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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter back after the February half-term break. It is hard to believe we are already at the midpoint of the school year! As we head into the next term, we want to thank all our families for their continued support throughout what has been a very busy and productive few weeks.

Staffing Updates

We want to express our sincere thanks to both Sam Rhodes and Morgan O'Neill who left us at the end of last term. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment and hard work during their time at Spring Bank. They will be greatly missed by the entire school community, especially by the children they worked so closely with. We wish them both the very best of luck in their future endeavours.

This half term:

- Mrs Wilton will be working in the Early Years Hub alongside Mrs. Jowsey and Jenny Miller while we continue our recruitment for a new Nursery Lead.
- Mr Armstrong, who is currently working alongside Mrs. Baruah, will be increasing his days to support with PPA cover.

Mrs Houldsworth and Meena will continue their absence into this half-term. We continue to send them our very best wishes and support.

Smartphone Free Childhoods

As mentioned previously, a group of our families have joined a project to support others in navigating the digital world. **'Smartphone Free Childhood'** is a national movement helping families and young people understand how to safely manage the technology at their fingertips.

We have scheduled KS2 assemblies to discuss this with the pupils, and you will soon see posters around the school regarding the project. If you are interested in finding out more or joining like-minded families, please follow the link below: [👉 Join the WhatsApp Group](#)

Literature Week

Literature Week has been fantastic and all the children have taken part in lots of exciting activities! EYFS and KS1 thoroughly enjoyed their Once Upon a Time workshops with the British Library and Y5 and Y6 took part in a brilliant Write Like a Poet workshop. Y3 were lucky enough to work with local poet and friend of Spring Bank, James Nash, and were absolutely wonderful in their performance assembly this morning! Y6 Reading Champions read stories to EYFS in their Story Stay and Play session and organised a brilliant Book Swap. Author James Nicol has been in school today to do an exciting Creature Creation

workshop in Y2, an Odd Objects workshop in Y4 and a whole school assembly to round off an amazing week! Every child has had the opportunity to take part in at least one workshop and has also had two writer experiences.

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already paid the £5 contribution - if you haven't yet, please could you do so ASAP (via Arbor, under Literature Week). Thank you very much for your support.

Treasure Island performance

Last week we had a visit from M&M theatrical productions who performed Treasure Island. This is the third production they have performed for us, and as ever the children thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Year 5 and 6 also had a workshop with the cast where they learnt about all the behind the scenes work that goes into putting on a production.



PTA & Forest School Project

A huge thank you to the PTA and everyone who attended last week's meeting to discuss our Forest School plans. We are excited to get started, but we need your help with **Phase 1: Clearing the area.**

-  **Volunteer Day: 21st March** – We'd love to have as many helpers as possible to get the site ready. Please sign up here: [Volunteer Sign-up Form](#)
-  **Donations:** If you are able to financially support the project, please use our secure donation link: [Donate via Stripe](#)

Attendance & Punctuality

We would like to thank all our parents and carers for your ongoing support and commitment to school attendance. Improving attendance is currently a national priority, and we appreciate your efforts in ensuring your children are in school and ready to learn by 9:00 AM.

If you feel you need any support regarding attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Attendance Matters

100%	0 days missed
99%	1 day missed is 5 lessons
98%	3 days missed is 15 lessons
97%	1 week missed is 25 lessons
94%	2 weeks missed is 50 lessons
92%	3 weeks missed is 75 lessons
90%	3.5 weeks missed is 90 lessons

Social Media

Don't forget to follow our **Spring Bank Primary Facebook page** to see updates on what the children have been up to in class! [Spring Bank Primary Facebook Page](#)

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Warm regards,

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