

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Week 27 Newsletter- Important Leadership Update

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. I want to make you all aware of an important staffing and leadership update. Recently I have secured a new Headteacher role, which means that I will be leaving Springvale Primary School at the end of the Summer Term.

Over the past 7 years, it has been a great privilege and joy to lead such a wonderful school and to work with a tremendously supportive and special community. You cannot begin to understand how remarkable Springvale is in comparison to many other Primary Schools, and I am thankful for all the warmth, encouragement and positivity that the staff, the Governors, the children and the families have shown throughout my journey as Head.

My journey with Springvale started back in March 2017 when I was offered the position to start in that September. What followed over the next seven years has been, without question, the most enjoyable period of my 20-year career to date. As well as my supporting many other settings and leading the Barnsley Schools' Alliance. This year has been a little different with the role across two schools, but there is no doubt that Springvale has been my home.

The school is a credit to Barnsley Local Authority and this is not just down to my leadership, but to the incredible staff, who have always worked incredibly well as a team-even when faced with challenges of budget pressures, changing educational landscapes and a devastating pandemic. Staff have always put the children first and given their all not matter how demanding, time consuming and complex their workload has been. We've been successful in terms of outcomes and Ofsted, but we've always been more interested in keeping our pupils and their families happy and this is the true measure of our success over that time working together. We have relished in our children being/becoming physically active, mentally well and engaged in a broad curriculum-as well as attaining incredibly well in their core learning outcomes. At all times our amazing staff ensure that this isn't a vision but a reality, that will continue to grow and take on many positive new developments.

I will deeply miss the children and, during the week ahead, I will lead an assembly to explain the situation in an age-appropriate way. My next challenge will be as Headteacher at High View Primary Learning Centre, a very large primary setting in Wombwell, Barnsley. Here I will face some familiar challenges, as well as some new ones, and I will also be working as part of an Academy Trust (Every Child Matters Academy Trust) for the first time. The new role was confirmed last Monday and during last week, the news has been shared with Governors and staff. The community at Oxspring Primary have been informed in a communication sent at the same time as this one. This news means that the partnership with Oxspring will cease at the end of the Summer Term, and Springvale will move forward as an individual school from September 2024.

The Governors have already met, and will meet regularly, to work together to plan the future leadership of the school, and you shall be notified of their course of action very soon. Fortunately going forward, Springvale School has many experienced and skilled leaders and staff, so the future looks incredibly bright and exciting! Change can be daunting, but it is also an opportunity for new ideas, energy and even greater progress and achievement. I know that you will all support the Governors and staff from this point forward to ensure that the school continues to thrive, so that it continues to be the special place that it is. I will continue to give my all to the school from now until the end of term, and I look forward to planning and hosting lots of exciting events between now and the Summer Holidays. Springvale in the summer is a busy and exciting place to be, and I intend to squeeze every last drop of enjoyment out of being the leader of this amazing learning community until the very last moment.

Have a wonderful week and thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards

Mr L McClure

Executive Headteacher

Key Dates	Weekly Stats and Info
<p><b>Dinner Menu: Week 2 new menu</b> <b>Wellbeing Theme: The Environment- Protect Our World</b> <b>Music of the Week: David Bowie</b> Monday 15<sup>th</sup>: New clubs begin and KS1 Wonderdome event Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>: Y3 visit Friday 19<sup>th</sup>: Y1-6 Girls Football 4pm, Star of the Week, lunchtime DISCO, Y5 swimming Friday 19<sup>th</sup>: Bake sale in the shelter after school for EYFS funds</p>	<p>Attendance last week: 96.7% Late marks last week: 0 Class of the week: F2 Wrens with 99.5% GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99.3%</p>