



# Spring Vale Primary School

## Christmas Newsletter - December 2023

Christmas and the festive period is here again! This special season which means different things to different people.

The true spirit of Christmas comes from a story that has been told for thousands of years, a story of peace and goodwill, light in the darkness and looking forward to hope. The spirit of Christmas is most easily experienced through the eyes of a child with an open view of the world. As we get older, this ideal is expressed in other good ways; concerns for others, gifts, celebrations and sometimes worries. This ideal can be overshadowed by concerns and worries of ordinary life, not to mention the wider world.

Our children love this time of year. They look forward to coming together for school events and spending time with their families over the festive break. This calendar year has been filled with success, including amazing results, academic achievements and extended school activities. These are showcased later in the newsletter.

As we end this calendar year, the school is potentially entering into a new and exciting phase in its history by joining together in a collaboration with Highfields, Springdale and Warstones schools. The Lykos Trust will give our children, staff and parents greater opportunities through professional development, shared venues including the use of the amazing facilities at Highfields and collaboration with likeminded, successful schools.

We should look forward to an exciting 2024 where **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore.



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Final reminder - children finish at 1 pm on Friday but can be collected anytime between 1 pm and 1.30 pm. **All children should be collected by 1.30 pm at the latest.** Polite reminder that there will be no ACES after school provision on Friday. This will return on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.



And now getting ready for January 2024:-

Back to School

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January will be an inset training day for staff. No children should attend on this day. Staff will be preparing the curriculum for the Spring Term.

Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Staff Training Days: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Half Term: 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Holiday: Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> May - 31<sup>st</sup> May

May Bank holidays: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Staff Training Days: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

PEACE & JOY

## PE Kits (Reminder that Reception

### PE kit procedures change in January)

When children return in January, Reception will come to school wearing their PE kit on Thursdays for their PE sessions. This means it will no longer be left in school.

All other year groups will continue to come in their PE kits. We have been really impressed this year with how smart the children look on their PE days. Please continue to support us with this for the rest of the year.

## Uniform

Please remember that children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school, other than a watch and stud earrings. Nail varnish is not allowed in school.

**If you are buying new shoes over the holiday period, can I please remind you that shoes with high heels are not allowed and only flat black shoes are allowed to be worn. Don't forget to name items of clothing.**

All branded uniform can be purchased from Ron Flowers Sports, Queen Street, Wolverhampton - full details on our website.



## Milk Money

Milk money is available to be paid online at any time during the Christmas holiday. Milk will be ordered on 8<sup>th</sup> January (for anyone who has paid) ready for when children return on 9<sup>th</sup> January. You do not need to pay for any child who is under 5 years old on 8<sup>th</sup> January or if you are eligible for income based free school meals. If you are unsure, please contact the school office. You will find the milk payment on the schoolcomms app.

**Please do not pay for children who are entitled to free milk.**

## Junior Fruit Money

Junior fruit can also be paid for online during the Christmas holiday. This payment will cover the cost until Easter and can be found on the schoolcomms app.

## Help with food

Emergency help is available from the Council to help feed your family this Christmas, here is the link to see how the council can provide emergency support with food [www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/costofliving) Click [here](#) for more information.

## House Point Update

**Congratulations to Pankhurst House - Winners for this half term!**



*Now all that remains is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy healthy and prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing all children return refreshed and ready for a new school term on Tuesday 9 January.*



# CHRISTMAS AT SPRING VALE



Disco's



YEAR 4 CAROLS

NATIVITY

## AND FINALLY...★★★

This young man was given some money to treat himself to a toy while he was out shopping with his nan. He chose a toy and then put it in the gift donation box on his way out. What a wonderful considerate and kind thing to do.

Well done Junior - you are amazing!



# TAKEHOME



Are decorations an important part of celebrations?



## In the news this week

Twinpike Way, a street in York, is also known as Twinklepike Way as usually in December, every home is lit up with incredible festive lights to raise money for charity. The residents started putting up the lights in 2000 and since then, hundreds of people have come to visit them. After 20 years and raising over £100,000 for charities, the homeowners have collectively decided that it's time for a break this year, partly due to the ages of the residents. Rising energy bills and the closure of the local bank branch, where the donations are typically paid, added to the decision.

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

- > Share your thoughts about the decorations in the poster image. Do you like to see homes with lots of decorations outside? Are there any in your local area?
- > Can you think of different times when you use decorations? Is there a particular time when you enjoy decorating your home or classroom?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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