

Spring Vale Primary School

Christmas Newsletter - December 2020



A Christmas Thank You

At the end of another very 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.

2020 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. Spring Vale remains a shining example of how strong partnerships, even in the darkest times, can lead to achievements that are spectacular. To be the 449th best school in the country is something the school has never achieved before and has been 20 years in the making. Achievements this year of note include:-

- 🍎 Continued academic achievements from all children
- 🍎 The school appearing in local and national newspapers a number of times (all for good reasons).
- 🍎 Appointing a highly skilled, compassionate and outstanding Deputy Headteacher, Miss Manning. This position was made permanent by the governors at interview last Monday. Congratulations Miss Manning!
- 🍎 Huge support from parents who attended telephone parents evenings, the first time we have ever had to do this!
- 🍎 The behaviour, attitudes and kindness of the children.



Festive Cheer hampers



This week Mrs Wynne has organised for staff to donate Christmas food items which Mrs Butler will make into festive hampers. These will then be given to families following a free raffle completed by Mr Blunt and Miss Manning. You don't need to do anything, apart from collecting your hamper if you are one of our lucky winners!

Attendance

Attendance assemblies will take place in classes this week for children who have had 100% attendance this term. Children will get a certificate, pencil and attendance badge which they can wear on their school jumper - an amazing achievement for this term. Well done everybody!

Friday 18th December

Final reminder - children can be collected from their own classroom doorways (Y5 and Y6 will continue to use the doors on the main KS2 playground), this includes junior children, from 1 pm on Friday. We will keep children until 3 pm at the latest. Polite reminder that there will be no ACES after school provision on this day. This will return on Tuesday 5th January.

And now getting ready for January 2021:-

Parking Outside School

Just a reminder for parents to park considerately outside school and to leave enough room for parents with prams/pushchairs to get by. No parking is allowed at any time on the

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yellow zigzags or in the D shape no parking zone opposite the school gate. The Police and the Local Authority have supported us this term with inconsiderate parking. This initiative will continue into the New Year.

Can I also remind parents that we expect the same level of behaviour from adults as we would do of any children in school. This includes adults approaching children, and adults discussing with other adults any school related issues of a sensitive nature.

Term Dates 2021

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



Back to School

Monday 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 Government over the Christmas holiday.

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January - Thursday 1st April
Staff Training Days: Monday 4th January
Half Term: 15th - 19th February
Easter Holiday: Fri 2nd April - Fri 16th April

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April - Tuesday 20th July
Half Term 31st May - 4th June
May Bank holiday: Monday 3rd May
Staff Training Days: Friday 28th May
Wednesday 21st July

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

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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

As we have reduced the amount of cash the office staff are handling, this is now 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.sims-pay.co.uk/Home>

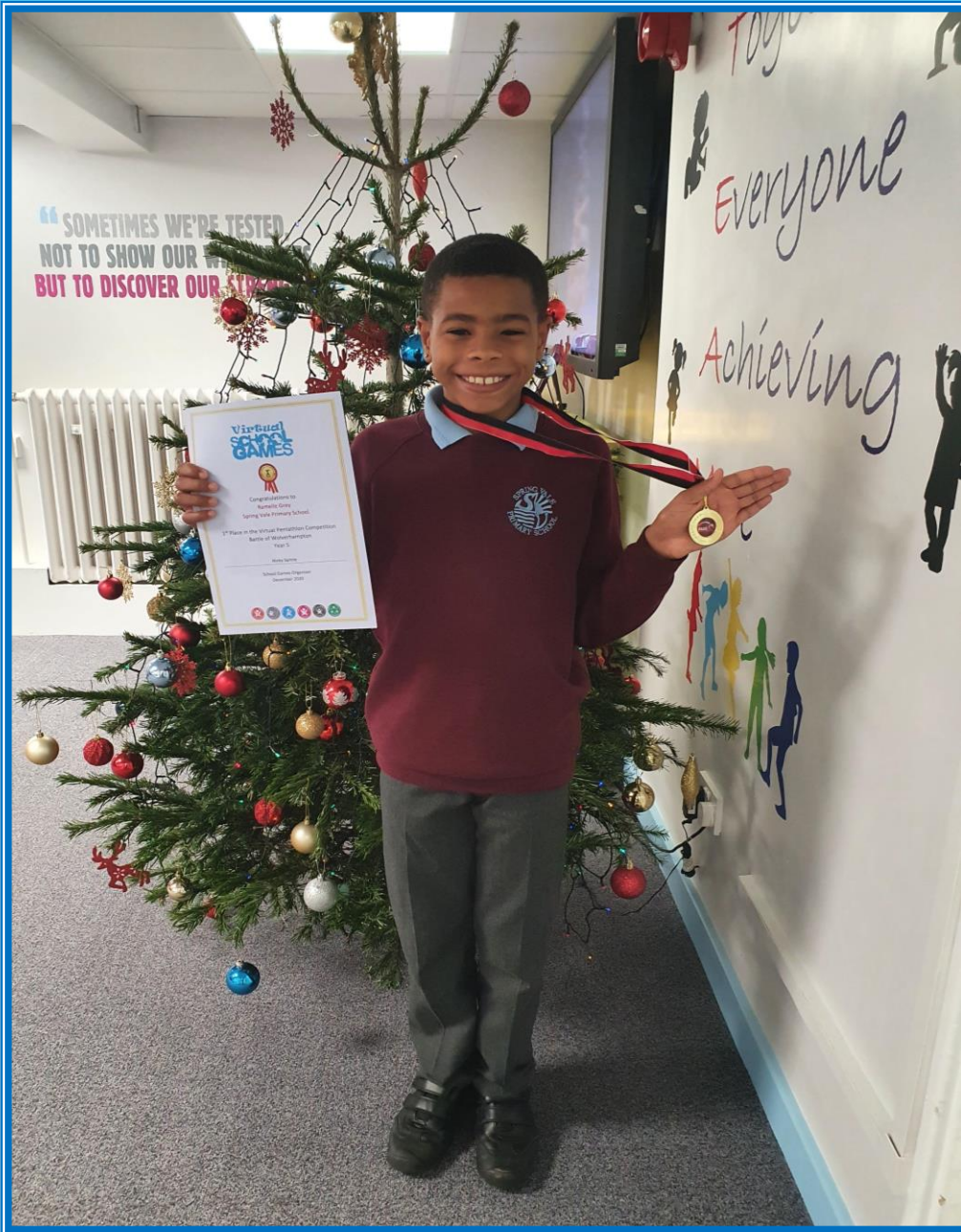
Online shop - Spring Milk



Now all that remains is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and I look forward to seeing all children return refreshed and ready for a new school term on Tuesday 5th January



AMAZING NEWS... RAMELLE IN Y6 CAME FIRST PLACE IN THE WHOLE OF THE BLACK COUNTRY FOR THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL'S ATHLETICS COMPETITION. A SUPERB ACHIEVEMENT — OUR VERY OWN USAIN BOLT!



WELL DONE RAMELLE!