



Spring Vale Primary



Weekly News - 9th September 2024

Assembly Theme week commencing 9th September: Our Curriculum

WELCOME BACK!

What an amazing start we have had! Your children have all been amazing and we have loved every second of this week. The behaviour of the children has been impeccable despite huge excitement at returning to school and seeing their friends and teachers again.

Wednesday was a date for the history books as it was the first time the school reached capacity. Our school is now full in every year group. A huge achievement for the staff and governors. Maintaining our high standards, culture and ethos through building projects and then taking extra children is a remarkable achievement and I thank everybody for their hard work.

A special mention to our new Reception children and parents. All of our 60 Reception children have started part time this week and we are really impressed. A huge thank you to the parents who have helped massively with their transition into school, the future of the school is in safe hands with this cohort of children and parents.

I am so proud to be the Headteacher of Spring Vale Primary. Mr Blunt

Our opening newsletter finishes with a very important letter about attendance. Although this has come from the school and our Trust, in reality it is a letter directly from Government.



SENSORY CAFE

Our new Sensory Cafe has launched and is fitted with a brand new sensory suite. This is a designated area within our school which can support children's sensory preferences and needs. It is a space which aims to provide children with the individualised sensory input they need to self-regulate, so they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others. We look forward to seeing our children enjoy it over this year! The Foundation stage playground has also had a massive makeover.



uniform

Our children look really smart and I thank you for your support with this. They are wearing correct uniform and have sensible haircuts and hairstyles. During this half term we will be holding a preloved uniform shop where parents can come and get spare uniform for a small donation. Many parents, past and present, have donated uniform to the school for this purpose. You are very kind. I am aware that some parents are waiting for uniform stock to arrive and shoes to come through the post. Just a polite reminder that we ask for black polishable shoes.

Please remember to label anything your child can take off! Please also check we can still read names once any new uniform has been washed.



payments to school

We strongly encourage parents to pay for school dinners, breakfast club, fruit, milk, school visits etc using the Schoolcomms Gateway app. Schoolcomms gives parents the freedom to make payments whenever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Making a payment is straightforward, you will be able to see a record of your payments and you will receive a receipt.

If you do have to send cash in to school, please make sure you send in the correct amount as, due to most parents paying online, we do not have change to send out.



online payment system

Many of you have downloaded and are using the app for online payments. If you haven't already downloaded the app, you will find all registration and payment information here:-

<https://www.springvaleprimary.co.uk/onlinepayments>

Registration instructions: <https://tinyurl.com/bdh6kjht>

Payment guide: <https://tinyurl.com/yckp5nhn>



SCHOOL TERM DATES

Here is a reminder of the term dates for this academic year:-

<https://tinyurl.com/3fe6psac>



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Dear Parents and Guardians

We wanted to inform you about the recent changes announced by the Department for Education regarding unauthorised absences during term time. These changes came into effect on 19th August 2024.

Key Changes to Note

- New Penalty Rates: From 19th August 2024, penalty notices for unauthorised absences will be charged at £160 per parent per child. If paid within 21 days, the amount will be reduced to £80.
- Second Offence Penalty: If a second penalty notice is issued for the same child within a 3-year period, the charge will be £160, with no discount, to be paid within 28 days.
- Threshold for Penalty Notices: A penalty notice will be considered if there are 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. This includes late arrivals after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- Limit on Penalty Notices: A maximum of 2 penalty notices can be issued to a parent for the same child within a 3-year period. Any further offences may lead to prosecution or other legal interventions.

Penalty Notice Changes

- Unauthorised term time holidays can result in fines.
- First time offenders face an £80 fine per parent, per child (if paid within 21 days), rising to £160 if paid between day 22 and 28.
- Second time offenders (within 3 years) pay £160 per parent, per child.
- Third offences may lead to legal action and fines up to £1000.

Attendance Matters:

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's achievement, wellbeing and overall development. Being present allows for children to form lasting friendships, develop essential interpersonal skills and contribute better to mental health.

For more details or if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Blunt
Headteacher

TAKEHOME

2nd - 8th
September



How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?



In the news this week

Over the summer, many protests took place in England and Northern Ireland. Some of these became violent and turned into riots, which caused a great deal of damage to cars and buildings. It is thought that a lot of the protesters involved were encouraged by misinformation spread online. Following the protests, communities in many towns, including Middlesbrough, organised clean-up efforts that united people from all faiths and races.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What does community mean to you? How would you describe your local community?
- > Can you think of a time when you have either helped or been helped by your local community?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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