

# Spring Vale Primary

Weekly News - 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## GENERAL REMINDERS

Just a few reminders for parents:-

- 🌀 Please stay on the allocated pathways when walking your children on the school site. If you need to cross over, there is a zebra crossing clearly marked out on the car park. Please be aware of staff driving on or off the school site.
- 🌀 **Remember to park considerably outside school when dropping off/collecting children. Please do not block residents drives and especially don't park anywhere it makes it dangerous for children and adults to cross the road, this includes on the yellow lines. You also need to check you have left enough room for an emergency vehicle (ambulance, fire engine etc) to get through.**
- 🌀 Anyone collecting a child by car must never park on the zigzag road markings. This is a road traffic offence and you will receive a fine. The zigzags are there to keep children safe. Traffic wardens carry out random spot checks and have issued fines previously.
- 🌀 **It is essential that adults, whilst on the school site, are respectful, courteous and model behaviour that we would expect children to follow. The use of bad language and/or aggressive behaviour have no place in our school community. By working together and setting positive examples, we can continue to create an environment where children can succeed. Our children model this consistently every day.**

Thank you for your continued co-operation.



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

All orders are online from now on. You will find full instructions on the proof photograph your child has brought home today. We will no longer be accepting photograph orders into school.



## PARENTS EVENINGS

We have had an amazing response to the online booking system. Appointment date/time reminders will be sent to all parents who have already booked one week before and one day before. For those parents yet to book an appointment, reminders will continue to be sent out until an appointment has been booked. Full booking instructions can be found here:- <https://tinyurl.com/2r7j2byv>

**As this is a new system, if any parents need help with booking appointments, Miss Tonks or Mrs Wynne will be on hand to help.**

**We are aware that we are a few slots short to accommodate all parents. If your class has no available appointments, please speak to the class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.**

## macmillan CAKE SALE

Staff donated cakes today to raise money for Macmillan. We will let you know how much was raised.



## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

#HelloYellow 2023

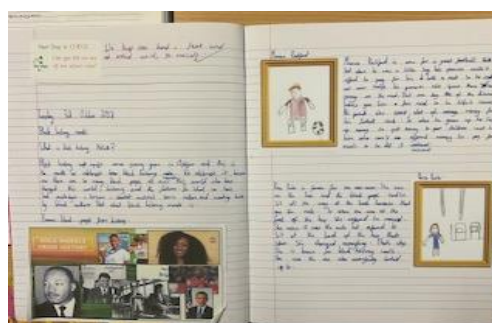
As we approach World Mental Health Day, I wanted to highlight the importance of mental health in the lives of our children and share how we, as a school community, are committed to supporting their emotional wellbeing.

On **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, children can come to school wearing yellow (or bright colours) in recognition of World Mental Health Day. The importance of mental health and wellbeing is threaded throughout our PHSE curriculum. We will be having a visit from Pep the Poet who will be delivering an assembly and workshops on poetry all about mental health.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This week children have been learning about black history in school. We have had assemblies and lessons in our classes. We have learnt about the history of black history month and important black figures from history such as Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Marcus Rashford as well as local inspirational figures such as Denise Lewis (the olympic gold medallist) and Beverley Knight (the award winning singer) who both grew up in Wolverhampton.



## CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of taking four children to a cross country relay race at Fordhouses Cricket Club. They were amazing! They tried their hardest and were a credit to the school. They all had an early bedtime! We came 19<sup>th</sup> out of 42 schools.



## WINTER CLOTHING

As the weather is now changing, please make sure children bring appropriate outdoor clothing to school, ie coats, hats, gloves etc. At Spring Vale, we always try to take children outside at playtimes and lunchtimes unless it is raining heavily. **Please make sure that any item of clothing brought in to school is labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier to find any lost items.** Outdoor clothing is normally kept in lockers, however, we do have coat pegs for hanging up wet coats etc.



## COATS FOR KIDS

Does your Child need a Coat for the Winter Season, or do you know a family in need of coats?

We are a **FREE** service

We are urgently seeking families with children or services working directly with families whom may benefit from our project.

Whether a family have fell on hard times, maybe a parent has been furloughed due to Covid or a family that may be struggling, or escaping domestic violence. Whatever the need, all are welcome to receive a free donated kid's coat/s. No referral or voucher needed. Just get in touch with your details. Anyone can email

[coatsforkidswolves@outlook.com](mailto:coatsforkidswolves@outlook.com) or direct message us on our Facebook group Coats for Kids Wolves.

We work to Covid regulations as suggested by Public Health, all coats received are quarantined for at least 72 hours before we can handle them, or give them out. All volunteers wear full PPE when collecting and donating coats.

There is no reason a child should ever be cold.

Email Gillian [coatsforkidswolves@outlook.com](mailto:coatsforkidswolves@outlook.com)  
Facebook – Coats for Kids Wolves



**Need a Coat?  
Take one!  
Want to help?  
Leave one!**

## BUBBLE & SQUEAK



Our new "pupils", Bubble & Squeak, have settled well into Year 2. They are being very well looked after by the children and staff.



## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

As you are aware, the parent governor ballot closed on Wednesday. We were overwhelmed by the amount of families who voted (81 altogether).

Congratulations to our new parent governors:-

- 🇬🇧 **OLIVIA KERR** - re-elected for a second term of four years.
- 🇬🇧 **KEIRAN POLLONAI** - newly elected.



## and Finally...



We've had a lovely school photograph day and would like to share with you the effort that some of our children go to... fantastic homemade Spring Vale bobbles. Well done Anaya 😊

I'm very jealous!