



## Spring at Spa!

We began the Spring Term at Spa with a fabulous party to celebrate pupils who had been chosen as our Learners of the Autumn Term. Well done to all of our winners for demonstrating our school values and being fantastic Spa citizens!

We have had lots to celebrate in terms of sporting achievements and pupils across all year groups have done us proud at sporting events, showing great teamwork and competitive spirit!

Please see our additional letter, sharing key dates for the spring and summer terms, which I hope you will find useful. An updated menu is also available from after the half term break.

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(Headteacher)



## KEY DATES

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February: Half Term Break  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: School re-opens to pupils  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Y6 Parents Evening  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February: Connect Coffee Morning  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February: Boggledy Book Fair  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Y6 visit Crucial Crew  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day  
11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March: Y5 Kingswood Residential  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Red Nose Day  
18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March: Y3, Y4 & Y5 Parents Evening  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: End of Spring Term  
29<sup>th</sup> March - 14<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holidays  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: School Re-opens



## PE Days:

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 dark t-shirt**, **black or navy shorts/trousers** and **trainers** (any colour) or **pumps**. Pupils may also wear a **dark tracksuit top or jumper**.

## PE Days - Spring 2 Term:

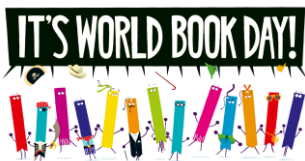
<b>Year 3: Tuesday</b>	<b>Year 4: Thursday</b>
<b>Year 5: Monday</b>	<b>Year 6: Friday</b>

## #TEAM SPA

- # **Picasso** House Team were crowned winners of the Autumn 2 **House Point** Competition.
- # Congratulations to our amazing **Cheerleading Team** who finished in **first place** in the Leger competition!
- # Both our **Y3/4** and **Y5/6 basketball teams** were crowned **champions** in the **Leger Basketball Competitions**.
- # The **Campsmount CommUNITY** event was held at Spa Academy - look out for posters of more events!
- # Pupils in **Year 4** enjoyed a brilliant visit to **Leeds Museum** as part of their learning linked to History.
- # Pupils have taken part in activities, including an **Express Yourself** day, as part of **Children's Mental Health Week** to raise awareness of the importance of mental health.
- # Our **Student Council** have been working hard to promote **healthy snacks** in school. Look out for our posters and additional information next half term!
- # All of our pupils were fantastic in asking questions and discussing online safety as part of **Safer Internet Day**.



## OTHER NEWS:



### World Book Day

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We will be encouraging pupils to dress as either their favourite book character or in pyjamas for storytime! We will be taking part in a range of reading activities based around pupil's favourite books and authors. More information will be sent nearer the time!

## Easter Attendance Challenge

We will continue working with families to improve attendance rates. One of the ways we aim to do this, is by **rewarding pupils who attend each week up to Easter**. Every day you attend, you will **earn points** and your name will be placed in the weekly **Easter egg raffle** – with easter eggs won each week in assembly!



## Y6 SATs

At the end of Year 6, all pupils across the country sit their SATs. It is fantastic to see the progress pupils are making towards this by attending boosters every week!

**Please note that SATs week runs Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

**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.**

[Click Here for additional Y6 SATs Information](#)

**Academy Governing Body:** We have been pleased to welcome Katie Deere and Joanne Hepworth as new governors to Spa. Our Chair of Governors, Wayne Dorey, can be contacted via the main school office.

## ASPIRE

Our ASPIRE curriculum aims to develop, nurture and stretch pupil's talents and interests. We plan many of these experiences within the school day as well as encouraging pupils to participate in extra-curricular clubs and activities.

It is always fabulous to hear about the experiences and activities our pupils take part in out of school. You can share these with us in many ways:

- emailing us [aspire@spaacademyaskern.com](mailto:aspire@spaacademyaskern.com),
- pupils bringing in certificates, awards and photos,
- posting on twitter with **#SpaAspire**

### Next term clubs include:

Homework, Leger Dance, Sewing, Art, Sing Out (choir), STEM, French, Tag Rugby & Mad for it Maths!

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

We have built in time during the school day to teach pupils times tables.

However, it is vital that pupils practice at home using resources sent home and on TT Rockstars to increase speed and fluency.



Next half term each year group will be studying a historical fiction novel:



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



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