



# Spring Vale Primary



Weekly News - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Assembly Theme week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June: Anne Frank's Birthday / Euro's

## Sports Days/times

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 am	Year 1 Sports
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 am	Reception Sports
	1.30 pm	Year 2 Sports
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	10 am	Morning Nursery Sports
	1.30 pm	Afternoon Nursery Sports
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 am	Years 5 & 6 Sports
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 am	Year 3 Sports
	1.30 pm	Year 4 Sports

Letters have been sent out today confirming the time that the gate to the field will be opened.



### YEAR 4 CRICKET

Yesterday, Mr Blunt took a group of Year 4 children to a cricket tournament at Fordhouses Cricket Club. The team came fourth, missing out on a bronze medal by 4 runs. Kai hit the only 6 of the tournament and we had a lovely lunch!



## attendance

Attendance has become a matter of national importance. Figures for attendance, since schools reopened fully after the pandemic, are significantly lower than five years ago. This includes our school. All schools have now received new government guidance on attendance codes and requests for leave of absence during term time. Next week, Mrs Whittall, who has been appointed to have an overall view of school attendance will be contacting families to offer support with attendance. Any attendance that is below 90% becomes what is known as "persistent absence". Our ambition is to ensure that none of our children fall into this category. Any absence which falls below 90% then becomes a cause for concern for the Local Authority.

Next academic year, as we join the Lykos Trust, guidance will be given to all families whose children attend a school in the Lykos Trust. This will give us a common framework for school leaders and parents to work with.

I realise for the vast majority of our parents school attendance is important. We use the phrase "not here, not learning". I will write with further updated guidance once this has been received from the Government although we presume that the guidance will not change after the results of the upcoming general election.

Lykos agreed attendance traffic light system:-

Colour Zones	Attendance Thresholds
Green Zone	Attendance of 96% and above
Amber Zone	Attendance between 93% and 95.9%
Red Zone	Attendance below 92.9%



## SUNNY WEATHER REQUIREMENTS



Now that it looks as though summer might have finally arrived, it is important that children have hats and water bottles in school. Wearing hats during the sunny weather is essential to protect from sunburn, heatstroke etc.

Additionally, it is essential that children have water bottles in school to keep them hydrated throughout the day. **Suncream should be applied to children at home before they come to school.** As we have very little shade on the playgrounds, if it is ever too hot, we will keep children inside. As we will now

be on the field at breaktimes/lunchtimes, please give hayfever medicine to children who need it at home.

# TAKEHOME

3rd - 9th June



Can remembering difficult times help shape a better future?

## In the news this week

6th June is the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, the day in 1944 when Allied forces from thirteen different countries stormed five beaches in Normandy, France. This marked the beginning of the end of World War II. A World War II veteran, Henry Rice, who is 98 and from Surrey, has called for schools to teach children more about D-Day 1944. He believes that by learning about the history of it, they could urge politicians to avoid wars.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you ask someone at home about their awareness of the World Wars? Do they have, or do they know anyone with, memories of the wars?
- > This week's poster image shows a tribute to all the soldiers, who lost their lives on D-Day in France. Do you know if there are any local events or tributes to D-Day being held in your local area?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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