

## Newsletter

### Week 02: 08/09/25

#### AT A GLANCE

⇒ Dinner week 2

⇒ Monday 8th September After School Clubs launch at 1pm– clubs to begin the W/C 15th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year! It has been such a joy to see the children coming into school so happily each morning, looking super smart in their uniforms and ready to learn. A big thank you to all our families for making sure the children were so well prepared for the first week back. Across the whole school — from Nursery through to Year 6 — the children have been busy meeting their new teachers and teaching assistants, getting to know their classrooms, and starting their exciting new topics. It has been wonderful to hear so many stories about what they got up to over the summer, as well as the laughter that has filled our playgrounds as friends reconnected and new friendships began to form. Already, the children have shown great enthusiasm for their learning. Year 6 got hands-on with their Ancient Egyptians topic — baking bread (and managing to eat it, of course!) washed down with a cup of chai tea. Year 5 have dived into their new topic of *Coasts*, exploring key features and building up their knowledge. Year 3 had their very first ukulele lesson with Mr Childs — what a treat, and they really enjoyed it! Meanwhile, Years 1 and 2 have been introduced to their intriguing new theme *Claws, Paws and Whiskers* — it certainly sounds exciting, and we can't wait to see where their learning takes them. From our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception, who have been settling in beautifully, to our oldest children in Year 6, who are already proving to be wonderful role models, the atmosphere around school has been one of positivity, curiosity, and fun. As always, we are very proud of how our pupils have embraced the start of term, and we are looking forward to everything this new school year will bring. Thank you again for your continued support — it really does make such a difference.

#### Polite reminders

- Just a polite reminder that pupils are not allowed to come into school wearing earrings — this also includes plasters covering earrings. If children arrive wearing them, we will be asking them to remove them. If they are unable to take them out themselves, we will contact parents/carers to come into school to remove them. Earrings in primary-aged children present a health and safety risk, and we want to avoid any accidents or lost property. We also want our teaching staff to spend PE sessions teaching and the children to be active, rather than dealing with earring-related issues. Please see our school policy for further details.

#### After school clubs Y1-Y6

The list of After School Clubs (ASCs) is attached to this email. Please take some time to look through the options with your child and see which clubs they might enjoy joining. Bookings for clubs will open at 1pm on Monday 8th September via the SchoolMoney system. Our clubs are always very popular, and some do fill up quickly, so please book early to avoid disappointment. For Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who have permission to walk home, this also applies after their club has finished. Pupils in Years 1–4, and any Year 5 or 6 children without permission to walk home, will need to be collected at 4.15pm from outside the school's main entrance. Please wait at the front, and the club leader will bring the children out to you. We have tried to include clubs that have been popular over the last 12 months, along with introducing new ones. We shall continue to monitor the provision of our clubs throughout the upcoming year-and if parents have any suggestions of clubs they may like to see on offer then please contact the school office. Many thanks. :)



### Staffing

After an incredible 17 years of service at Springvale Primary, our wonderful Mrs Armitage is moving on to a new chapter in her career. We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you for everything she has done for our school. Over the years, Mrs Armitage has touched the lives of so many children and families. She spent the majority of her time here as a dedicated TA in our EYFS setting, where her warmth, patience and kindness helped give our youngest pupils the very best start to their school journey. More recently, she brought those same qualities to the school office, where she quickly became a friendly and familiar face for everyone. Her hard work, positivity and caring nature have made her a truly valued member of the Springvale team, and she will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and families alike. While we are sad to see her go, we are also excited for her as she begins this new adventure now that her own children are grown up. We know she will be a great success, and we very much hope she will pop back to see us when she can! Her last working day with us will be Friday 12th September. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Raistrick and Mrs Hill to the school office team. Mrs Raistrick has already been settling in brilliantly, getting to know our families and school systems, and we are confident she will both do a fantastic job. Mrs Hill will be joining school from Monday 15th September. Both these new members of staff are highly qualified in their roles, having both worked in admin in school settings for decades. We know they will be a fabulous addition to our Springvale family.

### New Dinner Times for F2-Y6

School have implemented new timings for dinner from F2-Y6 to help stagger lunchtimes and make it easier to manage the lunches in the school hall and keep children safe on the playground. The duration of the lunchtime break for each year group has not changed. The new times are:

F2: 11.40-12.40PM, Y1 and Y2: 11.50-12.50PM, Y3 and Y4: 12.00-1.00PM, Yr 5 and Y6: 12.15-1.15PM.

Please be aware of these if you need to collect your children for appointment etc.

### Music Lessons

Any pupils who were signed up for music lessons in the Summer term will automatically continue in the Autumn term unless you notify us that they no longer wish to continue. Please let us know if you wish to cancel your child's lessons by emailing the school office by Friday 19th September at the latest. If you let us know after this date, you may still be charged for the full term's tuition fees. If your child is on the waiting list to start music lessons, our office staff will be in touch with you in the first few weeks of the school year to let you know if a space has become available. The office team will also be sending out a more detailed email regarding music in the coming weeks for any pupils who might be interested in learning an instrument so please look out for this email.

### Important Dates for this half term

- W/C Monday 15th September-all before and after school clubs start
- Thursday 18th September P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS- Y5/6 Girls Football Competition- selected pupils
- Tuesday 23rd September Y6 trip to Leeds City Museum
- Thursday 25th September P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS- Y5/6 Boys Football Competition-selected pupils
- Wednesday 24th September book fair arriving
- Friday 26th September Macmillan coffee and cake afternoon
- Wednesday 1st October Harvest Festival 10am and 2.30pm for Grandparents only
- Thursday 2nd October P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS- Year 3/4 mixed Football Competition- selected pupils
- Wednesday 8th October Young Shakespeare Company to perform to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Thursday 9th September P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS-Y5/6 Girls Netball Competition-selected pupils
- Monday 13th October individual school photo
- Thursday 16th October flu immunisations in school
- Thursday 16th October P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS top field- KS2 Get Mucky Fun Run- selected pupils
- Wednesday 22nd October Parents' Evening for all classes 4.00-7.00pm in school hall
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- **\*Thursday 23rd October P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS- KS1 and parents-Family Multi-Skills Activities—selected pupils\***
- Thursday 23rd October Halloween Disco and dress up day in school
- Thursday 23rd October-last day of the half term for all pupils



- **Friday 24th October INSET Day-school closed to all pupils**

**\*Please note that the PGS event “KS1 and parents family multi-skills Activities” taking place on Thursday 23rd October is on the same day as our second Parent’s Evening-so please bear that in mind when booking your child into this event-making sure it doesn't clash with your parents evening meeting time slot\***

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Many Thanks,  
Mrs R Fearn  
Headteacher



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