



Spring Vale Primary School

Christmas Newsletter - December 2018



A Christmas Thank You

At the end of another very busy year at Spring Vale, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and generosity you have given us during this term.

2018 has been another successful year in Spring Vale school history. Every child in the school participated in some form of Christmas celebration including our first ever Year 6 Christmas enterprise, this showed the togetherness and teamwork that is ingrained in the ethos at Spring Vale. This school is much more than just a celebration of academic achievement. It is important to note though, that academically and pastorally the staff and pupils are extremely proud of this year's achievements that have included:-

- Another year of outstanding academic achievement, both in terms of the levels children reached and the progress they made through school with some of our results putting us in the top 10% of schools nationally and top ten schools in Wolverhampton
- Spring Vale Primary School continues to support other Wolverhampton schools in school improvement through the Local Authority and Governing Bodies
- Huge support from parents - high attendances at Parents evenings and celebration assemblies, sporting events, support during fundraising and charitable events
- The behaviour, attitude and kindness of the children



The football this season has started brilliantly - the team is unbeaten having won five out of five matches.



In July 2018, a successful Ofsted visit culminated in a report we should all be proud of.



New classrooms, kitchen, toilets and intervention spaces have been built.

Christmas Fundraising



Thank you to everyone who supported us with fundraising this term. We raised:



£355 Christmas Raffle



£179.41 Save the Children from our Christmas Jumper Day



£222.63 Children in Need



Over £250 for various charities from Y6 enterprise



And now getting ready for January 2019:-

Parking Outside School

Just a reminder for parents to park considerately outside school and to leave enough room for parents with prams/pushchairs to get by. No parking is allowed at any time on the yellow zigzags or in the D shaped no parking zone opposite the school gate. The Police and the Local Authority have supported us this term with inconsiderate parking. This initiative will continue into the New Year.

Can I also remind parents that we expect the same level of behaviour from adults as we would do of any children in school. This includes adults

approaching children, and adults discussing with other adults any school related issues of a sensitive nature.

Important Dates

Parents please note that **Year 6 SATs** testing will take place from:-

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May 2019

Please do not take your child on holiday during this week or in the weeks leading up to the tests.



Holiday Dates 2019

Please try to ensure that holidays are booked during school holiday times and **not during term time**.

BACK TO SCHOOL:

The new term begins for children on Tuesday 8th January at 8.45 am (Doors open at 8.30 am)

Spring Term 2019

Tuesday 8th January - Friday 12th April

Staff Training Day: Monday 7th January

Half Term: 18th - 22nd February

Easter Holiday: Mon 15th April - Fri 26th April

Summer Term 2019

Monday 29th April - Friday 19th July

Half Term 27th May - 31st May

Staff Training Days: Friday 3rd May

Elections: Thursday 2nd May

May Day: Monday, 6th May

Uniform

Please remember that children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school, other than a watch and stud earrings. Nail varnish is not allowed in school.

If you are buying new shoes over the holiday period can I please remind you that shoes with high heels are not allowed and only flat black shoes are allowed to be worn with trousers.

Don't forget to name items of clothing.

Extreme hairstyles are not allowed in school - this would include brightly coloured hair,

spikes, Mohicans or patterns shaved into the hair.

PE Kits - Soccer 2000 PE lessons are outdoor lessons. Therefore, children need a tracksuit in school to wear for these lessons. Outdoor PE for Years 1 and 2 is Wednesday, Years 3,4,5,6 is a Thursday.

PE lessons with Miss Kelbie will be indoors. Children need to wear school PE top (this is part of school uniform), black shorts and black pumps. Indoor PE kit can be left in school for a half term. All uniform can be purchased from Ron Flowers Sports, Queen Street, Wolverhampton - full details on our website.

Soccer 2000/School Clubs

As already notified, we are unable to offer Soccer 2000 after school club for the first half term at least due to the hall extension. We may be unable to do our other after school clubs too but will reassess this once we know what the state of the hall is.

Wolverhampton Primary Expansion Project

The builders have worked extremely hard in challenging conditions to ensure the main block is watertight for Christmas. Bricklayers have been on site and external walls are starting to appear. In the New Year, one of the walls in our existing hall will come down to provide access to the new dance studio which is being built.

Now all that remains is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and I look forward to seeing all children return refreshed and ready for a new school term on Tuesday 8th January 2019, hopefully with news of Mrs Dudley and her new arrival!

