

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Week 5 Newsletter

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to another update on our busy school news! Last week was about charity and community and it was lovely to see everyone supporting Macmillan on Friday in their green outfits and at the coffee afternoon! Thank you so much for your support and kind donations! We raised a wonderful £480 which is amazing! Well done everyone- this is a great way to support a very special charity!

**Wellbeing/SRE Consultation:** Each class in school teaches children about being safe and healthy in a modern world. If you would like more details about what we cover in the classes/examples of what will be taught to your child this year, please do get in touch ASAP. Please be aware that the content in Y5 and Y6 becomes more sensitive around how our bodies change.

**Leadership Update:** Mrs Fearn will be out of school for a few weeks. Mr McClure will be based at Springvale more during this short, planned absence and Mrs Evans will be available to support when Mr McClure isn't present.

**Sports Update:** What a week of being active we have had! The Y3/4 mixed football team brought home the trophy with a 100% record against local schools! They were incredible and the boys and girls really did play together with superb skill and desire- well done! This week our Y6 boys take on the best that the region has to offer...good luck! A huge well done to Y5 with their Bikeability too! The vast majority passed the course and everyone gave it their best efforts! The Step, Pedal, Push challenge seemed to get more people moving too- lovely to see! We will also be launching the Spring Cup soon! Stay tuned!

**Author Day Feedback:** Thank you for your feedback on this recent event and it's place in the school calendar. A Twitter Poll plus some emails into school suggest that the event puts undue pressure on families to buy or prepare a costume so early on in the school year and it is pretty similar to World Book Day too! Leaders are always listening to your feedback and developing plans for the future and we will adjust this event, or remove it for something else, in the future.

**Summer Reading Challenge:** If there are any children left to bring in their Summer Reading Challenge Certificates you have until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023. After that, the prizes will be awarded to three lucky children the week commencing the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023. This year we have some super prizes to be won including a brand new Amazon Kindle, just think of all those wonderful stories you can read with that! Plus some book vouchers to spend on any book of your choice- remember to read the blurb before buying- so that you know you will enjoy it! Thank you to all the children who have taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year-it is wonderful to see that you enjoy reading as much as the teachers do here at Springvale Primary. At the moment Mrs Fearn can't wait to delve into the new Richard Osman mystery- what a delight that will be! It is so important to share the love and joy of reading with your children at home- as well as in school-so that we can nurture our children's feelings of empathy-as well as give them the best chance of success in their education now and in the future.

National Literacy statistics show that: More than half of children agreed that seeing a role model read would make them think it's good to read and that 30% of young children agreed that seeing their role model enjoying a book would make them think that reading was cool. We know that overall, parents continue to be the most important role models for children and young people-with more than 9 in 10 of children aged 7- 11 (95.2%) agreeing that they had a role model in their life. Therefore- if children see you read and enjoy reading-whether that be fiction, non-fiction, the daily newspaper, an e-reader or a comic book-they are much more likely to have a go and enjoy it themselves!

**KS1 visit:** On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October Classes 1 and 2 are going on a visit. They will need to wear their school uniforms, a raincoat and comfortable shoes (these do not have to be their school shoes). They need to be at school for normal time. They will need to bring a packed lunch with them-unless they have ordered one from school. Please make sure that the packed lunch is completely nut free. They will be returning to school at 3.00pm-so will be leaving through the class doors for pick up at the normal time of 3.15pm. We shall inform you by text if the children will be returning late due to traffic. Please see the visit letter for more details.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

**Regards**

Mr L McClure and Mrs R Fearn

**Executive Headteacher and Head of School**

Key Dates	Weekly Stats and Info
Dinner Menu: Week 1 Wellbeing Theme: Online Safety Music of the Week: Duets Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> : KS1 Visit Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> : Captain's Table (F2-Y2)	Attendance last week: 97.2% Late marks last week: 1 Class of the week: F2 Wrens with 99.3% GOOD to be GREEN last week: 96.3%

