

## Newsletter

### Week 08: 20/10/25

#### AT A GLANCE

- ⇒ Dinner week 2
- ⇒ Tuesday 21st October Nursery, F2 and Year 1 Indian dance workshop in the school hall—AM
- ⇒ Wednesday 22nd October Parent's Evening for Nursery-Y6 from 4.00-7.00pm in the school hall
- ⇒ Thursday 23rd October Halloween dress up day Nursery-Y6 and Halloween Disco day-during school time
- ⇒ Thursday 23rd October Parent's Evening for F2-Y6 from 4.00-7.00pm in the school hall
- ⇒ Friday 24th October INSET Day-school closed to all pupils
- ⇒ Monday 27th-Friday 31st October— School closed for all pupils for Half Term Holiday
- ⇒ Monday 3rd November-first day back for all pupils

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What another wonderful week it has been at Springvale! Our pupils continue to make us proud in so many ways — both in and out of the classroom. Our Gardening Club had a fantastic time at Springvale Community Gardens this week. The children loved exploring the gardens, trying lots of different vegetables, and learning all about horticulture and how plants grow. It was such a lovely opportunity for them to connect with nature, work as a team, and gain hands-on experience in growing their own food. We were also incredibly proud to celebrate a very special achievement from one of our talented Year 5 pupils, who was presented with the coveted Barnsley Schools District FA tie after being selected to represent our town in the National English Schools FA and Regional Yorkshire Federation. What an incredible honour — we couldn't be prouder! To finish off the week, a group of our KS2 children took part in the Get Mucky Fun Run at Penistone Grammar School as part of the P4Sport event. There were muddy smiles all around as the children embraced the challenge with great enthusiasm — it was fantastic to see so many of them getting active and having such fun alongside their friends.

As always, it's been a joy to see our pupils living out our school values of teamwork, resilience, and kindness in everything they do. Well done, everyone — another amazing week at Springvale!

#### Reminder: Parents Evening 22nd and 23rd October

Parents Evening appointments will be held over 2 evenings; Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 4pm until 7pm with the exception of Nursery which will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October only. The format of the evenings will be the same as in previous years, all teachers will be in the school hall for the appointments and your child's teachers will have their books for you to look at. On arrival, please come to the main entrance and go straight into the hall where there will be seating available whilst you wait for your child's teacher to call you over. If you have yet to make an appointment-please get in touch with the school office.



### Reminder: Thursday 23rd October Halloween Disco and Dress up day

All children can come to school dressed up in a Halloween costume on Thursday 23rd October-they can wear their uniform as normal if they wish. Please can I remind parents/carers that we are a Primary School-and therefore all costumes need to be age appropriate. Please do not send any children with props-they will be taken off them by the class teacher. If you would like your child to receive a drink and a packet of crisps at the disco-which will take place throughout the day- then please pay £1 onto the SchoolMoney system before Wednesday 22nd October. Many Thanks

### Peer Review at Springvale Primary

On Tuesday our school took part in a peer review-where four visiting Headteachers from others schools within Barnsley LA came to review our maths and writing provision. As part of this review the four Headteachers visited every classroom from Year 1-Year 6, reviewed examples of math and writing provision in KS1 and KS2 along with talking to groups of children from KS2. After the review I received a wonderful email from the lead Headteacher of the review-which I would like to share with you: *"Thank you so much for the warm welcome during our visit to Springvale yesterday. It was a real pleasure to spend time with you and your team. The staff were brilliant – so committed and clearly passionate about what they do. The children were a real credit to the school: highly articulate, enthusiastic, and fully engaged in their learning. They did you proud. Thank you again for your time and hospitality."*

It was such a lovely day-and once again thank you for your ongoing support in relation to your child's learning and behaviour-they have really done us proud this week.

### Flu Immunisations team

On Thursday the immunisation team came to school to administer the flu nasal spray from Reception through to Y6. Today I have received this wonderful email from the senior nurse practitioner which I wanted to share with you:

*"I would just like to say Thank You for a fabulous flu session in school yesterday. The reception children were fantastic and clearly prepared which makes a huge difference on the day and alleviates any fears. Also, a huge thank you to the new admin lady Mrs Raistrick for her support, having someone as a support from school on the day allows for the sessions to run timely and smoothly and she did an amazing job at achieving that.*

*We will be using this session as an example to other schools.*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

It is always lovely to hear positive feedback about how school is being effectively managed and even better that we are going to be used as an example to other schools. If you have any queries in relation to the flu immunisations that the children received on Thursday then please get in touch with the service by emailing them [barnsleysais@swyt.nhs.uk](mailto:barnsleysais@swyt.nhs.uk)

### Important Dates for this half term

- Wednesday 22nd October Parents' Evening for all classes 4.00-7.00pm in school hall
- Thursday 23rd October Parent's Evening for all classes 4.00-7.00pm in school hall
- **\*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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