



SPRING VALE SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2022



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVING MORE



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

I was wondering today, "what is normal?" Those of us who work in a public sector organisation are used to change, and looking on at the current leadership contest, I anticipate more change. Politicians like to meddle, especially with the way Health or Education is delivered, they see it as a way of making their mark and in the meantime those of us working in the service just have to get on delivering the best service we can alongside, or sometimes, despite the changes that those that govern decide to make.

So, what is normal? Well after what we have been through the last couple of years it is difficult to remember. But normal for Spring Vale is easy to define when you give it some thought; it is all about delivering a high quality broad education to the young people of our community through a partnership of staff, pupils, parents, governors and the wider community. This has been shaped, not by the changing policies of people in Westminster who have never been to a place like Spring Vale, but through the efforts of everybody involved and a culture of constant improvement. This has been the case all the time I have been involved with the school. The school has always strived to provide a happy nurturing environment where the children can develop to the best of their potential taking forward what works well and learning from what hasn't worked and changing it to make it better. The school gets the basics right, we as Governors know that both from results that are reported to us and from what we observe. Reading is a strength providing a strong foundation for everything else. The school is well run and is a warm and friendly place to visit. But it isn't just the basics. As a school we try to give as many opportunities as possible for our pupils to try out new experiences, some of which will stay with them for life.

So, what is normal for Spring Vale? It is the highest quality education and a broad range of opportunities tailored to meet the needs of its pupils in a well-run, nurturing environment to provide a foundation and memories for the rest of their lives. Whatever changes and challenges come, be that a crisis like COVID, an expansion of the school or some bright idea from the mind of some politician totally remote from the life of Spring Vale, that normality will remain the same.

I have been a Governor at Spring Vale since my eldest daughter was in reception and not long after my youngest was born. Yesterday I watched my eldest graduate in Biomedical Science and shortly my youngest will be starting to train to become a teacher. It makes me proud, not only as a parent seeing their children do well, but also as a Governor of the school which helped get them to where they are now. I know that both of them will be happy to acknowledge the significant role that Spring Vale had in getting them to where they wanted to be, and we as a Governing Body are happy to know that there are so many others out there in the same position as them.

So, on behalf of everybody who has stepped through the doors as a parent or a child, Thank you Spring Vale.

Have a great summer

Matt West (Chair of Governors)



We will be saying our official goodbyes to Year 6 at their Leavers' Assembly on Thursday 21st July. Parents have been invited to attend at 9 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.

Subject	Spring Vale Primary EXS+	National EXS+
Reading	87%	74%
Maths	90%	71%
Writing	87%	69%
Grammar/punctuation/spelling	83%	72%
Reading/Writing/Maths	83%	59%
Science	93%	79%

This year 6 cohort have been outstanding. You will see from the table above that their achievements are amazing but more importantly, they have really enjoyed being part of the Spring Vale family. We will never forget them.



IMPORTANT REMINDER:-

Children break up on Thursday 21st 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 15th July at normal times.

Staff News

We will be welcoming Miss Heywood-Cross (Year 1 teacher), Miss Patel (Year 4 teacher), Miss Summers (Year 5 teacher) and Miss Ratcliffe, Ms Kaur and Mrs Kairo (Lunchtime Supervisors) to the Spring Vale team in September.

We will also be bidding farewell to Miss West, Miss Wright (Lunchtime Supervisors) and Miss Banks (Dance/gym teacher) at the end of this academic year. We wish them the best of luck in the future.





Back to School September 2022

You should have received a 2022/23 academic year planner with your child's report. Children in Years 1 - 6 return to school on Wednesday 7th September. Existing Nursery children (who will remain to Nursery) on 12th 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**

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 will be insisting on a maroon hoodie or jumper 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. Alternatively, school colours can be sourced from a number of different supermarkets and shops. **Children will not be allowed to wear random PE kit to school after this academic year.**



PRE LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM

If any families would like to donate any pre-loved uniform to school, we will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale at different points during next academic year. If as a family you are struggling with uniform or PE kit, please let us know at school and we will do our best to help you.

School Dinners

Why not try our school dinners for a term? Dinner money in September 2022 will remain at £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. We are not increasing the cost for school dinners this year even though the price of raw materials has increased significantly. Our aim is not to pass on any of these costs to our families. However, we will need to review this as we progress through the academic year.



A full program of after school clubs will be sent out on our return to school in September.

Tips for keeping children safe online

Recently, Year 5 and 6 have had some training from a visitor about how they can stay safe online. Next academic year, we will be holding some parent sessions as well as updates for staff. Look out for these details when we return for the new academic year. In the meantime here are some tips to keep children safe over the holiday:-

- **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 that almost felt normal! This summer will mark the conclusion of two sporting events. As a family, we have become obsessed with the Lionesses and their progress in Euro 22. I think it is fantastic how the profile of women's and girls' sports has increased recently. Perhaps the Lionesses will become the first team in my lifetime to actually win something.



The other huge sporting event and one that I hope many of our families will watch live or on the television is the Commonwealth Games that is coming to Birmingham. 5,054 athletes will take part in the games from 72 nations across 283 competitions in 20 different sports. Of these 5,054 athletes only 283 will win gold medals. They will be crowned the best of the best.

We want our children to aspire to be the best of the best, to be gold medallists in everything they do. This week I have been watching children during lessons, at playtimes and looking through their books. Our children are incredible. Their progress and behaviour for learning is second to none. My hope is they continue with this through the rest of their education and beyond into the world of work. The future of Wolverhampton is in very strong hands.

Our children only achieve and make progress through our special partnership between school and home. It has been so lovely this academic year to welcome many of you back for well done assemblies, sports days, sports competitions, music concerts and parents evenings. We hope that this increases further from September.

Finally, attendance of children from September will be particularly important with a new Government focus on ensuring children attend and are punctual. It is your responsibility as parents to make sure children can attend every day they are well enough and come to school on time. From September, we will also be pushing for all children to have correct uniform and PE kit in our lovely school colours.

I hope you have the most brilliant summer and that children come back refreshed and reinvigorated to face the academic year 2022/2023.

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NHS
COVID-19
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First and second doses of the COVID-19
Pfizer vaccinations **for children**
aged **5 to 11 years** old available
@ **The Mander Centre**, Upper Mall, Central Arcade

Monday to Friday between 3pm and 4.30pm
Saturdays from 9am to 5.30pm
Sundays from 10.30am to 4.30pm

Walk-in or book online at
www.nhs.net or by calling **119**

Please note, 5 to 11 year olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. People who have recently had a positive Covid-19 test must wait 12 weeks before having the vaccination.



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6 WEEK COURSE
25th July - 2nd September 2022

Day times:
Monday & Wednesday: Friday 12pm - 3pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 10am - 1pm

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