



Spring Vale Primary



Weekly News - 18th October 2024

Assembly Theme week commencing 21st October: World Recycling Week/Diwali

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity with donations to our harvest collection - thank you for your wonderful support. On a personal level, harvest time is very important to me and my family. My grandparents were farmers and I can remember helping out around the family farm at harvest time. When I was 16 I chose to complete my work experience at The Good Shepherd shelter for the homeless, working in the soup kitchen. That week changed my life forever and I know that your donations will go a long way to help the most vulnerable people in our city.



This has reminded the staff, children and hopefully yourselves why our school is so special.



PARENTS EVENING BOOKING

Years Reception - 6 Parents evenings are taking place on Tuesday 5th November and Thursday 7th November (4 - 6 pm). You should have received a text message last week with a link taking you to the booking webpage. Full booking instructions can be found here:- <https://tinyurl.com/ycyya6ut>
Please note, the last date for booking appointments will be Friday 25th October.
If you cannot login please contact the school office.



TAX FREE CHILDCARE (BREAKFAST CLUB)

We are now registered as a provider for tax free childcare. **It is important that parents email proof of payments, along with the reference number for your child, into school.** We will then be able to match them up on the monthly bank statement and put a manual credit on Schoolcomms.

More details regarding registering for tax free childcare can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



POPPIES

Poppies will be on sale in school from Monday, minimum donation of 20p per poppy. We are not able to give change as the money goes into an official collection tub.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **20th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk Any orders placed after 20th October will have a delivery charge. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



ANNUAL FLU VACCINES



The flu vaccines are carried out annually by Vaccination UK for all year groups except for nursery. They will be done in school on **Thursday 7th November**. Regular text messages are being sent with a link to the online consent form which needs to be completed. Even if you decline the vaccine, the form still needs to be completed. The online consent forms go directly to Vaccination UK. The consent form and further information can be found here:- <https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/wolverhampton>



PARKING

Like all schools in our city and country, I realise that parking is an issue for both parents and residents. We will continue to try our best to ensure the safety of children. Parking politely and sensibly is the responsibility of adults. As a leadership team and governing body, we are meeting to discuss whether we can change the end of the day to allow a safer dismissal process. Further details to any changes will be sent out over the coming weeks. One proposal is to mirror the start of the day where children can be collected at any point between 3 pm and 3.10 pm to allow a gradual dismissal. This would replace the current staggered timings.

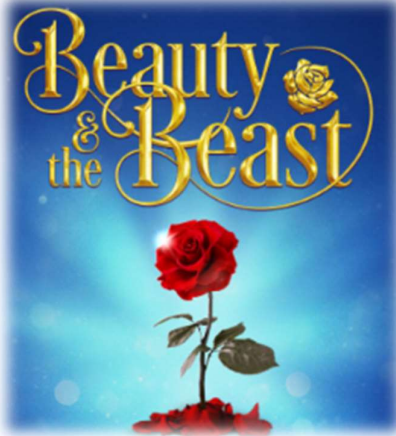


TRIPS/SCHOOL DATES REMINDERS

- Friday 25th October - Year 4 trip to Tamworth Castle - please make sure we have your consent and payment.
- **Friday 25th October - children break up for half term**
- Monday 4th November - all children return to school
- **Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th November - Reception to Year 6 parents evening**
- Thursday 7th November - Flu vaccinations for Reception to Year 6



"Intro into Panto" SCHOOLS ROADSHOW



On Monday children will be having a workshop and performance of Beauty and the Beast provided by Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. It is their mission to take pantomime to as many children in the city as possible. The magic of live theatre will be brought to our school hall. For many children, it will be their first experience of live theatre.

The first 30 minutes is an interactive workshop led by three performers and the Grand Theatre's resident panto dame. Children will explore the history, jokes, routines and songs of pantomime for years 4, 5 and 6. This is followed by a 40 minute production of Beauty and the Beast which is suitable for the

whole school. There is no charge for parents as we will be paying for this out of the school budget.



and Finally...

Congratulations to a past pupil of Spring Vale, Kaidon Robinson, who has been signed by Birmingham City. His football career started here at Spring Vale! It's always nice to hear about what happens to children when they leave our school. Look out for him in the England team soon!



TAKEHOME

14th - 20th October



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has faced questioning and criticism recently for accepting free gifts. The Prime Minister has said he would continue to accept such gifts, despite the negative comments, stating that he is not doing anything wrong. Sir Keir, an Arsenal football fan, has also come under pressure for receiving thousands of pounds worth of football tickets. Although he is already an Arsenal season ticket holder, Sir Keir explained that security concerns mean he can no longer watch games from his usual seat in the stands.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you believe politicians should always be allowed to accept free gifts?
- > Can you make a list of the different times you give people gifts, and times you receive them?
- > Do you prefer to give or receive gifts? Ask your people at home what they think.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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