

# **Easter Greetings**

We have ended the Spring Term at Spa with celebrations for pupils who had been chosen as our Learners of the Term. Well done to all of our winners for demonstrating our school values!

As most of you know, we are sadly saying goodbye to our Deputy Headteacher, John Dougherty, who is leaving us to run a nursery in Doncaster. We wish John the very best of luck and know that he is going to be a fantastic success. After the Easter Break Miss Beresford will be joining our pastoral team in her new role as Learning Mentor and Miss Rice will be supporting our SEND pupils across school in her new role as SEND Support Assistant.

Next term will be a busy one as always as we begin our transition activities and our Year 6 pupils complete their SATs. We wish them all the best of luck and know they will be fabulous!

Emma Anderson (Headteacher)



# **KEY DATES**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Break Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: School reopens to pupils

Tuesday 16th April: Y3 visit to The Deep

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Y5 Swimming lessons begin (additional letter sent this week to Y5 parents)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Connect Coffee Morning - 8.30am

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Y3, Y4 & Y5 Parents Evening

Thursday 4th May: Anti-Bullying Day

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday - School Closed

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs

Week

Friday 24th May: End of Summer Term 1

27th May - 31st May: Half Term Holidays

Monday 3rd June: School Re-opens



# **#TEAM SPA**

- # Spa Student Council organised some events, including non-uniform day and bake sale to raise over £200 for Comic Relief.
- # Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Crucial Crew.
- # Our **Dodgeball** teams have done brilliantly representing Spa in **Leger Sport Tournaments**.
- # At the **Doncaster Spelling Bee**, our Y6 pupils were amazing. Special mention to Victor for making it to the finals!
- # Our pupils enjoyed dressing up and exploring their favourite books and authors as part of World Book Day.
- # Congratulations to all of our amazing dancers who represented Spa in **Campsmount Come Dancing**.
- # We enjoyed celebrating all things maths related for **World Maths Day!**
- # We explored time for British Science Week and raised over £200 from our Science Fair.
- # Thankyou to all who bought books at the **Boggledy Book Fair,** earning **free books** for our **library**.
- # Our **Y5 pupils & staff** were amazing on our school residential to Kingswood.



additional Y6 SATs

Information

Our Y6 pupils are making fantastic progress towards their SATs by attending boosters and completing tasks in their revision guides every week!

A reminder that SATs week runs Mon 13th - Thurs 16th May 2024.

The tests can only be taken during this week at the dates and times set by the Government. Holidays are not permitted during this week.

Remember to complete your Easter revision challenge by revising over the holidays



## **OTHER NEWS:**

#### **Attendance**

As part of Leger Education Trust Attendance Strategy, we have used a variety of ways to ensure pupils make progress, including additional homework clubs and home learning packs. Please contact our attendance team at school for further information and support.

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

#### **Mobile Phones:**

A reminder that we now encourage pupils to leave their mobile phones at home during the school day, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If you would like to give permission for your child to bring their mobile phone to school please phone or email the office at admin@spaacademyaskern.com

If a pupil is found in school with a phone, without parental permission, it will be taken to the school office to await collection by a parent or carer.

## PE Days:

After Easter we will be delivering most PE Lessons outdoors so please ensure pupils are dressed appropriately. PE kit should consist of a white or dark t-shirt, dark shorts/trousers and trainers (any colour) or pumps. To keep warm we also recommend a **dark tracksuit top or jumper**.

**PE Days - Summer Term:** 

**Year 3: Monday Year 4: Tuesday Year 5: Swimming - Wednesday Year 6: Thursday** 

**Academy Governing Body:** Governors would like to thank John Dougherty for his work and wish him good luck in his new role. If you are interested in supporting the school, by being a governor at Spa Academy, our Chair of Governors, Wayne Dorey, can be contacted via the main school office.

## **ASPIRE**

Pupil's from Year 5 were able to demonstrate precisely how our ASPIRE curriculum aims to develop, nurture and stretch them, beyond the academic curriculum, on their residential to Kingswood! They were simply awesome!!!





The text has gone out to sign up for next terms after school clubs!

# TEACHING AND LEARNING

Next half term each year group will be studying a novel exploring mental health, disability and neurodiversity. Pupils are encouraged to explore further reading on these themes through our diverse library selections and weekly No Outsiders assemblies.

Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 GOLDFISH

Click here to find out more about what pupils will be learning throughout the year





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