



# Spire Junior School Newsletter



**Date: 16.1.26**

## Mrs Vernon's Message:

We have hit the ground running yet again as we settle into the New Year, including parent meetings, sports events and even a snow day!

If you were unable to attend the parent meetings for the **SATs (Y6)** and the **Multiplication check (Y4)** and would like the information, please contact the school office or speak to Mr Burbidge who will get this information to you.

Year 6 have been very lucky this term, as they have started their new **basketball** unit with an external coach and have had their first **Drug, Alcohol and Resilience Training (DAaRT)** session delivered by Life Skills Education. The program is part of our **transition offer** ahead of their move to secondary in the next academic year and is designed to help them develop the social and emotional skills required to overcome challenges.

Year 4 have taken part in their first **swimming lesson** of the year and we look forward to seeing them progress over the coming weeks! Also, well done to the children who took part in the **Invasion Games** this week in Alfreton – Mrs Watkinson and Miss Croser spoke very highly of everyone's behaviour, manners and attitude!

## Menu:

**Monday:** Beef bolognaise

**Tuesday:** Crispy chicken in a bun

**Wednesday:** Pork toad in the hole

**Thursday:** Quorn dippers

**Friday:** Fishy Friday!

Vegetarian options available daily

Jacket Potatoes and sandwiches

## Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Year 6 Willersley Castle residential

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> January - Year 5 residential to Whitehall

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February - NSPCC number day - non-uniform day with numbers!

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – **Safer Internet Day**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – non-uniform day! Chocolate and sweet donations ahead of our Easter Raffle are warmly welcomed and received.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – last day of term.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – return to school.

## Staffing:

It has been a pleasure to welcome both Mr J (Family Support Worker) and Mr Bartlett (Covering in Year 3/4CS) into school over the last few weeks. We are already very grateful for their support and hard work!

## Heating Update:

Thank you for your patience with us whilst the building underwent the repairs to our heating system. The system is now operational and we are thankful to the engineers for their hard work!