



Amazing Autumn!

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all of you, who have shown such incredible support for all of the events and activities that have taken place this term. A huge number of families came and supported our Christmas Market last week, the first one we have been able to hold in 3 years due to COVID restrictions! We raised just over £1000 for our school fund, which is amazing, and will contribute hugely towards our playground developments. Other events have included our Y3 Christmas Concert and the Drama Club production of 'Alice in Wonderland'. Our parent engagement events and SEND coffee mornings have also been well supported.

Finally, all the staff and pupils at Spa Academy would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year. See you all in 2023!

Emma Anderson (Headteacher)



KEY DATES

Mon 19th Dec - Tues 3rd Jan: Christmas Break

Wednesday 4th January 2023: School reopens

Monday 9th January: SEND Coffee Morning
(8.30am)

Wb 16th January: Y6 Mock SATs Week

6th - 10th February: Mental Health Week

Monday 6th February: Pupil Progress Meetings
(parent-teacher appointments 1pm – 7pm)

Tuesday 7th February: Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th February: End of Half-Term

13th - 17th February 2023:

Half Term Holidays

Monday 20th February 2023:

School Re-opens



#TEAM SPA

- Our fabulous **Community Ambassadors** joined the crowds to welcome HM King Charles & the Queen Consort to Doncaster!
- We raised over **£1000 for Children in Need** by completing over 1000 hours of reading in our **Spa Readathon** and dressing in **non-uniform**.
- Our **Year 5** pupils enjoyed a visit to the cinema in Castleford.
- Pupils from all year groups represented Spa brilliantly at the **Leger tournaments**, held at Campsmount Academy. These included netball, basketball and indoor athletics!
- Our House Captains launched our **Anti-bullying Poster Competition** which was won by O'Keeffe (red) and earnt an additional **1000 house points!**
- **School Council** have been busy reviewing our new school menus, planning our fundraising events and preparing for Christmas.

Y6 SATs

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Y6 SATs Information](#)

At the end of Year 6, all pupils across the country sit their SATS (statutory assessment tests). These are national end of KS2 assessments in reading and maths (as well as teacher assessments in writing). It is fantastic to see the progress pupils are making towards this.

Please note that SATs week runs Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May 2023. The Monday of this week is a Bank Holiday, for the King's coronation. The tests can only be taken during this week at the dates and times set by the Government. With this in mind, pupils are not allowed to take holidays during this week.



OTHER NEWS:

Uniform Expectations: Unfortunately, this term we have noticed an increase in pupils not wearing school uniform or variations of the uniform that are not permitted. We will be continuing to uphold expectations for school uniform, including all pupils to wear black shoes, boots or black trainers to school and year 6 pupils to wear our school tie. We must also remind parents that leggings do not count as appropriate trousers for girls and that skirts above the knee should be worn with tights. Full details of our uniform policy is available on our school website:

[Spa Academy Uniform Policy.](#)

PE Days: A reminder that we encourage pupils to come to school on their PE days, already wearing their PE kit. This saves valuable learning 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 - Spring Term: **Year 3 – Wed**
 Year 5 – Thurs & Fri

Year 4 - Wed & Thurs
Year 6 - Friday

Attendance:

Pupils with higher attendance at school achieve better. We will continue working with families to improve attendance rates. How many days has your child missed already this year?

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

Academy Governing Body: This term, Governors have continued to visit school and meet with pupils, staff & school leaders as part of their link governor roles. Governors have also supported school events and activities. 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 interests beyond the academic curriculum. During the Autumn term twelve after school clubs have taken place including: Cheerleading, Journalism, Cookery, Drama, Basketball, Netball, Games club and Young Voices! Over 200 places have been taken up by pupils, totalling over 1200 hours of additional activities beyond the school day. Our Drama club, led by Miss Marsden and Miss Burton, finished off the term with a showstopping performance of 'Alice in Wonderland'.



Next term clubs include:

Young Voices, Dance, Crafting Club, Tag Rugby, Dodgeball and Cartoons & Graphics

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Home Learning:

Our expectations are that pupils practice their spellings, use Times Tables Rockstars and read three times a week at home. This half-term, it has been brilliant to see an increase in the number of pupils earning their weekly **SpaBooks** Milkshake for reading at home.



Next half term each year group will be studying a picture book:



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