



Spring Grove Primary School

Headteacher: Ms Maureen Buckby



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Dear Parents,

I would like to say **a huge thank you and well done** to our wonderful pupils and to the staff for an incredibly hard working and productive term. Everyone deserves a well earned rest over the spring break. Many thanks also for the support you give from home to the school; it makes a positive difference and we appreciate it.

The **term ends this Friday, 31st March, at 1.30pm**. Please note there will be no Extended Day Care on Friday afternoon. School will re-open on Tuesday 18th April at the usual time.

As we have mentioned before, a new **charge for clubs** is going to be introduced after the Easter break. The approximate cost per session will be £2.50. We will give all details in letters that are linked to each club, as this may vary. We will let you know how many sessions there are each term and ask for one payment via ParentPay. If your family is entitled to Free School Meals, please let us know as there will be no cost to your children for these clubs. If you are unsure about whether your family is entitled to free school meals, we have a simple check we can run for you on the school based computer system. Please pop into school and Mrs Simon will be happy to help you run this check, in complete confidence.

We are constantly assessing the safety of our school site to enable us to **safeguard your children**. After the holiday, we will be locking the main pedestrian gates earlier than usual at 9.05am each morning. If you are running late for any reason and arrive at school after this time, you will need to buzz the office from the main gate in Star Road and enter with your children via the staff driveway. The gate from Thornbury Road will also be locked at this earlier time. Also, on the subject of safeguarding children, we will be running a parents' session in the summer term led by the NSPCC as part of their PANTS campaign about helping all children to know how to keep themselves safe. The NSPCC will then run some assemblies and workshops for the children too, at an age appropriate level.

Next term will see our **Year 2 and Year 6 pupils** taking their end of key stage SATs. Year 2 pupils will complete some test papers over a number of days and weeks, alongside a rigorous teacher assessment process. Year 6 children will take papers during the week beginning 8th May, alongside all pupils of their age across the country. Please ensure your children sleep and eat well during this busy time and that they do not miss any days of schooling. The results of the SATs will appear on children's end of year school reports. Year 1 pupils and some year 2 pupils will complete the National Phonics screening assessment during June, again the results of this screening will appear on the end of year reports. Children and staff have been working hard all year and there is no need to become stressed about this time in school. We always ask the children to do their best and I am sure that they will all do just that.

I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday and trust that you will enjoy the extra time with your children over the next two weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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