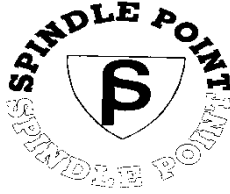


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Dear parents and carers,

We are approaching half term already! It has been such a busy start to the year with so many things going on. The children have worked hard, building resilience in all they do. Behaviour continues to be a strength of the school and we continue to enjoy a warm and happy ethos.

All staff took part in Paediatric First Aid on the INSET day and feel confident to administer this in the case of an emergency. Please update us if your child has any medical needs we are not aware of.

Special things to celebrate from this half term

- All children took part in Enterprise Week and with a class budget of £30. We managed to raise a whopping £300 profit. The school council has decided this is to be spent on playtime equipment.
- The school has bought into Learning by Questions tablets, which will support the teaching and learning of mathematics further.
- Year 5 continued to work with our Artist in School to finish the outside project.
- Children in Key Stage 2 started swimming lessons.
- Year 1 enjoyed a trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium.
- Year 1 and 2 enjoyed trips to Farnworth Library.
- Year 5 and Reception have Bikeability training planned for next week.

Children's Mental Health Week

We have celebrated Mental Health Week this week with all children taking part. We are teaching the children about the benefits of being resilient and keeping a healthy mind and body. We have made a point of telling the children that it is okay not to feel okay sometimes. We always advise that children talk to someone they can trust if they are worried or don't feel ok. As we continue to work in partnership for the very best for our children, please do let us know if you have any worries or concerns about them.

Online Safety

It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. We talked to the children about ways to keep themselves safe when online. We know that lots of our children have access to the internet and it can be hard as a parent to police their usage 100% of the time. Please monitor your children's access to the internet, particularly social media, as these apps have been causing some or children upset or harm.

12 ONLINE SAFETY TIPS
EVERY CHILD NEEDS TO LEARN

A stranger online is still a stranger		Too much of anything can be bad, use the internet wisely.	
Do not lie on social media	Don't believe everything you see online	Do not share personal information	Use the internet and social media for good and to learn.
When in doubt do not share. Remember anything you share stays online forever.		Likes and followers aren't really that important	Do not click on suspicious links.
Do not keep secrets from your parents. If anyone asks to meet you, speak up.		Do not be rude online	Cyberbullying is wrong.

Own Clothes Day

The school council would like to hold a fundraiser for Manchester Children's Hospital. They have proposed an own clothes day on Friday 15th February and ask parents to kindly make donations of a £1 per child.

New Office

The school office is being refurbished to comply with GDPR but also to allow you to see Mrs Bridge's smiley face, rather than her back, when you call in. This work is taking place next week and so we have installed a bell in the main entrance should you wish to speak to her. She will be based in the staff room until after half term but will be able to continue to meet your needs if you ring☺.

PTO



Parking

I have received countless complaints about parking at home times. Some parents are still refusing to show courtesy and consideration when collecting their children. The school has bought signs to encourage these parents to park away from the school gates, however these signs have been **knocked by cars at least 3 times** this half term. This could easily be a child! I have seen parents drive along the pavements and some still continue to park outside the school gates, despite me speaking directly to them. There is plenty of parking on the streets next to school. There is **NO REASON** to park directly outside the school gates or on the yellow zig zags. This stops visibility and road safety. Keep our children safe.

PTFA

The PTFA met this week and are eager to raise funds to support the children's learning and experiences. Please see the dates and events for the upcoming events! Many thanks to those people who give us their time and energy. We are always looking for new members. Please come along to the next meeting, or let us know if you can volunteer for any of these events.

Attendance

We are continuing to work in partnership to improve our attendance figures so that our children are regularly attending school and ensuring that they have maximum opportunity to learn. Please book medical appointments and dental appointments outside of school hours unless it is an emergency.

Dates for Your Information/ Diary

Date	Event	
Friday 8 th & Friday 15 th February	Year 5 Bikeability	
Monday 11 th February	Reception Balanceability	
Tuesday 12 th February	Punctuation Man!	In school
Friday 15 th February	Own Clothes Day Break up for half term	Donation of £1 towards Manchester Children's Hospital charity
Monday 25 th February	Return to School Netball Cluster League starts	
Tuesday 27 th February	PTFA 3.30pm	All welcome!! Free childcare.
Tuesday 5 th March	Reception Library Visit PTFA Pancake Afternoon	Details to follow
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day	Donations welcome. Wear Something Red.
Tuesday 19 th March	PTFA- Movie Night	Details to follow
Thursday 21 st March	Cross Country Tournament Mytham Primary	KS2 Details to participants to follow
Friday 22 nd March	PTFA- own clothes for Easter Coffee Afternoon	Details to follow
Monday 25 ^h March Tuesday 26 th March	Parents Evenings	
Friday 29 th March	Easter Coffee Afternoon	
Thursday 4 th April	Year 3 and 4 visit to Sunning Hill	School Link Partnership
Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter	Return Tuesday 23 rd April

Please do keep checking our website that is regularly updated with blogs from the children, pictures and other information. I'd like to wish you all a lovely half term break.

Kind regards,

Miss J Bingham

