

Spring Bank Primary School

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Friday 8th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school year and welcome to all the new families who have joined our school community! This is the first Friday newsletter of the year. All the newsletters are also uploaded to the website each week if you ever want to refer back to any.

Communication with parents

The staff have worked very hard getting their classrooms and the academic year organised. Our Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday 15th September at 3:40pm and 5:00pm will enable you to meet your child's new teacher to find out all about the year ahead for your child including all the trips and visits which are due to take place, so please do try to attend. At the bottom of this letter are all the diary dates known so far for this term and these will be added to each week. Furthermore, the calendar on the school website contains all the dates for the school year and is added to each time a new event is booked <https://www.springbankprimary.org/calendar/?calid=3&pid=3&viewid=2> Staff will continue to use Parentmail to update parents about their classes. If you have any problems using the Parentmail app, please come in and see Miss Young our office assistant who will be only too happy to help you.

Staffing

Our new teachers Ms Birk-Telford (Rec), Miss Edmondson (Y2) and Miss Casey (Y4) have had a great week getting to know their new classes. Noor Ihmed has returned to Spring Bank as a lunchtime assistant this week and all the children were delighted to see her again! We currently have another vacancy for a lunchtime assistant and the details can be found here <https://www.springbankprimary.org/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=72> if you know someone who would like to apply.

New Behaviour System

This week we introduced a new behaviour system to the children using clasdojo. Dojo points are awarded to children for following our new school rules which are as follows:

1. We are respectful to each other and our school.
2. We are kind to each other.
3. We try hard for each other

The children collect their dojo points and when they reach a certain total they are rewarded on a Friday. The school worked closely with the children to decide the rewards and the rewards chosen were:

Dojo Points	Reward
20	Special Sticker
50	Special Certificate and a text message home
75	Special Badge
100	Juice and biscuits with the Headteacher and a text message home

The staff give children warnings if they make wrong choices using a traffic light system kept on their desk and if a child moves onto red, they then miss 15 minutes of their playtime or lunchtime to reflect on their behaviour with an adult. Each class also collects points linked to our new school values of being respectful, honest, curious and resilient. When they collect 30, the whole class receives a whole class reward. The children have responded well to the new system and are looking forward to collecting the prizes they have chosen!

Good Work Assembly

Today was our first Good Work Assembly. The following children received a certificate: Whole class (Y1), Nadia and Malika (Y2), Anum and Ziah (Y3), Kier and Ettie (Y4), Jacob and Nethuli (Y5) and Hassan and Ayda (Y6). Well done to all our superstars!

Clubs/Musical Instrument Lessons

Clubs will be restarting over the next couple of weeks. We have a new club drama club which will start on Monday 18th September and has already proven to be very popular. If your child had musical instrument lessons last year and no longer wants to continue, please could you return the instrument to school so that another child can take their place. Our music lead, Mrs Prattent is currently on maternity leave so if parents could contact me with any questions about music lessons in school and I will find out the answer for you!

Attendance

Having good attendance is essential to achieving success in school. Year 2 had the best attendance this week and are rewarded by getting to keep Attendance Ted for the week in their classroom. Well done Year 2! If a child is off school due to illness or another reason, please make contact with school every day, either by leaving a message on the school answer phone selecting the option to report an absence or by sending a message through the attendance reporting section on the Parentmail app.

I would like to end the newsletter by wishing everyone a happy sunny weekend! Please do not hesitate to contact me at a.houldsworth@springbankprimary.org if you have any questions or queries.

Amy Houldsworth

Acting Head of School

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Training Days for this year

Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 6th November 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Dates for this term

Tuesday 19th September Meet the Teacher 3:40pm and 5:00pm

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October Parents' Evenings

Monday 2nd October Reading Meeting for Reception Parents 6pm

Thursday 12th October Young Shakespeare Company Years 5 & 6 PM

Monday 16th October – Thursday 19th October Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 27th October End of Autumn Term 1

Tuesday 7th November Autumn Term 2 starts

Tuesday 7th November Open Morning for prospective Reception parents

Tuesday 14th November School Photographs

Wednesday 15th November Open Evening for prospective Reception parents 6pm

Thursday 30th November and Friday 1st December D-Side Internet Safety

Tuesday 19th December Years 1-6 Christmas Performance 2:15pm

Wednesday 20th December Reception Nativity 9:15am

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Friday 22nd December Autumn Term ends