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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a restful and fun half term break and we look forward to working with you to support the children and young people making great progress in their learning over the next half term.

Below are some events taking place over this half term to which I would like to draw your attention:

### November

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - INSET DAY – both academies closed to pupils
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Children in Need, 'Pudsey Pyjama Party' fundraising event. We invite all pupils to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and pay a £1 donation for the privilege. Should you not wish to take part, it is expected that school uniform is worn.

We look forward to a successful and fun day of fundraising. Please visit our blog to see pictures of the day. <http://springwell.primaryblogger.co.uk/>

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 – as part of Kindness Week the Alternative Academy are holding a Kindness Café in the **Community Shop, Lindhurst Road, Athersley North, S71 3DQ** at 10.00 am – 12.00. Tea and coffee will be available for 30p, there will be free biscuits and a chance to drop in and chat or get advice from Kerry Ann Beet (Pastoral Support Manager), Vicky Fieldhouse (Parent Support Advisor), Philippa Penman (Executive Assistant Principal). We hope to see you there.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 – Year 11 leavers from last year – Celebration of Achievement assembly
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – school photographer in the special academy

### December

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Dinner (Special Academy)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Family Learning Day – all parents and carers will have an appointment with their child's teaching staff to discuss progress and target

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setting. N.B. the usual timetable is suspended for this day so that meetings can take place. A member of staff will be in touch with each family to book an appointment nearer the time. All appointments for all settings will take place at Springwell main site. There will also be an opportunity at Family Learning Day to speak to a member of the pastoral team, or a representative from a range of services who will be in attendance on that day, including: SENDIASS, Drug and Alcohol Service, Youth Service, Northern College, Barnsley Libraries, TADS, Schoolastic.

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – Springwell Special Academy Christmas Concert – more details will be sent out nearer the time.
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – both academies break up for the Christmas holidays at 12.45pm.

## January

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - both academies will re-open to pupils.

## General information:

**New: Inclement weather procedures** – In the event of adverse weather conditions which necessitate school closure, parents and carers will be notified by school comms. Please can you ensure that school has an up to date mobile phone number so that you can receive a text. Please also check the school website ([www.springwelllearningcommunity.co.uk](http://www.springwelllearningcommunity.co.uk)), the school twitter account ([twitter.com/springwellLC](https://twitter.com/springwellLC)), Dearne FM school closure page (<http://www.dearnefm.co.uk/news/school-closures/>) for updates, or ring the school main line 01226 291133.

## School Lunch

For those parents/carers who have opted for a school lunch, the cost is £1.80 per day or £9.00 per week. Payment can be made either by cash or cheque (cheques should be made payable to 'Wellspring Academy Trust'). If you send a payment in with your son/daughter a receipt will be issued for proof of payment if paid at reception.

**Healthy packed lunch reminder:** Please can parents avoid putting chocolate bars, sugary snacks and drinks in packed lunches as sugar can unsettle pupils and prevent them from settling to learn. Bottled water is preferable and water is also available for pupils throughout the day.

## Gadgets

To ensure a calm and focused learning environment we request that pupils do not bring electronic gadgets, computer games, iPad tablets or mobile phones in to school. If pupils do bring equipment in to school, it will be locked away by staff until the end of the day. Please avoid any issues arising by keeping such items at home. If you need to contact your child in an emergency, please contact the school's reception on 01226 291133.

## Uniform

The standard of the uniform continues to be excellent across both academies and we thank parents and carers for ensuring that pupils continue to attend in full school uniform.

Uniform for the Special Academy and Primary Alternative Academy (key stage 1 and key stage 2) is as follows: turquoise polo shirt, grey sweatshirt or cardigan, black trousers and plain black shoes.

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The key stage 3 and key stage 4 Alternative Academy uniform is as follows: turquoise polo shirt, black sweatshirt or cardigan, black trousers and plain black shoes.

Please note that hoodies, sweatpants or caps should not be worn in school.

Springwell polo shirts and sweatshirts can be purchased from Springwell reception, polo shirts cost £7.50 and sweat shirts cost £9.00. If you have any concerns regarding uniform, please ring reception and speak to one of the pastoral team.

#### **Attendance and absence procedures:**

Parents should phone the school (01226 291133) to report their child's absence. The Attendance Officer will be in the office from 7.30 am daily to take the calls. It is essential to report your child's absence as this prevents a first day absence call being made and also taxis being sent out unnecessarily. It is important that your child attends school every day to achieve their full potential.

#### **Pastoral Team**

If you have any concerns regarding your child, we have a pastoral team ready to support you:

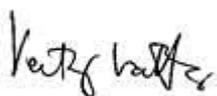
**Mr Baker (Pastoral Manager - Special Academy)**  
**Mrs Beet (Pastoral Manager - Alternative Academy)**  
**Miss Fieldhouse (Parent Support Advisor)**

#### **Future Dates and Events**

Please note that dates and times for events are also on the school website, sent out on twitter and via text message. If you don't have your own account, you can access the school twitter account on [twitter.com@springwellLC](https://twitter.com/springwellLC). This will allow you to view but not comment on tweets. Please follow us if you have an account. On the website you will also be able to follow your child's blog to see what they have been learning and enjoying in school (website link [www.springwelllearningcommunity.co.uk](http://www.springwelllearningcommunity.co.uk)). **Please ensure that school has an up to date mobile phone number (where applicable), so that you can also receive text messages of announcements.**

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,



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