



Spring Vale Primary School

Christmas Newsletter - December 2021







A Christmas Thank You

At the end of a truly unique year at Spring Vale Primary School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and generosity you have given us during this calendar year.

2021 has been quite a year! However, at no point have children, staff, parents and Governors used Covid-19 as an excuse for our children achieving and being the best that they can be even during the last 3 weeks. We are not sure what the Christmas holiday will mean in terms of restrictions when we return to school in January. We will try to be as clear and concise with our advice should any of our current measures change. We will communicate this to you on the inset day when all staff return after the holiday, Tuesday 4th January.

Spring Vale remains a shining example of how strong partnerships, even in the darkest times, can lead to achievements that are spectacular.

Achievements this year of note include:-

-  An expectation of continued academic achievements from all children
-  Appointing highly skilled, compassionate and outstanding new members of staff as the school continues to grow in size.
-  Huge support from parents even when the decision was made by Public Health to move our Christmas events online
-  The behaviour, attitudes and kindness of the children.



Friday 17th December

Final reminder - children finish at 1 pm on Friday but can be collected anytime between 1 pm and 1.15 pm. **All children should be collected by 1.15 pm at the latest.** Polite reminder that there will be no ACES after school provision on Friday. This will return on Wednesday 5th January.



And now getting ready for January 2022:-

For the first two weeks at least, when we return to school in January we will continue with the extended drop off and collection times. This has had a positive impact on allowing adults to socially distance. This means children can be dropped off between 8.30 and 8.55 am and be collected from 2.45 pm up until their original finishing time. We will return to our original start and end of the day timings as soon as we are told it is safe to do so.

Please try to ensure that holidays are booked during school holiday times and **not during term time.**

Back to School:

Tuesday 4th 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 and updating policies, procedures and systems in line with updates we receive from the Government over the Christmas holiday.

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January - Thursday 7th April

Staff Training Days: Tuesday 4th January

Half Term: 21st - 25th February

Easter Holiday: Fri 8th April - Fri 22nd April

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - Thursday 21st July

Half Term 30th May - 3rd June

May Bank holiday: Monday 2nd May

Staff Training Days: Friday 27th May

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.

Extreme hairstyles are not allowed in school - this would include brightly coloured hair, spikes, Mohicans or patterns shaved into the hair.

All 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 4th January ready for when children return on 5th January. You do not need to pay for any child who is under 5 years old on 4th 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 here:

<https://www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home>
Online shop - Spring Milk

**Parking on school premises**

Can I politely remind parents and visitors that parking on the school site, at any time, is not permitted. This is because it is a danger to children and an accident waiting to happen. Please support us with this.

Remote Learning

You may have seen in the news that some schools down south have sent children home with laptops in preparation for remote learning. Our intention at Spring Vale is to teach children in our building. If the guidelines change at a national level, then we will let you know immediately and put our plan in place. In short, as it currently stands, we are expecting all children back for a full school curriculum on Wednesday 5th January.

House Point Update

Congratulations to Teresa 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 Wednesday 5th January

