

Spring Vale Primary

Weekly News - 1st December 2023

Assembly Theme week commencing 4th December: Advent

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day is Save The Children's annual event which raises money for the children who need it most. You can find more information here: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help>



On Friday 8th December children can come to school wearing non-uniform (and a Christmas or festive jumper or top if they have one) in exchange for a small cash donation. You don't need a new jumper or top - upcycle an old one or get crafty (more tips here!). If you don't have one, any jumper or top will do - please do not go out and buy one.



PARENT SPORT ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Year 3 had the final parent engagement sessions today where parents were able to take part in PE lessons with their child. Thank you to all of the parents who attended and took part. Both adults and children had a fantastic time.



Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box is now open for children to send their cards to friends. Please ensure that the child's name and class are on the envelope. The last posting date will be 15th December.

TAX FREE CHILDCARE (BREAKFAST CLUB)

We are now a registered for tax free childcare for our breakfast club. You will find full information on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mddd559w>

Please let us know if you are paying for breakfast club this way and bear with us as we are new to this way of paying. Any payments made this way will go directly into the Local Authority bank account. On 1st of each month, school receive a reconciliation statement from the Local Authority so won't see your payments until then. We can match up the payments and put a manual credit on Schoolcomms. It will look like you are in debit until this credit can be put on. Once you let us know that you are paying this way, we can put a hold on any texts saying that you have an outstanding amount.



IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

- 🎄 Wednesday 20th December - Nursery children break up for Christmas at their usual times
- 🎄 Friday 22nd December - Reception to Year 6 break up for Christmas at 1 pm. You can collect your child any time between 1 pm and 1.30 pm. **Please make sure children are collected by 1.30 pm at the latest.** There will be no ACES after school childcare on this day.
- 🎄 Monday 8th January 2024 - School closed for staff training
- 🎄 Tuesday 9th January 2024 - Children return to school



"WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?"

We have a new feature on our school website - "What have we been up to?" This can be found at the bottom of the home page (<https://www.springvaleprimary.co.uk/>)

You can read each feature in full by clicking on the headings.



What have we been up to?



Year 1 Food chopping!
This week, as part of a DT lesson, Year 1 have been chopping...



Y6 Cross-stitch poppies!
As part of our History topic on World War 2 and to commemorate...



Recycle Rovers!
Wolverhampton recycling initiative Recycle Rovers were in school this...

CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2023

A list of our Christmas events can be found here: -

<https://www.springvaleprimary.co.uk/christmas-events-2023>

Letters have started to be sent out regarding individual Christmas events. Spare copies can be found in the carousel in the main office area.

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows. Polar explorer and environmentalist, Robert Swan, has been so concerned about the radical changes to Antarctica that he founded the 2041 Foundation, with the aim of ensuring the preservation of Antarctica through the promotion of recycling, renewable energy, and sustainability to combat the effects of climate change. The charity, 2041 School, encourages young people to learn more about the initiative.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about Antarctica. Is it a place you would like to visit? Why?
- > Do you believe individuals have a part to play in protecting places such as Antarctica or should world leaders do more?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments