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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we launch into the second half of the year, I am sending an update for you of up and coming events and a further reminder of school closure dates. Thank you for also taking time to look through the general information reminders around uniform, lunches, gadgets etc along with the support available from our pastoral team.

March

Thursday 7th March 2019 – World Book Day

Pupils can dress up as characters from books (if not dressed as a character from a book, please come in uniform), staff from each class will provide further information.

Friday 15th March 2019 - Comic relief

Pupils can wear red noses or wear red on this day and contribute £1.00 to charity. If pupils choose not to take part, then please come in full school uniform.

April

Wednesday 10th April 2019 - Family Learning Day

Staff will contact parents and carers to make appointments for Family Learning Day which will be at the main Springwell site for both Special and Alternative Academy students. Y11 reports will be shared with pupils and carers on this day.

A variety of agencies have been invited to Family Learning Day including: Free to Go; Sendiass; Cerebra; Kids; Family Information Service; Adult Learning; Recovery College; Northern College; Adult Learning; DWP Outreach; Barnsley College; ITS and Aspire – all post 16 providers; and the Fire Service. You will hopefully find it a supportive and informative meeting.

We will be holding a nearly new uniform stall and would be grateful if any parents/carers would like to donate pre-loved polo or sweat shirts for this stall. Please bring them in nearer to the time.

Friday 12th April 2019 - Spring Concert – Special Academy pupils

Friday 12th April 2019 – Academies close for the Easter holidays

Monday 29th April 2019 – Academies open for the summer term

May

Monday 6th May 2019 – Bank Holiday Monday – Academies closed

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Week commencing Monday 13th May 2019 – Year 6 SATS exams

Thursday 23rd May 2019 - Key stage 3 Shakespeare Festival - Parents/carers to be contacted nearer the time regarding specific arrangements.

KS4 Exams

For all pupils in the Special and Alternative Academy sitting exams – please note that you will be sent a letter with the dates and times of the exams from Tina Luty our exams officer.

June

Thursday 27th June 2019 - Sports Day - Special academy – details will be communicated nearer the time.

Tuesday 16th July 2019– Family Learning Day
Reports will be issued to parents/carers on this date.

Friday 19th July 2019
Academies close for the summer holidays.

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), 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

Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring that pupils continue to attend in full school uniform. A reminder that plain, black shoes are a requirement in all settings.

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. For key stage 4 in the Special Academy, the sweatshirt and cardigan

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option will be black from September 2019. Any pupils wishing to purchase a new sweatshirt or cardigan can wear a black one from now onwards or continue to wear their grey sweatshirt until the end of the school year.

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, sweat shirts cost £9.00 and cardigans cost £11.00. 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 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:

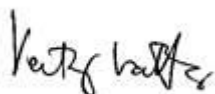
Mr Baker (Pastoral Manager - Special Academy)
Mrs Beet (Pastoral Manager - Alternative Academy)
Miss Fieldhouse (Parent Support Advisor)

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. 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). **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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