



Spring Grove Primary School

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Parents Newsletter 10

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. Yesterday was **World Book Day** and the children looked fantastic in their special outfits. Thank you for your support with this and to those parents who came to read to the children. It is a good time to read and be read to at home as books are very high profile in the children's minds at present. **Reading every day** is essential for all children whatever their age and stage of reading confidence. Please share books and your love of reading as this is a powerful motivator for your children.

A big thank you to the **Year 2 parents** who very kindly cooked some delicious home-made food for the children to taste as part of their humanities work. The children and teachers had a wonderful experience and want me to pass on their thanks.

Parents evenings are to take place soon. Please see the letter which is coming out shortly about dates and times and how to make your appointment via the school texting service. Parents evenings will take place on Monday 20th (4-5.50pm) and Tuesday 21st March (5-7.50pm) and we look forward to seeing you there. Please make sure you have given us **contact details** of any parents who would also like to receive newsletters and reports who do not live at the same address as your children.

We are delighted to share the link to a new app with you : <http://po.st/FoodSmartS> which contains useful information about **healthy choices and food options**.

I am sure you will be aware that **large cuts to the education budget** are threatened in the coming months and years in England. Our local MPs are gathering opinions and feedback about this to enable them to speak with confidence in Parliament about the affects this will have on our children. We have copied a letter from Ruth Cadbury onto the back of this newsletter. Please read it and consider making a response. Our views are being listened to and it is important that we speak out against the proposed cuts.

Red Nose Day approaches and we are planning some fun events in school alongside School Council. It will take place on Friday 24th March. Children will be invited to wear a red nose and something unusual on that day in exchange for £1 which will be donated to this worthy charity. More information will follow. Red Noses are available in school.

After the Easter break we are going to start **to email these newsletters to parents**. Please make sure we have an email address for you. If you do not have an email address, we will still have hard copies of the letters available on the reception desk and in the noticeboard cabinets in the playground.

Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear parent and carers,

I met with Headteachers and Chairs of Governors from schools across the borough at the end of February, together with my colleague Seema Malhotra MP. Heads and governors are extremely concerned about the potential impact of the Government's future funding proposals for schools with the new National Funding Formula.

These new cuts will come on top of those that schools are already having to make this year to cope with a combination of frozen budgets and increased costs such as; the new curriculum materials, new charges, the new apprenticeship levy and pension commitments.

Should the Government decide to proceed with the future funding formula, there will be even harsher cuts in years to come because they plan to spread funding differently across the country whilst cutting the overall national spending amount per pupil by 8%.

We could stop this happening, with your help. The Government consultation period closes on the 22nd March and I urge you to give your opinion on the link below.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>

I am also writing to the Secretary of State for Education, Justine Greening MP, to ask her to reconsider the Government's plans for the future funding changes. If you would like to add your name to this letter, a link can be found [here \(http://ruthcadburymp.co.uk/content/support-my-letter-government-education-cuts\)](http://ruthcadburymp.co.uk/content/support-my-letter-government-education-cuts).

I would also appreciate hearing your views on local education, please click [here \(http://ruthcadburymp.co.uk/content/what-do-you-think-about-local-education\)](http://ruthcadburymp.co.uk/content/what-do-you-think-about-local-education).

With best wishes

Ruth Cadbury MP