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Week 10 Newsletter

Monday 13th November 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. It was lovely to welcome everyone back last week and I have to say, behaviour and engagement with learning are through the roof! School is really settled and happy and long may that continue! A big well done to our footballers who took on Oxspring last week- they were superb and just missed out on the Spring Cup with an 8-7 defeat! We also had some families at PGS enjoying the KS1 multi skills event for parents/carers AND children which was lovely to see! A reminder that we are currently seeking your views on our school through our Autumn parent feedback link, you can find it here: <https://forms.office.com/e/LkPcXTpE0U>

Christmas 2023: We are delighted to confirm that, like the last 4 years, Christmas for every child at Springvale will be free again! All children will enjoy a live Pantomime in school, a cinema visit with ice cream and, all being well, Santa himself might just pop in with a little something to end the term and celebrate their hard work and excellent behaviour! Our whole community will enjoy Christmas lunch together as well- this would need to be paid for if your child is Y3 or above and not on free school meals, of course. We can only make this possible due to your amazing support with raffle prizes and buying so many tickets to support us! Please keep this up so that next year is free again! All of the dates and details are below!

Artsmark Project: Mrs Tomlinson and Mrs Fearn are very keen to add 'Artsmark' to our sporting recognition as we feel that we offer lots of exciting creative opportunities in school! There is a £500 cost to apply for the status so Mrs Tomlinson has come up with an optional project that families might support to celebrate our artistic talents and achieve the desired fund. Mrs Tomlinson is creating school tea towels that will be put on sale. They will be £4.50 per tea towel and will arrive just in time for Christmas! It is totally optional, but we will be creating the art work over the next two weeks, then putting them on sale for two weeks. If we get enough orders we can put in a bulk order that will be processed by the time we break up. If you do not want your child to produce their art work for the project can you please let us know by Wednesday 22nd November.

Absence Line: Please note that we now have new phone lines in school. When you call school it will give you two options. Option 1 is to leave a message about a child's absence and option 2 is to speak to the school office. This means that the dedicated absence line for sickness is now closed and you can just use the normal school telephone number seen above. When leaving details of absence please provide symptoms/reasons rather than saying 'off ill' as we have to log the reason as well as the absence. Thank you.

Sharing Images: An issue was raised last week where some images were taken in the school playground (before or after school) and placed on social media with other children in the background. Please be reminded that some children in school do not have social media release permission and this can create concerns for many families. Please refrain from taking images at such times and, even at school events like Christmas shows or sports events, please be mindful of who appears in the image and do not share anyone but your own child. Thank you for your support with this sensitive matter.

Christmas Shows and Attendance: The Christmas shows are all listed out below. For KS2 pupils can you please make us aware ASAP if you cannot come back in the evening as we need to plan this in with the roles given as sometimes key parts are not in attendance for the evening show! Likewise, if you have medical appointments or holidays booked that clash with the shows or the weeks leading up the shows, when the most important preparation is taking place, please let us know ASAP.

Attendance: Our attendance has been well above national and local averages for many years now and we are delighted to confirm that, at 97.6% for the year so far, we remain at an excellent level! Punctuality issues are also virtually non-existent at the moment too! Great work everyone- this really helps to maximise learning time and ensure a good start to the school day. Well done and let's keep it up!

Shoebox Appeal: A further reminder that we are supporting the shoe-box appeal this year. Each class has one shoe-box to fill with toys, games or activities that would appeal to children of the age of the class. If any items could come in to school in the next two weeks please that would give us time to get them nicely wrapped up and shared in good time to make a real difference to families less fortunate than many around the world. Teachers will be explaining to children why we do this project as part of our theme this week as we talk about respecting and caring for others.

Learning Logs: Please ensure that learning logs have been seen and signed weekly after logging any reading where possible. It really does help our staff and this forms a huge part of our home/school partnership. We push this in every class but especially Y5 and Y6 as this helps them to prepare for the expectations at secondary school.

Diary Dates:

November

Friday 17th: Children in Need- spots and stripes theme- family donations welcomed

Monday 20th: Heights and weights in Y6

Tuesday 21st: KS2 Shakespeare Day- late finish for KS2 (3.45pm) no clubs after school

Thursday 23rd: Y6 visit all day (free) and Y1/2 multi sports event 4-5.15pm (selected pupils)

Friday 24th: Hannukah Day (Y2)

Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th: HEPP DT Christmas Themes- lower school (F2-Y2)

Thursday 30th: 6pm – 7pm prospective parents' tour and Y3/4 girls dodgeball 4-5.15pm (selected pupils)

December

Sunday 3rd: Christingle Service (choir to perform, all welcome) 10.30am

Monday 4th: Christmas Raffle on sale and final week for all clubs

Thursday 7th: Whole School Panto- 1-3pm (All nursery in PM this day) *note change from diary dates sheet sent in Summer and Y3/4 boys dodgeball 4-5.15pm (selected pupils)

Wednesday 13th: KS2 Christmas Shows (Y3/4 9.30am and 6pm) Y5/6 (10.30am and 7pm)

Thursday 14th: KS1 Christmas Shows (10.30am and 2.30pm)

Friday 15th: Nursery Show(10.30am) Reception Shows (11am and 2pm)

Monday 18th: F1-Y2 reward (cinema- Arthur Christmas) and Y3/4 Christmas Party in PM

Tuesday 19th: Y3-Y6 reward (cinema- Matilda) Y1/2 Christmas Party in PM

Wednesday 20th: F2 Christmas Party in AM and Y5/6 Christmas Party in PM, Raffle drawn

Thursday 21st: Whole School Christmas Dinner Day- Christmas Jumper dress down

Friday 22nd: Nursery Christmas Party AM- all F1 in AM please

Friday 22nd: Break up for Christmas- return on Tuesday 9th January 2024 after INSET day

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 'new' menu Wellbeing Theme: Respecting Ourselves and Others Music of the Week: Vivaldi Thursday 16 th : Y5/6 Benchball event (4-5.15pm) selected pupils Friday 17 th : Star of the Week, Dress Down for Children in Need- Spots and Stripes theme and suggested family donation	Attendance last week: 97.1% Late marks last week: 1 Class of the week: Y6 Swans with 99.3% GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99.7%