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Week 27 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope that everyone enjoyed a pleasant Easter break! We wanted to say thank you for your support last term and start to look ahead to the new term too. In the final week of term our children completed Marathon March, enjoyed their Easter Egg design competition (well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to the winners in each class!) and our brilliant Y5/6 netball team were amazing as they battled to second place in the P4sport event! Your support for the Book Fair means that we now have a significant amount of shiny, new books to enjoy across school too...thank you! We also wanted to commend the Y6 pupils who attended school for four special sessions across the Easter break. You worked really hard and enjoyed the opportunity to keep that momentum going for your SATS assessments next month. A huge thank you to Mrs Mayston and Miss Alderson for giving up their precious time too.

Reading Updates: On the last day of term. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a virtual author event led by Rachel Morrisroe. She read her book 'Drama Llama' and introduced everyone to the illustrator Ella Okstrad, who led us through a drawing tutorial for creating the main character. Our outdoor reading sheds are now ready to be enjoyed too! The KS1 shed will be available for parents / carers to exchange children's books before and after school. There is a record book to write in just inside! Children will also be able to access these books during afternoon playtime. The KS2 reading shed will be available for children to choose and enjoy books from at morning playtime. Both of the new sheds are outside Y1/2 area near the green fence.

News nuggets:

- A reminder to please use office@springvaleprimary.org for any school emails rather than email staff or leaders directly please.
- The music event this Thursday is shaping up nicely- please confirm your attendance ASAP and arrive around 5.15pm for a 5.30-6.30pm show. Pupils need their instrument in school on Wednesday and Thursday please.
- Thank you for your feedback on school reports. The reports this year will provide details of the curriculum journey, attainment and progress grades and a significant pastoral/personal comment by the class teacher followed by a comment from myself along with your child's attendance record. We will also be emailing reports this year as we continue to find ways to be environmentally friendly. We will provide a printed copy where requested later in the term.
- The Tuck Shop will continue to run weekly for Y1-Y6 on a Wednesday morning play time. Thank you for your support and feedback with this initiative!
- Marathon March certificates are being printed and written out to all pupils who took part, they will be presented in school very soon and celebrated on Twitter! The children loved it and we are delighted that so many people took part. The marathon fundraiser online raised over £600 so thank you very much for your support and donations! This money has been used already to get lots of new playground equipment to start the Summer Term. This Friday I will be training Y5/6 pupils to organise the equipment and lead games for themselves and younger pupils. Any monies raised by pupils can now be collected and brought in, ideally in the next two weeks so we can announce our final amount raised!
- An important update was sent on email last week about staffing news, safe collection lists, sports/club news and the Y6 leavers' hoodies. Please take a look and familiarise yourself with the details or ask us for a printed copy if you do not receive emails.
- The consultation on cost of living and associated school costs is now live- please click here to share your views in the next two weeks: <https://forms.office.com/e/MQpENt6vH1>
- Our Summer Term dates are almost ready to share but we are waiting on one of two final details, we will launch the final dates next Monday on our newsletter but please note that Y1-Y6 Sports Day is planned for Friday 26th May and all families are welcome to join us! SATS week is 9-12th May for Y6 when pupils must be in school and Y2 will take their SATS in a less formal way across the month of May.

Have a wonderful week everyone! **Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher**

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 26 and averages)

Attendance for the year so far: 97.4%	Attendance last week: 96%
Late marks last week: 2	Class of the week for attendance: Y6 Heroic Hexagons with 98.6%
GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99%	GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99%

What is happening in school this week? (Week 27)

Weekly themes: Music- 90s; Wellbeing- Kindness; Week 1 dinner menu (new menu)

Monday 17th: INSET Day

Tuesday 18th: Pupils return, clubs launch at 2pm online, Y3/4 begin Barnsley Football Club lessons (outdoor kit please)

Thursday 20th: Musical Instrument evening (5.30-6.30pm)

Friday 21st: Lunchtime DISCO, Y5 swimming, Star of the Week, Lower school Captain's Table, Y5/6 sports leadership work