



# SPRING VALE PRIMARY

## WEEKLY NEWS – 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021



### PARKING

Can I start by thanking the huge majority of our parents, grandparents and carers who are abiding by the new Council parking restrictions outside our school. I have been informed that unmarked cars will be coming around the local streets issuing tickets to those cars parked on double yellow or zig zag lines. I am not a parking expert or a traffic warden, just a simple Headteacher. What I do understand is that the double yellow lines have been painted in order to keep your children, and indeed yourselves, safe at the start and end of the day. As I have said before, please allow an extra couple of minutes and park a little further from school and then walk the last few hundred metres.

### POLITE REMINDER

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March the Covid Marshalls from the Local Authority spoke to me and asked me to remind you that once you have collected your children you should disperse from the site quickly. I hope one day those important conversations you have with other parents can once again happen at the school gate.

### PE KITS AND PE DAYS

The same plan will continue for the summer term regarding children coming to school in their sports kits. We will review this for next academic year and give parents plenty of notice for our plans. As we move through the summer term, and the sun shines and the weather becomes warmer, you may wish to send your children in shorts and t-shirts and this could of course be the school PE kit, if you have one.

### SCHOOL FIELD

Our school field (the theatre of dreams) had its first summer cut this week. This marks the start of the staff using the field for playtimes, sports lessons and indeed other lessons. I am giving advance warning that children may come home with mud on their shoes and the odd grass stain!

### ILLNESSES OTHER THAN COVID-19

Attendance the first week back after lockdown was the highest I have ever known in my time at Spring Vale. This week however, we have noticed an increase in absence due to common colds, sore throats and sickness that is not related to Covid-19. Other schools have seen a similar pattern. This is possibly because children have not mixed in large numbers during the third lockdown. Please help us - if a member of your household is showing symptoms of coronavirus (you may want to call 111 at this stage for their advice) and has been asked to take a test, the whole household, including any brothers or sisters, must isolate until the results of the test. If the test is negative then the household can come out of isolation and the children can return to school.

## EMAIL REMINDER

Just a reminder that if any families have covid symptoms and need to be tested, please email the school immediately: [springvaleprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:springvaleprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

We will also need you to email the test results as soon as you have them.

Emailing remains our preferred method of communication if you need to speak to any member of staff.

## INTERVIEWS

This week six amazing children from Year 4 supported Miss Manning, Mr Blunt and the Governors in the search for our next outstanding teacher to join us in September 2021. The children involved were simply fantastic and an absolute credit to the school. Having had 38 applications for the post and interviewed 7 candidates, successful appointments have been made today. Thirty-eight people applying for a teaching post is unheard of and again is an indication of the reputation of our school within Wolverhampton.

## SUMMER TERM DATES REMINDER

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Children break up for the Easter holidays

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - School closed for Bank Holiday

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Children break up for half term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Children return to school

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Children break up for the summer holidays

## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

This year we are running the Easter egg raffle slightly differently. Instead of selling raffle tickets, we will **give** every child in school one raffle ticket. The draw will be made by Mr Blunt on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. There are 3 prizes per class (Reception to Year 6) and 2 prizes per Nursery session (morning and afternoon).

