

## SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Week 22 Newsletter

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We wanted to start by thanking everyone for the recent parents' evening. The event ran very smoothly indeed and the staff were delighted to report our ethos in full operation! Positive families, supporting the school and their child to reach their potential. As always, if the discussions raised any concerns at all please do ask for a follow up conversation. A big thank you to our Y6 team who led the organisation of the event- they did an amazing job as always! The bake sale for school funds raised just short of £150! Wow- that is so kind and helpful to our fundraising efforts. We hope everyone enjoyed a treat. Thank you to the staff who baked or donated and to everyone who bought an item...yummy! Thank you also for the daily extra support at home- teachers can always see the impact of this hard work that supplements our lessons and interventions in school. Our recent data collection shows that the hard work pays off so please do keep it up! We look forward to sharing fantastic written reports with you all at the end of the Summer Term!

**Parent/carer information meetings:** Thank you to Y6 families who recently attended the SATS/residential meeting. The information has now been sent out on email too. **We are planning a Zoom meeting for teachers in the following classes to explain how end of assessments take place. The meeting will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm. At 5pm Mrs Exley will explain the end of EYFS profile to F2 families and how you can help your child to achieve it, at 5.20pm Mrs Royston will discuss the phonics assessments with Y1 families (F2 families are welcome to stay on and see how things work in Y1 phonics for next year) and at 5.40pm Mrs Wildsmith will explain how Y4 pupils learn their times tables and how they will take the MTC check in June- Y3 families are welcome to join and listen too.** A Zoom link will be sent out on email on the day to all families in the classes mentioned above.

**Standards Update:** We have always believed that being in school, on time and looking smart are crucial life skills for our children and setting up their future aspirations. Uniform standards are generally very strong but some little issues have started to appear. We have seen quite a few children in trainers of late with no medical or logistical reason given, please address this ASAP. Also, the standards of PE kit are slipping in some cases too. Children can wear what they like for clubs but curriculum PE lessons, and sporting competitions against other schools, should always be the correct coloured PE kit. Additional, warm outdoor clothing can be brought too but the basic uniform should be in place as well as the extra layers. Ear-rings and make up should not be worn in any case, including in our nursery. This includes nail polish. Thank you for your support.

**Tuck Shop:** Mrs Kelly has kindly offered to bring back our Tuck Shop for Y1-Y6 pupils on a Wednesday during morning play. It returned this week but I left it off last week's newsletter in error so we had a small but enthusiastic crowd of snackers to feed! The cost remains at 50p per week if your child would like a snack from our healthy and varied choices- please bring the money every Wednesday if you are keen. We have fruit, vegetable sticks, cereals, breadsticks and various other options. Pupils in Y1-Y6 are welcome to bring their own snacks every day if they like but they must be healthy and not chocolate or crisps, etc. **Our school remains a nut free school.**

**Site Safety:** Reports about site safety have been really positive of late. We thought it was worth mentioning as the weather improves and more children start to scoot and bike to school, we would stress the need to be very safe on what is a busy site at key times of the day! Please dismount from bikes and scooters on the school site and take care on the paths and access roads around school too. Please do not park in the staff section of the car park at any time for any reason as this negates insurance policies so any accidents or damages wouldn't be covered. Lastly, could we ask that families refrain from using the MUGA or any play equipment before and after school, this is mainly younger siblings waiting to collect, as we have had injuries incurring recently that have required staff attention.

**INSET Days and Calendar for 24/25:** Please find attached our key dates for the next academic year. Our INSET days have now been set. Please note the slightly different Easter, we return the day after Easter Monday, which is a Bank Holiday.

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**Breakfast Clubs:** Just a reminder that our wellbeing breakfast club with Mrs Cliffe starts at 8.15am each day. Several families are arriving earlier at the moment but Mrs Cliffe has other crucial jobs before 8.15am linked to providing milk and fruit to classes in preparation for the busy day ahead! **Also, please note that both the wellbeing breakfast club with Mrs Cliffe and the KS2 Girls' Football Club are postponed this Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup>) due to whole school staff training before school.** Staff are all being trained how to use the defibrillator. If any volunteers (reading army, etc) or club leaders are available between 7.50-8.40am you are very welcome to attend too. There is a second session at Oxspring Primary between 4-5pm the same day if that is more suitable. The defibrillator will be displayed and clearly labelled in the foyer to our main reception after Wednesday. It can be accessed by anyone who needs it from 7am to 5.45pm Monday to Friday without full access to the school building. It will be serviced and maintained every year or following use- hopefully this won't ever be required but we thank the Department for Education for supplying the device.

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
<p><b>Dinner Menu: Week 2 menu</b>  <b>Wellbeing Theme: Stay Safe Week</b>  <b>Music of the Week: 1990s</b>  Monday 26<sup>th</sup>: TT Rockstars Assembly  Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>: PM F2 hearing tests, 4-5pm prospective parent tour and 4.15-5.15pm Y6 girls netball match v Thurgoland  Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>: No breakfast clubs due to training. Morning play tuck shop returns  Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>: 2.30pm Celebration Assembly (selected pupils) and Netball club start8  Friday 1<sup>st</sup>: Star of the Week, lunchtime DISCO, Y5 swimming, KS2 Captain's Table</p>	<p>Attendance last week: 97.9%  Late marks last week: 0  Class of the week: F2 Wrens with 99.3%  GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99%</p>