

SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Summer Holiday Newsletter

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Dear families,

Thank you once again for a wonderful year! I also wanted to pass on thanks from all staff, including myself, for the kind messages, cards and gifts to staff. They are never expected but always appreciated! We had a brilliant final week and gave our leavers in Nursery, Year 6 and Mrs Ridgwick a wonderful last week! Thank you for your support with the guard of honour too, it was lovely! Mrs Ridgwick passes on her gratitude and sent out a lovely email to everyone after her final day! Good luck to our Y6 pupils next year and beyond and we wish our nursery leavers a happy start at their new settings too! We don't normally send a Summer newsletter but we had some loose ends to tie up! You can see our leavers' video, here:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=JgkjLS9YtXU&source_ve_path=MTc4NDI0

Class Names: Next years' class names are bird themed, as below...

Nursery- Robins

Reception- Wrens

Year 1- Owls

Year 2- Magpies

Year – Lapwings

Y4- Puffins

Year 5- Kestrels

Year 6- Swans

Staffing: We can now confirm the support staff who will work with each class. Thank you for your patience with this as we have had recent interviews and recruitment documents to complete. We are delighted to announce that Mrs K Worstenholm has joined our brilliant team! Welcome! Mrs Turner will work across F1-Y2 providing speech, phonics and reading support. Mrs Cliffe will work across KS2 supporting pupils with an EHCP throughout the day. Some TAs are mornings only and others will support in class in the morning and then lead interventions in the PM. Class cover will be provided by Mrs Kelly and Mrs Gale.

Nursery: Mrs Honey/Mrs Parr supported by Mrs Slack and Mrs Beaumont

Reception: Mrs Exley supported by Mrs Northrop and Mrs Palfreyman (PPA Mrs Kelly every other Friday)

Year 1: Mrs Royston supported by Mrs Lowe (PPA Mrs Tomlinson every Wednesday)

Year 2: Mrs Evans supported by Mrs Worstenholm (PPA Mrs Andrew every Friday)

Year 3: Mr Venus supported by Mrs Kelly and Mrs Ratcliffe (PPA Mrs Andrew every other Wednesday)

Year 4: Mrs Wildsmith supported by Mrs Haigh (PPA Mrs Andrew every other Wednesday)

Year 5: Miss Alderson supported by Mrs Kent (PPA Mrs Andrew every other Thursday)

Year 6: Mrs Mayston supported by Mrs Gale (PPA Mrs Henstock every Friday)

Leadership Update: A reminder that, when we return, our leadership structure will have changed. I will become Executive Headteacher and Mrs Fearn will be the Head of School. With this in mind please ensure that all emails are sent through the office@springvaleprimary.org email address from now on so that they can be passed on to the most suitable person. A reminder also that the system for discussing school matters should be class teacher first, then Head of School and then myself. Either myself or Mrs Fearn will endeavour to be present on the playground or around reception for each morning drop off and afternoon pick up should you need us.

News nuggets:

- Spelling- we are moving away from weekly spelling tests in most classes next year and completing spelling patterns and key words in class. The high frequency and key spellings for each year group will be in learning logs to master throughout the year. More detail on this next year!
- Reminder to send any updates to your safe collection list or permission to walk home by 4th September deadline please as these will be finalised on INSET day for staff. **Updates after lunch on 4h September will not be on the lists so it is very important to do so before the deadline!**
- Policies relating to behaviour, attendance/punctuality and uniform have all been recently reviewed by leaders and Governors in-line with parent and carer feedback. We attach them for your consultation over the Summer holidays before final approval on 24th August. Any comments are welcomed. I want to make you aware of some key elements in the uniform policy to help you to prepare for next year, we will send the policy again in the final week of the holidays when most people are uniform shopping.

- Please note that snoods/neckerchiefs cannot be worn from September
- Please read the policy carefully around footwear. Clearly visible brands on shoes or trainers are not allowed. Footwear should be as plain as possible and black. Boot style should not go beyond the mid-calf.
- Some key dates to be aware of for next year. These are especially important for pupils in Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6. All pupils in Year 1, and those in Year 2 who did not previously meet the pass mark, will need to complete their 'Phonics Screening Check'. This must be completed between Monday 10th and Friday 14th June. All pupils in Year 4 complete a 'Multiplication Check'. We have a specific time scale where this needs to be completed and for 2024 this will be from Monday 10th until Friday 21st June. The dates for Year 6 SATs for 2024 will be Monday 13th until Friday 17th May. Please note that it is imperative that all pupils attend every day as they will sit a different test each morning of this week, apart from Friday. All of these tests are statutory and therefore it is vital that all pupils are in school and can complete the tests on time, if not, then this could have implications on their future teaching and learning.
- A reminder that we return from the Summer holidays on Tuesday 5th September. Our Summer Term (part 1) clubs will launch on Wednesday 6th September at 2pm!

Happy Holidays!

Regards

Mr L McClure and Mrs R Fearn

Executive Headteacher and Head of School