouraged to help us to shape our future work.

Mental Health Survey: As part of our Whole School Approach to Mental Health Mrs Kent has asked if families would complete a short survey. We would really appreciate you taking the time to complete it to help us to improve further. <https://app.myedupod.com/survey/91772b86-b0d3-404f-9b6b-8922be8fcf28/care-givers>

Class Photographs: A reminder that we have class photographs this week, on Thursday. Year 3 and Year 4 will go first straight away as some pupils are needed for a writing event. Please ensure that you are on time and contact us if you have any medical appointments, for example, on Thursday. New pupils in Nursery will also have individual photos. If you do not wish for your child to be on the class photograph for any reason please contact us by Wednesday afternoon.

Kitchen Job: A kitchen position has arisen for anyone seeking employment in our catering team. The position is term time only, 20hrs per week, 10am to 2pm. Anyone interested or requiring further details, can contact Mrs Sherwood on 07769 351787 or via email at sarah.sherwood@uk.issworld.com

Easter Egg competition: This year's theme is 'aspiration' so we want people to decorate hard boiled or artificial eggs in the job that they would like to do when they are older! Eggs can be brought to the main reception before or after school on Thursday or before school on Friday to be displayed. They will be displayed on Friday lunchtime and judged. One winner per class will be presented (prize and certificate) but every child in school will get a little Easter treat at some point too!

Staff Wellbeing and Communication: As part of a recent safeguarding review it was suggested that all families are asked to contact school staff via the school office phone line, absence line or email in future. The email address to use to contact any staff from now on, including Mr McClure, is office@springvaleprimary.org. This will help Governors and leaders to protect the wellbeing and family time of all staff. To reciprocate this respect and protection of wellbeing for our families we will only send out emails or texts to families between 7am and 6pm in the future. We will aim to respond to all emails within 24 hours and sooner if they are urgent.

Easter break: A reminder that we break up for the Easter Holidays on Friday 31st March and we return to school on Tuesday 18th April (Monday 17th is an INSET day). Y6 pupils can attend Easter Club on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 14th March between 9.30-12.30 in non-uniform and they should bring a water bottle and snack please. They can also attend at the same times on Monday 17th March during INSET. Please confirm your place if you haven't already.

Tuck Shop: The Tuck Shop trial this half term has worked really well. We've raised almost £200 and the children have all enjoyed a range of snacks! We have launched a Twitter Poll to see if families would like it to continue and we will ask the children in assembly this morning too! Thank you for supporting this event so far! Thank you to Mrs Turner and her band of merry helpers for their efforts!

Musical Event: Our celebration of musical talents in school will be held on Thursday 20th April between 5.30 and 6.30pm in the school hall. Please contact office@springvaleprimary.org to secure your child's place by the end of this week so that we can plan the running order. Children need to know which piece they are performing and practise it over the coming weeks. Mrs Andrew will lead this year's event as Music Leader. Could winners of the two legacy music awards last year please return the trophies for the new winners ASAP.

2023 Reports: We are currently planning the 2023 report format. If you have any comments or suggestions about reports and the part that matters most to you, please do share them. We would like our staff to focus on the parts that parents feel are most useful. Previous feedback suggests that the gradings for progress and attainment are important but that parents/carers would prefer more information on their child's personal and pastoral progress rather than general comments about each subject area. All views are welcomed and we have launched a Twitter poll too to support this.

Marathon March: The Marathon March challenge is drawing to a close and the children are doing so well! We are now on 21 miles! Just 5.2 to go! Thank you for your kind comments and support regarding my own marathon yesterday. I can confirm it was my first marathon and also my last! The first half went really well and then I started to get really bad cramps with 12 miles to go. Let's just say I much prefer driving up Bower Hill on my way home! Thank you so much to everyone who came out on the trail to help me and to all who have supported the fundraising efforts of myself or the children. We will have a special awards event for the children who have completed it with certificates for all after Easter. If you would like 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, this is the last time we will share the link.

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

Have a wonderful week everyone and a great Easter break. See you in the Summer Term!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 25 and averages)

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| Attendance for the year so far: 97.6% | Attendance last week: 98.5% |
| Late marks last week: 1 | Class of the week for attendance: Y4 Superb Squares with 100% |
| GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99% | GOOD to be GREEN last week: 98.7% |

What is happening in school this week? (Week 26)

Weekly themes: Music- Jimi Hendrix/Led Zeppelin; Wellbeing- Online Behaviours; Week 1 dinner menu (note changes)
Monday 27th: Y3/4 Football Match v Cawthorne (4.15-5pm) (selected pupils), Y5, Y6 and F1 PM book fair visit
Tuesday 28th: Y5/6 Netball v Thurgoland (MUGA) 3.15-4.15pm, book fair ends
Wednesday 29th: F2/Y6 height and weight checks (unless parents have opted out)
Thursday 30th: Easter egg competition- entries to the hall 8.30-8.45am, Class photos (and F1 individual if new)
Thursday 30th: Y3/4 writing challenge (selected pupils) and P4Sport event- Y5/6 netball 4-5.15pm
Friday 31st: Lunchtime DISCO, Y5 swimming, Star of the Week, Val in, Easter Egg competition judged, break up for Easter