

SPA NEWS

April 2022



19th April 2022

As we begin the Summer Term and return to school following the Easter Holidays, I wanted to write to share with you some updates and key information. Last term was an incredibly busy term but one that was full of activities that really make Spa a fabulous place to be! Our Y5 pupils went on their residential adventure to Kingswood, we have taken part in sporting competitions against other schools in our locality and we have been able to really celebrate events such as World Book Day and the Great British Spring Clean!

We are keen to once again welcome you into school to share in your children's progress and achievements. This will begin on the first Friday back after the Easter holidays with our Young Voices performance. This is an opportunity for the pupils who have taken part in Young Voices to perform to their family members. We will also be holding our family story time and maths sessions at the end of the day on Friday 20th May and Friday 24th June (further details will be sent out nearer the time), where you can join your child for story based and maths activities at the end of the school day.

Mrs Emma Anderson (Headteacher)

Key Dates:

Tuesday 19th April: School reopens

Friday 22nd April: Spring Term Pupil Reports sent out

Monday 25th April: Year 5 Swimming Lessons begin (every Monday)

Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May: Y6 SATs (testing week)

Friday 20th May: Parents 'Storytime Together' (afternoon session)

Friday 27th May: Leger Education Trust, Queens Jubilee Celebration

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June: Half Term Holidays

Monday 6th June: School reopens

Friday 24th June: Parents 'Maths Together' (afternoon session)

Friday 1st July: Sports Day (Year 5 & 6 morning, Year 3 & 4 afternoon)

12th, 13th & 14th July: Transition Days (see information over the page)

Friday 15th July: End of Year Pupil Reports sent out

Monday 18th July: Parents Open Evening

Tuesday 19th July: End of the Summer Term

Wednesday 20th July - Monday 5th September: Summer Holidays

School Re-opens for the 2022-23 academic year: Tuesday 6th September 2022



Uniform Expectations

We will be continuing to uphold expectations for school uniform, including all pupils to wear black shoes or boots or black leather trainers to school. Trainers should be black in colour (including the sole). Pupils may bring a change of shoes for playtimes.

PE Kit should be in school every day so that we can maximise the amount of physical activity that is on offer to all pupils. This should be brought in on a Monday and kept on their school peg. If you need support with uniform or PE kit, please contact our pastoral team at school who can support you with this.



Other News:

- **Year 5 Swimming lessons begin every Monday from Monday 25th April. Pupils should wear school uniform but bring a swimming costume and towel in a separate bag.**
- **Year 6 pupils will be completing national tests (SATS) from Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May. All Y6 pupils MUST be in school on time, every day, during this week. Breakfast will be provided daily and pupils encouraged to get additional sleep to keep themselves healthy.**
- **Please ensure that you keep your children safe online by using Apps such as Safer Schools and Family Link. More information can be found on our school website to support you with this.**



Spa Academy Governing Body

Have you ever thought of becoming a school Governor?

Being a school governor can be an extremely rewarding experience! You will develop different transferrable skills which is great for your personal development and using everyday skills from your personal and professional life can add huge value to a school.

Please get in touch with a member of our admin team to find out more or to request an application form.

Mrs Babs Lynds (Chair of Governors)

Transition Days



During the summer term we begin to work with both the Infant Academies and feeder Secondary Schools to help prepare pupils for moving schools. This transition programme includes visits by Spa Academy staff to both Littlemoor and Moss Road to meet the pupils and teach some lessons. On Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th July Year 2 pupils will spend time at Spa Academy to familiarise themselves with the building and to meet their new teachers.

Year 6 transition has already begun and Doncaster transition booklets will be used to support pupils in preparing for the changes ahead. During the summer term there will be visits to Spa from staff from Campsmount Academy in addition to opportunities for pupils to visit Secondary School. On 12th, 13th and 14th July pupils will spend full days at Campsmount Academy. On these days pupils in year 3, 4 and 5 will also meet their new teachers.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

On Friday 27th May, all of the schools within Leger Education Trust will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is to recognise that in 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. Spa Academy School Council have collected ideas from the pupils in their class on how we can celebrate this occasion.



On the day, pupils and staff are encouraged to come to school wearing outfits fit for a party at Buckingham Palace! This may include wearing the colours of the Union Jack flag or party dresses and shirts and ties! Each class will also vote for a King and Queen for the day!

Pupils will be making decorations and produce to sell at a range of stalls. During the day, classes will picnic and play games on the school field as part of a very special Platinum Jubilee Party! Parents and family members will be invited to join us during the day (further details to be sent out shortly).

Any donations of bunting, balloons, paper plates and cups and other party décor will be very much appreciated!



Attendance

Attendance at Spa Academy is currently at

92%

This means that the average child would miss over 15 days of school this year!

This is lower than both the school and National target of 96%

Please support us to improve attendance by getting your child to school

On Time, Every Day!