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Week 1 Newsletter

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Dear families,

We hope everyone has had a wonderful Summer break! We cannot wait to welcome you back tomorrow! A reminder that our school day starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.10pm for EYFS pupils (unless part time nursery, see specific timings on letters and please note the staggered start to this first week for the F2 pupils). The school day runs from 8.45am to 3.15pm for Y1-Y6 pupils. A reminder that the new F2 group start tomorrow and will be here from 8.40am to 12noon tomorrow and Wednesday, then 8.40am to 1.30pm on Thursday and then all day on Friday.

Milk update: We were informed on the final day of the Summer Term that our milk provider was ceasing trading so we have found a new provider for the new school year. We have worked hard over the summer to get a milk provider in place for this first week and have just missed the deadlines with our new company, Cool Milk. Very shortly you will receive an email with details of how to sign up and pay for milk from Miss Chapman or Mrs Armitage. If you sign up by Tuesday at 5pm the milk will start next Monday. This is then also the case for every following Tuesday at 5pm for delivery from the next Monday. We're disappointed to miss the first week but assure you that we have done all we can over the Summer break after hearing about the milk company ceasing to trade at 3pm on the final day of last term! Pupils who are entitled to free milk through age or entitlement will start to receive it from Monday.

PE days for this half term:

F1- Thursdays- no kit required

F2- Tuesday and Wednesdays- no kit required until next week

Y1-Weds and Thursdays

Y2- Tuesday and Friday

Y3- Monday and Thursday

Y4- Monday and Tuesday

Y5- Tuesday and Wednesday

Y6- Tuesday and Friday

Please note that only Y2 and Y6 will be having a lesson tomorrow so they are the only classes that require a PE kit on the first day. Please ensure that pupils have some trainers or suitable footwear in their PE kit as lots of it will be outdoor during the year when possible.

Sun-cream: After 6 weeks of rain the sun is back out! Please remember to follow our sunscreen policy carefully and apply a healthy amount before school as well as sending in named bottle to apply at lunch. We also encourage sun hats and water bottles- which can be filled during the day. If your child is new to school and you haven't filled in the sun screen permission slip please do so ASAP.

Staffing News: Mrs Henstock has taken the difficult decision to retire from her class teacher role in school this summer. After 35 years of teaching and 25 years involvement at Springvale Primary as a parent, supply teacher, parent governor and then class teacher, she has touched many, many lives and shaped so many young people through her teaching, subject leadership and working with parent and toddlers too! She will be sorely missed and we hope that she will keep in touch and maybe even come back and do some ad hoc teaching when we need the support due to staff absence, etc. We wish Mrs Henstock well and thank her for her wonderful work over many, many years.

(Reminders from end of last year- changes in yellow)

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 Thursday PM)

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 every Friday- see email to Y6 families very soon)

Leadership Update: A reminder that our leadership structure has now changed. Mr McClure is now Executive Headteacher over Springvale and Oxspring and Mrs Fearn will be the Head of School at Springvale. 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 this 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.
- A final reminder to send any updates to your safe collection list or permission to walk home by the end of today please! They will be emailed to staff at 6pm today and cannot be changed until Christmas after that time.
- A reminder that Y3 pupils now have to pay for lunches unless they receive Free Schools Meals.
- Some key dates to be aware of for this 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 our clubs will launch on Wednesday 6th September at 2pm! A few of our regular clubs are taking a break this half term to allow staff to settle in to new roles and responsibilities but they will return soon! The list is attached so that you can take a look before the bookings open! A reminder that pupils who are Pupil Premium can access one school based club each half term for free.

Welcome back- let's make 2023/24 our best ever year!

Regards

Mr L McClure and Mrs R Fearn

Executive Headteacher and Head of School