



Spring Vale Primary School

Christmas Newsletter - December 2017



A Christmas Thank You

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

2017 has been another successful year in Spring Vale school history. Every child in the school participated in some form of Christmas celebration, 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 which 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
- 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

- Children represented the school in gymnastics, dance, athletics, cross country with the help of Miss Kelbie
- Football this season has started brilliantly - the teams are unbeaten having won five out of five of their matches. Even the Wolves look like they are going to be top at Christmas!

Christmas Fayre and Fundraising



- Thank you to everyone who supported and helped us at the Christmas Fayre, which was very well attended. We raised approximately £1,813.77
- We raised a total amount of £75.57 for Children in Need in November.



And now getting ready for January 2018:-

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 14th - Thursday 17th May 2018

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



Holiday Dates 2018

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 Wednesday 3rd January at 8.45 am (Doors open at 8.30 am)

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd January - Thursday 29th March

Staff Training Day: Tuesday 2nd January

Half Term: 19th - 23rd February

Easter Holiday: Fri 30th March - Fri 13th April

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th April - Friday 20th July

Half Term 28th May - 1st June

Staff Training Days: Monday 16th April

Friday 4th May

Elections: Thursday 3rd May

May Day: Monday, 7th 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 Lessons

Soccer 2000 PE lessons, which are game based (football, tennis, hockey etc), take place outside. Can you please ensure all children have a suitable outdoor PE kit which can be kept in school, ie a tracksuit or hooded top and long trousers. On rare occasions, children may be forced to do indoor Soccer 2000 lessons when it is icy or extremely wet. At any other time they will take place outside.

Wolverhampton Primary Expansion Project

In late November, the Council and Local Authority passed the expansion of three Wolverhampton Primary Schools, one being Spring Vale. This will be one of the biggest challenges the school has faced in its near 60 year history. It is an extremely exciting time and one which gives us the opportunity to raise standards further. We hope that plans will be available for parents and staff to look at when we return in January.

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 Wednesday 3rd January 2018

