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Key Messages from Mr Johnson

This half term has certainly flown by and we have been so impressed with the way our students have been working in their lessons and how they have adapted to the changes we have had to make.

There has been an excellent effort made on wearing masks and following one-way systems. We have praised students ourselves, but please reiterate this message at home; their efforts are very much appreciated.

One way our students show pride in their school is the way in which they wear their uniform. This has been a little more difficult than normal while students are wearing their PE kits to school. We value your support in maintaining our standards by ensuring your child only wears permitted items of clothing. If you are not sure what is allowed, please check your child's planner or the Springwood website. Please note that hoodies are not allowed at any time including on PE days.

Mr Johnson

What a fantastic start to the year!!

2020 may be remembered in years to come as a testing and difficult one, but it will be remembered by the Class of 2025 as a very exciting one. We were worried that the new Springwood pupils would have quite a difficult time getting used to their new surroundings, their new teachers and their new friends; but they have managed to work together and rise to all of the challenges incredibly well.

The Year 7 team are helping to celebrate those who are doing well and we will be having Fabulous Feast Fridays every month to give a quick pat on the back to those who are making great strides forward.



Coping with Covid

One way systems, face masks and sanitisers have become the norm and the new Year 7 have been absolutely brilliant at following the guidelines and looking after each other by keeping safe and sensible! So well done and thank you. For the next half term, we will keep in our half-year bubbles and will continue to use our own Year 7 field and form rooms at break and lunch-time.

Joining in!

We are aware that Springwood usually manages to offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities and that this is a massive part of high school life. I hope to get a few of these up and running after half term, so please look out for the opportunities being offered. Some of the pupils have been involved with special recordings for a mass choir – we can't wait to hear the results.

Knowledge Organisers

The general feedback we have received indicates that pupils and parents quite like these. The Knowledge Organiser is at the heart of the Homework that we expect from Year 7 and parents are getting involved by signing the checklists regularly.

We have held our first inter-House Knowledge Organiser Quiz. In the lead are **Blickling** with 74 points after the first session. (A question from Mrs Eveson was not strictly from the Knowledge Organiser – our apologies).

A few reminders and general points:

- ✚ **Attendance** has been brilliant and even pupils feeling a little under the weather have shown how brave they can be and made it into school. Currently at 97%
- ✚ Year 7 have turned up in **uniform** every day – in fact, I have only had to deal with two complaints about uniform all year. Well done.

- ✚ Nov 2 – **Flu vaccinations** – a simple spray keeping the flu away
- ✚ Nov 5 – **Parents' Evening** – a chat with the Form Tutor. A chance for a general chat and your opportunity to tell us how your son/daughter has settled into life at Springwood
- ✚ Nov 11 – **Remembrance Ceremony** – Year 7 will be representing the School in a short ceremony

Year 7 pupils enjoying their very first day at High School!





The Springwood Parent, Teacher, Friend Association, PTFA, is an excellent way to bring people together to raise money and help support the school and the pupils of Springwood.

It provides an opportunity for everyone to work together to:

- Raise funds to help the school provide extra resources for the pupils.
- Provide support for school trips and outings and other special events.

We have a new chair of the PTFA, **Paul Blandford**, and we would like to encourage all parents, teachers and school staff to get involved even if you only have a small amount of time available. You may wish to join the committee and be involved in the organisation, or just be available to serve teas and coffees at PTFA events - you may even just like to provide the odd cake here and there! Whatever your preferred commitment, large or small, the Springwood PTFA would be very grateful for your help.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 11th November 2020 6-30 pm on-line**. If you are interested in joining us, please email ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk and we will ensure that the zoom link is shared with you ahead of the next meeting.