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Week 6 Newsletter

Monday 9th October 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter, an opportunity to update everyone on everything that is happening at Springvale!

Parents' Evening: A gentle reminder that our first Parents' Evening is almost upon us! The bookings launch at 5pm next Monday (16th October) and the actual event is on Thursday 26th October between 1.30-7.30pm in our school hall. EYFS staff will have an extra session one afternoon on the same week. The theme of the appointments will be settling in and partnership so that staff and parents/carers can assure that their child is happy in class and set for a positive year of progress ahead. Please look out for a text and email at 5pm next Monday to book your preferred time. New families should note that the appointments do fill up quickly so please let us know if you have any difficulty getting an appropriate time slot.

'Flu Sprays: A reminder that the health team will visit us tomorrow to administer 'flu vaccinations. Parents must have signed up online before the deadline in order for their child to take part. Please note that we do NOT have a list or access to the list. The visiting team bring along the permissions with them. If any children are absent or do not sign up you can still access a spray through your GP.

Harvest Festival: The nights are drawing in and that can only mean one thing...the Harvest Festival is approaching! We've been practising our favourite songs, ready to enjoy those fluffy cauliflowers! This year our show will be on Wednesday 25th October between 10-11am in the school hall. As has been tradition for many years we invite elderly residents in the area and grandparents to this event but we share clips of the songs on Twitter later that day. Sadly, Penistone FM cannot broadcast the event this year. Please contact us if grandparents or local residents would like to book a seat. We have 120 seats available. We will be seeking donations for the harvest gift bags for the elderly and vulnerable in the community in the week preceding the event, all donations welcomed and appreciated!

Y2 Assessment: One or two parents/carers have asked about Y2 SATS this year. They have now been removed as a statutory process in schools. Children in Y2 may complete the past papers during the year to help the teachers to assess children and to find weaker areas of the curriculum to strengthen but children will not take formal assessments, nor will we hold special meetings about the assessment papers used as we have done in the past. Y2 will be assessed like all other classes in school Y1-Y5 now and parents reported to in the usual way- parents evening and an annual report in late June.

Good to be Green update: Please note that we are experiencing a higher than normal level of amber and red light cards at present. Most amber lights are due to children talking over staff whilst they are trying to teach and we are clamping down on this as it affects learning for the child in question and their whole class as it disrupts the flow of teaching and takes away learning time for all. The vast majority of red lights are for repeated disruption or physical incidents (mainly in lower school). We are working really hard to minimise any use of physical behaviours as they are unsafe and can lead to injury. Please help us by talking to children about the need to have safe hands (most red lights come from a game or rough play that gets out of hand) and kind words. Please note that we consult on our Behaviour Policy once a year and that we can make 'reasonable adjustments' to the policy for pupils with additional need but this is done in partnership with parents and, where appropriate external advice from medical/SEND professionals. Thank you for your support in maximising learning time and keeping our entire school community safe.

Sports Update: Our Y5/6 boys football team did an amazing job at PGS on Thursday. Three big wins and a tight loss in the final meant that we just missed out on the silverware! Well done to all of the squad and thanks to the families who came along to cheer us on! This week we have a Tag Rugby event for boys and girls in Y5 and Y6.

(Reminder) Summer Reading Challenge: We should now have all of the certificates. The prizes will be awarded to three lucky children in assembly on Friday! Good luck and well done for taking part!

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 2 Wellbeing Theme: Friendship Music of the Week: Tina Turner Tuesday 10 th : F2-Y6 'flu sprays (sign up online) Thursday 12 th : Y5/6 Tag Rugby (selected pupils) Friday 13 th : Star of the Week	Attendance last week: 97.2% Late marks last week: 2 Class of the week: Y6 Swans with 99.3% GOOD to be GREEN last week: 98%

