



Off to a flying start!

We have all had an incredibly busy start to the new academic year at Spa Academy. We held a very well attended SEND coffee morning (see key dates for the next one!) and have had our academy review. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our pupil progress meetings on Monday 17th October.

This term we have said goodbye to Mrs Malloy, one of our learning support assistants and we wish her all the best in her new job. We will be welcoming two newly appointed learning support assistants, Miss Rice and Miss Brien, to Spa after the October holidays. I know that everyone will make them feel extremely welcome.

Please look out for additional Christmas Newsletters after the half term holiday with additional information on our festive celebrations.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our dedicated staff who have worked really hard to ensure our pupils have the best possible start to the year.

Emma Anderson (Headteacher)



KEY DATES

Mon 24th October - Fri 28th October: Half Term

Monday 31st October: School reopens

Monday 7th November: SEND Coffee Morning

14th - 18th November: Anti-bullying week

Friday 18th November: BBC Children in Need

Monday 12th December: Family learning event
(time to be confirmed)

Thursday 15th December: Christmas Lunch

Friday 16th December:
End of the Autumn Term

19th December - 3rd January 2023:
Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 4th January 2023:
School Re-opens



#TEAMSPA

- Our **Year 3** pupils kicked off the term with two visits to support their learning around '**The Iron Man**' novel by Ted Hughes. The first was to 'Literacy Lab' and the second to Yorkshire Sculpture Park.
- Pupils from all year groups represented Spa brilliantly at the **Leger football tournament**, held at Campsount Academy.
- '**Boggledy Books**' visited Spa Academy and sold over £300 books to our pupils. This meant that we could choose a whopping **64 books** for our Spa Library! A huge thank you to everyone that supported this event by purchasing books.
- Our PCSOs came into school and launched a **fire safety poster competition** and we also had a visit from both the fire brigade and traffic police!
- **School Council** have been busy educating pupils on healthy snacks, developing reward systems and working alongside Askern Town Council.

PE and Uniform Expectations: We have recently updated our uniform policy which is available on our school website: [Spa Academy Uniform Policy](#). We will be continuing to uphold expectations for school uniform, including all pupils to wear black shoes or boots or black trainers to school.

From 31st October we will be encouraging pupils to come to school on their PE days, already wearing their PE kit. We have piloted this in Y5 and it has saved valuable time, previously spent changing for PE. PE kit should consist of a white or navy top/t-shirt, black or navy shorts or sport trousers and trainers (any colour) or pumps. Pupils may also wear a tracksuit top or jumper. Please note that football kits will not be permitted.

PE Days - Autumn Term: Year 3 & Year 4 - Wed & Thurs, Year 5 & Year 6 - Friday



OTHER NEWS:

Attendance: Pupils with higher attendance at school achieve better.

We will be working closely with families over the next term to improve attendance rates.



| Attendance Ladder | | |
|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 0 days | 100% | Perfect |
| 4 days | 98% | Impressive |
| 7 days | 96% | Good |
| 9 days | 95% | Nearly There |
| 11 days | 94% | Needs to Improve |
| 20 days | 90% | Concerns |
| 30 days | 85% | Serious Concerns |

SEND Coffee Morning

Last term, almost 20 parents/carers attended our SEND Coffee Morning.

Come along for a **coffee, cake and chat** with other parent/carers of pupils with a range of Special Educational Needs as well as catching-up with our school SEN team.

Whilst last time we shared our provision for SEND, this session is an **informal coffee morning** focused on networking with other parent/carers of pupils with SEND.

Monday 7th November
8.30 - 10am
Entry via the Main Office

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November, Spa Academy pupils will be fundraising in support of Children in Need. School Council will be finalising details and sending out additional information nearer the time, however, in order to plan in advance we will be allowing Children in Need themed outfits as part of the day!

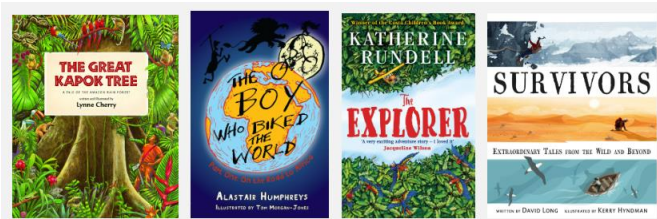
Academy Governing Body: This term we have welcomed two new parent governors, Russell Clarke and Claire Pearson, to our governing body. Governors are visiting school and meeting with school leaders as part of their link governor roles. Our Chair of Governors, Wayne Dorey, can be contacted via the main school office.

ASPIRE

The ASPIRE programme supports every pupil to personally develop, engaging with diverse aspects of life and society. This term our pupils will be taking part in weekly Commando Joe sessions. These sessions will provide a great foundation on which all pupils will get the chance to achieve, be resilient, tolerate others and make great choices for life - inside and outside school.



TEACHING AND LEARNING



Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Next half term each year group will be reading a novel linked to the physical geography that they have learnt about this term.

[Click here to find out more about what pupils will be learning throughout the year](#)

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