



SPRING VALE PRIMARY



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVING MORE

READING BOOKS

Today is a special day, for the first time we are sending home reading books for children in Years 1 to 6. Home activity packs will follow next week for Nursery and Reception. The reading book is to be kept at home for one week and then returned to school by the following Friday when staff will issue a new book. All home readers are kept within year group bubbles. We have devised a quarantine system for when books are returned and before they are issued. Please refer to the text sent earlier this week for instant tips on how to hear your child read. We will adapt and amend this system over time. Reading remains at the very heart of our curriculum.

FUTURE OLYMPIANS/SPORTS STARS

If your child does a sporting activity outside of school, please email in a photograph of them in action. This could be playing organised sport or even a family jog. These photographs are printed out and your child will be displayed on our "Future Olympians" corridor display.

ATTENDANCE

In other amazing news, Magpie class have achieved 100% attendance this week. Our overall percentage for this week is 94.42%, way above the national average of 87%. We cannot thank you enough. This helps us to raise standards during these unusual circumstances. We are also very grateful to those parents who have kept us informed when their children are unable to attend school for very genuine reasons.

HARVEST

Mrs Vawer is working on a plan with Father Damian, one of our school Governors, about how we can still celebrate the harvest festival which marks the end of the growing season. Further details will follow when we have a final plan.

FACE MASKS

Many thanks to those of you who have worn a face covering at the starts and ends of the day whilst on the school site. I know many of you have apologised for forgetting, please don't worry, I'm sure in time it will become second nature. We have been asked to do this where possible by the Local Authority and Public Health Wolverhampton.

CENSUS DAY

This coming Thursday, 1st October, marks census day. This is the day in the year where funding is calculated for the whole of the financial year. One of the factors the Government look at is the number of children having a hot meal from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If your child usually has a packed lunch, this is not a problem at all. What we propose is that we will cook all children the lunch of pizza, wedges, sweetcorn with a cookie for dessert, for them to try if your child wishes to try it. By all means also send in their lunchbox as a back up. Please call the school if you have any questions regarding this.

★ Reading Newsletter September 2020 ★

At Spring Vale, reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we believe it is the foundation for life-long learning. Since the children returned, reading in school has continued as normal. However, due to current guidelines, we are making some changes to the way reading books are used at home. From Friday 25th September children will be bringing a 'home reader' home with them. Reception will start to issue 'home activity' packs for children to bring home from the following week. Homework will also resume this week.



We ask that this book is **kept at home for a week**. Then, returned the following Friday to be changed. **This will mean your child changes their reading book each Friday**. When books are returned, they will be placed in a 'Returned Books' box, where they will remain out of circulation for a week. This is to prevent books being sent from household to household.

We understand that for some of our children they will finish their book quite quickly. As parents, we ask that you support us in following this system. Instead, once you have listened to your child read the book, try the following ideas to support understanding:

