



Spring Grove Primary School

29th September 2017

Parents Newsletter 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome and well done to our new **Nursery and Reception** children and their families. The children have settled well and are a wonderful addition to the life of the school. Well done also to our **Year 5 children** who have been on a **residential school journey to Sayers Croft** in Surrey this week. They have been challenged with a range of exciting activities and have put their energy and enthusiasm into everything to the best of their ability. We are very proud of them and my thanks also go to the six members of staff who went along too and took such good care of the children whilst they were away.

Secondary school choices are upon us again for the current Year 6 children and their families. Please check the open evening times and attend as many as you can with your children to help you make a good choice. If you wish to talk your choices through with us, please call or email to make an appointment.

Accompanying this letter is a flier showing some **desks, tables and chairs that we are selling off**. We are giving parents of the school first choice to buy any items on the flier before we place them for sale to the general public. If you wish to purchase any of the furniture please pop into the hall and have a look at it and then leave your name and details in the school office letting us know what you would like to purchase. We will be asking for the items to be paid for and collected by Wednesday of next week.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make last week's **Afternoon Tea Party and Cake Sale** a great success. The cakes that you made and donated were wonderful and a great time was had by all. **Thanks to the FOSGS (Friends of Spring Grove School) Committee**, parents and staff who worked hard to put the event together. All money raised by FOSGS events this year will go towards equipment for the children to enjoy in school. The table tennis tables have been a huge hit with the children. The next events coming along will be: **A Family Diwali Disco on Friday 13th October at 6pm** and **A Family Quiz Night on Friday 1st December at 6pm**. These events promise to be a huge success and tickets will sell out quickly. More details will follow in a FOSGS newsletter. **A Ladies' Fashion Show** and an **Adult Quiz Night** are just two of the other events being planned for 2018. Please support the work of FOSGS by joining the Committee or just coming along to join in and enjoy the community spirit and fun. Drop a note into the school office or send an email if you would like us to pass on your name to the FOSGS Committee to help with future events. Thanks, in advance, for your offers of help.

Thank you for your attention to the food choices for your children's **morning snack** in years 1-6. Keeping this to one piece of fruit, veg, cheese or a small cereal bar is helping us to keep to our healthy school policy and is ensuring the children are eating well at lunchtimes.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do not need to bring a **rucksack** into school. We have very limited space to hang the children's belongings. Children should bring in their book bag each day and keep their PE kit in school all week. Please do not put water bottles inside the book bags as accidents

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may happen; these should be carried separately. If children in the juniors feel that they need to bring a bag to school for homework, packed lunch etc, please limit these to **small** rucksacks only. Again, it is a matter of us not having enough space to hang these on the coat pegs. Bags are not allowed in the classrooms due to lack of space. Thank you for supporting us with this.

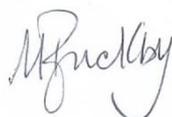
As you know, we ask that children **wear shoes for school and not trainers**. If you wish your child to wear boots to school in the colder weather, we ask that your child changes into a pair of **softer shoes for use inside school** please. Ugg boots are not allowed as they are not practical in school.

If your junior aged children **walk to and from school alone**, please ensure we have the details of the days on which they do this so that we can keep a careful eye on their arrival and departure.

Before and after school clubs will be starting over the next two weeks. These will include: Football, Gardening, Choir, Art, Time to Talk, Gymnastics, Multi Sport, High 5, Basketball, Tennis and Start the Day with a Stretch. The clubs will be open to different ages of children from years 1 to 6. Clubs will cost £2.50 per session unless you are entitled to Free School Meals when they will be free of charge. If outside providers host the club, the cost may be a little more as this is out of the school's control. Separate letters will come to your child's year group with details of what is on offer from the staff who are running the clubs. Numbers will be limited and we will keep a waiting list of children who are not successful in the first term.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 5 and Reception meetings. As we always say, when home and school work closely together, the children's chances of success are much greater. Thanks to all of you for your continued support. Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Buckby'.

Ms M.Buckby