

# SPA NEWS



## Spring 2021

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

As we come to the end of the Spring Term and break up for the Easter Holidays, I wanted to write to share with you some updates and key information. On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we held a minutes silence in school as part of the National Day of Reflection, exactly a year since we first closed schools as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. I would like to thank everyone within the Spa community for their support over the past year. When we re-open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, we will continue to operate within the same health and safety measures that have been so successful to date. We will continue to review our practice in school regularly and to teach the pupils about the importance of good health and hygiene.

### Staff News!

This term, we say goodbye to Mr Cutts who is leaving Spa Academy after working at the school for 21 years and who I know taught many of our current pupils' parents! I am sure you will all join me in wishing him all the best for the future. Miss White will continue to teach Jade class, alongside Mrs Wragg and Mrs Hartgrove. Mr Gelsthorpe will also be taking up a new role working across Spa Academy, developing Aspire and sport opportunities for our pupils. Sapphire class will be taught by Mrs Roberts who has also been working alongside Mr Gelsthorpe and Miss White this term.

### Something to celebrate!

Since Spa Academy joined Leger Education Trust in June 2019, school leaders, Governors and staff have been working closely with Doncaster Local Authority to secure improvements and move the school from its previous Ofsted judgement of 'inadequate'. This week the Local Authority met with school leaders, Governors and trust members and made the decision that Spa Academy is now a 'self-improving' school. We are extremely proud of the journey that the whole school community has been on and would like to thank everyone for their support in making this happen.



### Key Dates:

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holidays**
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Bank Holiday**
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Half Term Holidays**
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Summer Fair (to be confirmed)**
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Days (Y3 & Y4 morning, Y5 & Y6 afternoon)**
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Spa Academy Awards Evening**
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Pupil Reports sent home**
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July: End of the Summer Term**



**Please continue to follow the government guidance especially when dropping off and collecting pupils from school.**

Wear a mask where possible, even when waiting outside the school grounds.

Keep adequate space between yourself and other adults.

Park your vehicles responsibly so that pupils can leave school safely.

**Remember that we need to work together to keep our children safe!**

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## Uniform Expectations

We would like to thank parents for supporting school in maintaining such high standards of school uniform since we returned in September. We also appreciate how difficult it has been to source appropriate school shoes whilst retail outlets are still closed. As shops begin to open again, we will be re-establishing our rules around school shoes and will be expecting all pupils to wear black shoes or boots or black leather trainers to school (unless an alternative has been agreed with the Headteacher). Trainers must be leather, not fabric and be only 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 we have some 'preloved' clean uniform and kits in school that we can give to any pupils who require it. Contact Mrs Wragg or the admin team at school who can support with this.



## Other News:

- **Free School Meal Vouchers will be issued for the two weeks Easter Holidays.** You will receive vouchers to the email address previously registered from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.
- **ACTIVE FUSION will be running their Holiday Camps based at Campsmount Academy during the Easter Holidays.** To book a place visit <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=u17oroYtPkWTWt5ouk7bAT3v2KBrAzFIqgwKqCDNP1hUQ00zTVFDUDFDRVU4MDhQNIo2N0RZVEVLWS4u>
- **Year 5 will begin Swimming Lessons from Adwick Leisure Centre from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April.** All Y5 pupils must bring their swimming kit to school on a Friday for 12 weeks of lessons.
- **Year 6 Transition** – During the summer term, we will be supporting our Year 6 pupils in their transition to secondary school. This will include activities to prepare them for the changes ahead as well as school visits and celebrations which parents will be invited to join in with.
- **Doncaster Council Traffic Enforcement Team will be supporting Spa Academy in creating a safer environment around school.** From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April a camera will be in place to enforce safe parking, including on school 'keep clear' markings and bus stops. School council will continue to promote this.



We have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our fantastic team at Spa. For more information visit the school website: [Spa Academy Askern - Governance](#) or speak to Mrs Anderson about this exciting role.



## Online Safety and Social Media

As our children move into an ever-growing technological world we are aware that, as well as amazing opportunities, there are also more potential dangers emerging. It is more and more important that parents have the tools to monitor their children's online lives.

On our school website you will find more details about how to keep your children safe online by using Apps such as Safer Schools and Family Link.



**New Summer Menu!** From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April we will be launching our new Summer Menu! This will be sent out when we return after the holidays. For week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> April we will be serving Week 2 of the current Menus:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Red Meal Choice</b>	Hot Dog & Ketchup	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken	Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers
<b>Blue Meal Choice</b>	Cheese & Ham Panini	Jacket Potato	Ham Baguette	Jacket Potato	Cheese & Onion Pasty
<b>Vegetables &amp; Sides</b>	Potato wedges Garden Peas	Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potato Carrots Broccoli	Salad Platter Coleslaw	Chips Beans Peas
<b>Dessert</b>	Choc Chip Sponge & Custard	Assorted Fairy Buns	Viennese Tart & Custard	White Chocolate Sponge	Jelly & Fruit