

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 28 Newsletter

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. It has been a busy and emotional week after the news that we shared last week. Thank you for your kind words and message of support, they mean an awful lot. The Governing Body and Leadership Team are meeting regularly to organise and finalise their plans for September and we hope to share these with you soon.

**School News:** The Summer Term is notoriously hectic but always full of exciting things to enjoy! During this last week we have had pupils in Y3 learning to play netball and taking on Cawthorne in a superb match last Monday! Well done girls! The cricket taster sessions went down very well last Friday too...and the coach was blown away by our behaviour and skills! Lovely to hear! Well done everyone! We've also had a brilliant art workshop delivered by a very talented parent recently in Y1 and the Y4 class really enjoyed their Enterprise Challenge Day! See X/Twitter for details. The whole curriculum is alive at Springvale! Sports wise, we have had a very busy few days either side of this weekend. The Spring Cup was a joy to set up, watch and support. 105 children across the two schools enjoyed the football- and many parents did too! Springvale took the glory in most matches but it was all about fun and keeping active! The KS1 games were a particular highlight- it was the first football experience for many- lovely! Well done to the Y4 boccia team who beat Cawthorne last night by just one point! What a thrilling event! It was so close! Well done everyone. The sport will come thick and fast this term so please look out for email invites and RSVP as soon as possible!

**Sports Day Plans- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** After a very long day in the sun last year for staff, Y6 helpers, PGS volunteers and many families we are tweaking the plan this year. The whole event will be done during the morning for Y1-Y6 families. Children will come out to complete an activity and then go back in for a break. It will start at 9am and finish at 1.30pm which includes all races, medals and the traditional family picnic. Pupils can leave at 1.30pm (including siblings in the EYFS if desired) or stay in school to do activities indoor until the normal collection time. Registers will be taken at 1.15pm so attendance will be unaffected either way. I'm sure our changes to protect the children from the heat of the last two sports days means we are now guaranteed rain and wind on the big day! Our sports day back up plan is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June just in case!

**Y5 swimming:** The Y5 swimmers have been absolutely outstanding this year! Well done to all involved. The children have four swimming sessions remaining and, at the end of the final session, they are assessed against the national curriculum. We have a very strong group and all are on track to pass everything but they generally get one of two awards- either the Curriculum Award or the Confidence Award. We will let you know which your child achieves at the end of the block of teaching. Children can bring in £1.50 for a certificate and sticker if they wish. We will remind everyone!

**Bake Sale:** A huge thank you to everyone who donated to or bought from the bake sale! Around £120 was raised on the day for the EYFS! Thank you to Keli and her family for their organisation and support! 😊

**Photography Plan:** We will email out the final photography plan and costs in the next few days with the pictures being taken next Wednesday. The cost will be as low as possible to all families and we will be sharing images digitally only as previously discussed. We are just in the process of calculating the costs to school before we make the final announcements. This new approach is being set up for one year and then we will seek feedback on the quality, cost and other potential options for future years. There will be a timeslot for non-school aged siblings to have photographs between 8-8.45am too.

**Privacy Notice:** As we approach a key time in the year for assessments across the school (SATS, MTC in Y4, phonics in Y1, etc) we felt it would be a good time to explain how BMBC and schools manage pupil data around assessments, Here is a link to explain: <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/schools-and-learning/schools-privacy-notices/>

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

Regards, Mr L McClure and Mrs R Fearn, **Executive Headteacher and Head of School**

| Key Dates  | Weekly Stats and Info  |
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| <b>Dinner Menu: Week 3 new menu</b><br><b>Wellbeing Theme: Diversity</b><br><b>Music of the Week: Country Rock</b><br>Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Y3 with Hepp DT<br>Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> : Y1 football skills event (4pm) NOW INDOOR<br>Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> : Star of the Week, lunchtime DISCO, Y5 swimming | Attendance last week: 97.8%<br>Late marks last week: 0<br>Class of the week: F2 Wrens with 100%<br>GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99% |