



SPRING VALE PRIMARY

WEEKLY NEWS — 9TH NOVEMBER



YEAR 1 RETURN

It was lovely to see Year 1 children and staff return to school this week - we have really missed them. They slotted back in to school life as if they had never been away. Many of them returned the extra work that the teachers had set for Monday and Tuesday and I have enjoyed looking at this. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

EMAIL REMINDER

If any families have covid symptoms and need to be tested, please email the school immediately:

springvaleprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

We will also need you to email the test results as soon as you have them.

Also, emailing remains our preferred method of communication if you need to speak to any member of staff. Yesterday we entered lockdown for the second time and therefore we can no longer speak at length or even briefly to parents at the start and ends of the day. However, communication with you remains vital so please call or email us if you ever need to speak to us.

PARENTS EVENINGS

On Wednesday night we held a meeting of junior staff to talk about how we can most effectively hold parents evenings without face to face contact. Having spoken to a number of local schools and explored a number of options, we have decided on a telephone conversation. This week you should have received a letter containing more details. Once your slot is booked can I ask you to please try and answer the call from the teacher. Be aware that the school number often comes up as a withheld contact. If you miss the call due to unforeseen circumstances, please do not worry, just get back in touch with us and we will try to arrange a mutually convenient time.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Due to the changes in restrictions for this period of lockdown, we are unable to offer after school clubs in the current climate. As soon as we have confirmation that these can start, letters are ready to go. Miss Kelbie and Mr Smith are desperate to start these up as soon as it is safe to do so.

REMEMBRANCE

Next Wednesday will be remembrance day in school and around the country. At 11 am the school will fall silent for 2 minutes as a mark of respect to those who have served and continue to serve for our country. Please see today's text for prices of poppy goods that are being sold in mini shops within each classroom.





BONFIRE NIGHT

This week Mr Blunt and Miss Manning have spoken to all of the children — in school about the history of bonfire night and how wonderful it is. We have also covered the dangers of bonfires and particularly fireworks. If you are having your own displays at home, please stay safe and follow the firework code (the children will make sure that you are!):-

Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used (and remember, alcohol and fireworks don't mix!). Children and young people should be supervised, and watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance. Follow these top 10 tips for a safer fireworks party:

- ⊗ ***Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and check the time you can legally set off fireworks***
- ⊗ ***Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time***
- ⊗ ***Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary***
- ⊗ ***Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back***
- ⊗ ***Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks***
- ⊗ ***Never return to a firework once it has been lit***
- ⊗ ***Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them***
- ⊗ ***Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators***
- ⊗ ***Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire***
- ⊗ ***Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.***

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We have extended the School Council Election poster date to Monday 16th November and elections will now take place on 19th November. Full details were on last weeks newsletter. We look forward to the entries coming in. If children need any coloured paper or special materials, please get them to ask their teacher who will be more than happy to supply them.



FACE COVERINGS

Since we have returned from half term, I have asked all staff to wear a face covering when welcoming the children each morning and dismissing them in the afternoon. This will also apply to any urgent visitors such as engineers (if the heating fails). The staff, like myself, understand the importance of this. However, it often means you are unable to see us smiling. Please help us by remembering, if you are able to, to wear a face mask. I have been asked by the Local Authority and Public Health to push this message. They have even provided us with the worlds smallest sign which is attached to the front gate! This is a partnership, it is not our place to challenge or insist on this but we are grateful that the vast majority of you, again where possible, are doing this.

The short one way system around the back of the building in order to get to Year 1 (by the pond and forest area) will be removed this week. This is because I am slightly worried that someone may slip or trip on the wet uneven grass. If you feel more comfortable continuing to use this route, that is entirely up to you. However, this remains the narrowest path we have in school and requires you to keep your distance from others.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 13th November. Unfortunately, this year, we are unable to allow younger siblings to be brought in to school to have their photo taken. **All child will have an individual photograph taken only - we are unable to have family group photographs due to mixing bubbles.** As in previous years, there is no obligation to buy the photographs. Please make sure children are smartly dressed in school uniform. Afternoon nursery children will have their photographs taken during their afternoon session.

Percentage Attendance week ending: 23rd October - 98.2%

AM Nursery	90.1	PM Nursery	80
Rec Badgers	97.9	Rec Foxes	98.6
Y1 Magpies	99.9	Y1 Robins	98.2
Y2 Beech	94.3	Y2 Willow	97.3
Y3	99.3	Y4	99.3
Y5	99.3	Y6	98.3

COATS FOR KIDS

Father Damian, one of our school Governors, is working with St Martin's church to promote the "Coats for kids" which is a local charity who accept donations of coats to pass on to families who need extra support. You can drop off coats at St Martin's church, Dixon Street, Parkfields this Sunday, 8th November at 11 am. For more information regarding donating or accessing the donations, contact details are below:-



COATS FOR KIDS



Does your Child need a Coat for the Winter Season?

We are a **FREE service, collecting donations of new and second hand coats to pass to children who need them.** We accept donations of all children's coats, any age, as long as they are in usable condition. We then pass them onto children and their families who need extra support during the winter season. It's a completely free service and gives children something new and warm.

There is no reason a child should ever be cold. With local drop off and donation points, it is easy as dropping them off. We will do the rest. To find your local drop off point or to request a coat, find us on Facebook and send us a message or

Email Lizzie or Gillian in Wolverhampton at
coatsforkidswolves@outlook.com



Facebook Page – Coats for Kids