



SPRING VALE PRIMARY

WEEKLY NEWS – 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER



## Bubble Closures

This week has seen the closure of our Reception bubble for the second time in a few weeks. We understand how frustrating this is for parents/carers but we have a duty to follow the advice from Public Health. Reception children can return to school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas jumper day). Our Christmas wish is that no children, particularly Reception, have further interruptions to their learning.

## 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. Communication with you remains vital so please call or email us if you ever need to speak to us.

## Text messaging from school to parents

This is our preferred method of communicating important messages to parents, especially in the current climate. It is imperative that we hold the correct mobile number so that messages can be delivered. Unfortunately, the text messaging service is only able to send to the parent/carer who is listed as priority 1. Please let the office know if you would like to change the priority order for your child.

## Christmas Carol Service Online

Miss Manning has been working extremely hard, as have the children, preparing our online carol service. I have had a sneaky preview and it is fantastic - well worth half an hour of your time! We just need a few staff readings before it can have the final edit and be uploaded onto the school website ready to premiere on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Jumper Day/Breakfast with Santa Special

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, children can come to school with a Christmas or festive jumper or top in place of their usual Spring Vale sweatshirt/cardigan. 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 will do.

On this day, the children will also have a special morning. From 9 am, when all children are in school, we will serve them with toast and a drink. We are also hoping for a socially distanced visit from Santa. All children will receive a gift from school and take



part in a competition to design a festive jumper with prizes for the winners. This year, the school will cover all costs for breakfast with Santa. Should children or families wish to make a small donation for Christmas jumper day, this will be collected for Save the Children.



The last date for sending Christmas cards in to class will be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. We will be able to send cards home with children on 15<sup>th</sup> December after they have been quarantined. **We have extended the deadline for Reception classes only - the last date for them to send in Christmas cards will be Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December and they will be able to bring them home at the end of that week.**

### Parking outside school

Please be considerate to residents when parking to drop off and collect children. I have had a number of complaints this week about residents' driveways being blocked etc. As the surrounding streets are quite narrow, any emergency services would struggle to get through. If I was collecting a child, I would park a further 200 metres from school where there is plenty of space and have a leisurely walk to collect my child.

### Christmas Lunch

The whole school Christmas lunch is on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Reply slips should have been returned to school by today (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December). Payment should be made online as we are limiting the amount of cash handling in the office. Mrs Wynne has sent registration codes by text message to parents who have not yet registered.

### End of term

Children break up for Christmas on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. They can be collected from their classrooms from 1 pm but must be collected by 3 pm at the latest. ACES after school childcare will not be open on this day.

### Flu Vaccines

Vaccination UK will be returning to school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December to carry out the vaccine for Reception and any other children who were absent when they were last here. The vaccine is given as a spray which is squirted up each nostril. There is no need for a new consent form to be completed. More information can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

**Please be assured that we would never allow a child to be vaccinated in school without parental consent.**

## Simspay Registration

We would encourage all parents to register on Simspay (our online payments system) as it is the easiest and safest way for any payments to be made to school. Invitation codes and registration instructions have been sent out to parents by text - please contact Mrs Wynne if you need a new invitation code or any help with registering.

## Milk Money

Milk money for the Spring Term can be paid for **online** from 13<sup>th</sup> December. Any child who is eligible for income based free school meals (not universal free school meals) does not need to pay for milk. Reception children who turn 5 years of age on or before 4<sup>th</sup> January will need to pay for milk unless you are eligible for income based free school meals. If you are unsure about if you need to pay for milk, please contact the office who will be happy to help you. As we are limiting the amount of cash being sent into school, milk will only be available to be paid for online.

### Percentage Attendance week ending: 27<sup>th</sup> November - 94.9%

Rec Badgers	100	Rec Foxes	93.1
Y1 Magpies	97.5	Y1 Robins	99.7
Y2 Beech	85.7	Y2 Willow	87.0
Y3	97.1	Y4	94.6
Y5	96.7	Y6	89.4

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## Virtual Tour of the School

This Sunday Senior Leaders will be in school with a company who will produce a virtual tour of our amazing school. If you are local, weather permitting, this will also involve a drone flying over the school premises. We will then be asking, via personal telephone call, some parents if we can allow their children to talk in this video. Once it has been professionally produced we will upload this onto our school website for all of you to see. This will replace our physical tours of the school which we hope one day will resume.