



SPRING VALE SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2021



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVING MORE



End of Year Report from Mr West (Chair of Governors)

Looking back on my words from last year, I said that it had been a strange and eventful year. Well this year has continued with this strange eventfulness. I feel that a lot of what I said last year could be repeated this year, but I won't. Instead, I think that as we hopefully move into a post-covid world we can reflect on what we have learned.

Well the first thing that I have learnt about the school is how it is able to cope with difficult situations and adapt to them. Lockdowns, bubbles, remote learning; these have all come along and the school has been able to cope with them. Staff have had to adapt the way they work to meet the requirements of dealing with this horrible disease, the way they have done it and the way they have coped cannot be underestimated. The school has reacted to everything that has been thrown at it and has still been able to carry on providing an excellent education for your children. There have been so many challenges thrown at our wonderful staff and they have risen to these challenges. Words cannot express my gratitude to everybody at Spring Vale for the way they have dealt with the last year. No fuss, no panic they have just got on with the job.

We have also learnt that the best place for education is in the classroom, where children can interact with their friends and learning can be face to face and hands on. I know the staff were so relieved when they were able to get back into the classroom and carry on doing the job they were trained to do.

We have learnt how resilient our children are. They have been through something the like of which has not been seen for generations (and hopefully won't be seen again for a long time to come) but they have returned to school life with the same enthusiasm as before. And with the hard work of the staff they have been able to get their education back on track.

We have also learnt how supportive the school can be too. This can be seen, not just in the way lessons have continued to be provided, but in the way the school has supported those pupils on free school meals, ensuring that they have food, through deliveries or the distribution of vouchers.

All through the pandemic the school has aimed to maintain itself as an important part of this community. I feel it has been supportive to all parents and children as best it could and it will come out the other side an even better place than before. The efforts of all the staff pulling together have shown that they are willing to go above and beyond what is required to provide a decent education for the children of this community.

Finally, a plea from me with my work hat on (I work in the NHS). Can everybody please take up the vaccination opportunities offered to them. This will not only help keep you safe but is a vital contribution to fighting this disease.

Enjoy the summer.

Have a great summer

Matt West (Chair of Governors)



We will be saying our official goodbyes to Year 6 at their Leavers' Assemblies on Tuesday 20th July. Parents have been invited to attend either at 9 am or 10.30 am. We would like to wish our Year 6 children all the very best in the future and we hope they continue to work hard in their new secondary schools. We are really proud of how hard they have worked during their time in Year 6.



IMPORTANT REMINDER:-

Children break up on Tuesday 20th July after lunch at 1 pm - last collection by 1.30 pm. Please be prompt collecting your children from school.
Nursery children break up on Friday 16th July at normal times.

Staff News

We will be welcoming Miss Davis (Year 5 teacher), Miss Lester (Year 2 teacher), Miss White (Nursery teacher) and Mrs Cater (teaching assistant) to the Spring Vale team in September.



Back to School September 2021

You should have received a 2021/22 academic year planner with your child's report. Children in Years 1 - 6 return to school on Monday 6th September. Existing Nursery children return on 6th September. New Reception and Nursery children have been given their start dates and times.

School Times



The KS1 and KS2 playground gates will be opened at 8.30 am when children are let into school. All children should be in their rooms by 8.45 am which is the official start to the school day. If a child arrives at school before 8.30 am there is no staff supervision and the child remains the responsibility of the parent/carer. **Any child arriving after 8.45 am will be marked as late in the register.**

Years Reception, 3, 4, 5 and 6 finish at **3 pm** and Years 1 and 2 finish at **3.10 pm**.

Nursery: Morning nursery session times are 8.30 - 11.30 am.

Afternoon nursery session times are 12.15 pm - 3.15 pm.

School Uniform

Please make sure your child is kitted out with the correct uniform for next term. **Also make sure your child has black low heeled shoes not trainers for school.** Socks should be plain white, black or grey.

Jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school.

Extreme hairstyles are not allowed in school - as outlined in the school prospectus.

This year, we have introduced a maroon hoodie and navy joggers to be worn to school on class PE days. Our school uniform is available from Ron Flowers Sports, Queen Street, Wolverhampton. There is a link on our website to enable parents to order online or you can purchase directly from the shop.



School Dinners

Why not try our school dinners for a term?

Dinner money in September 2021 will be £2.40 per day, £12.00 per week (£1.40 per day, £7.00 per week for flexible charging) payable on the first day of the week. Children need to state at the beginning of a term whether they are having dinners or packed lunches.



Soccer 2000 After School Club

In September our aim is that the Soccer 2000 after school club will be starting again. We will confirm details when we return in September.

Tips for keeping children safe online

- **Explore:** Explore and understand the apps, games and sites your child uses and get to know your child's online world better
- **Talk:** Chat to your child about their online world, just as you'd ask about their day at School
- **Agree:** Set out the family rules to live well online. Discuss and agree ground rules and make sure you're a good role model
- **Manage:** Make the technology work for you. Adapt privacy settings and use parental controls where necessary



The end of an outstanding academic year and one we will never forget. Your unwavering support for the school is what make Spring Vale Primary unique in so many ways. As a child, I used to love blowing bubbles then running after them and popping them with my fingers. How ironic that as an adult and a Headteacher, that popping bubbles would become my worst nightmare! Mrs Blunt, also on occasions, enjoys a glass of fizz. This would be known as a glass of bubbles.... Something that this year we have had to rename! You know how proud I am to be the Headteacher of this school. This year has tested us all, but our children will break up for the summer on Tuesday 20th July having continued to strive for academic excellence. They are a credit to you and the community. In fact, I would go so far as to say they could model behaviour for many adults in society.

September looks promising and as staff, we have a steely determination to continue our outstanding practice as our children deserve the very best.

And finally.....as I was on duty outside yesterday, one of our amazing children handed me a piece of paper. I think this perfectly sums up what we stand for.

Together as one.....



School PE Days Academic Year 2021-22



Please look for the year group your child will be in from **September 2021**.

Years 1-6: children to wear PE kit to school on PE days. Nursery and Reception to keep their PE kits in school as getting dressed independently is a part of their curriculum.

Nursery	AM—Friday morning - PE kit stays in school PM—Friday afternoon - PE kit stays in school
Reception Buttercups and Daisies	Tuesdays - PE kit stays in school
Year 1 Foxes and Badgers	Dance and gym - Tuesday PE and games - Thursday
Year 2 Robins and Magpies	Dance and gym - Wednesday PE and games - Tuesday
Year 3 Beech	Dance and gym - Tuesdays PE and games - Thursdays
Year 3 Willow	Dance and gym - Mondays PE and games - Thursdays
Year 4	Dance and gym - Thursdays PE and games - Wednesdays
Year 5	Dance and gym - Thursdays PE and games - Wednesdays
Year 6	Dance and gym - Mondays PE and games - Thursdays

PE Kit checklist:

Available from Ron Flowers with embroidered logo

- Blue t-shirt (we would very much like this to have the school logo)
- Black shorts or navy jogging bottoms
- Maroon hoodie
- Trainers or black pumps



Swimming kit checklist (Years 4 - 6 only):

- One piece swimming costume or trunks (not long Bermudas)
- Towel
- Swimming cap for long hair
- Goggles if required

Date and times to be confirmed
By Colton Hills

