



Autumn updates!

We have had an incredibly busy start to the new academic year at Spa Academy. Thank you to all our parents who have supported us to ensure the best possible start for their child this year. It was lovely to see so many parents at the Y5/6 open evening and I am looking forward to our Y3/4 open evening on the 4th November – please pop and say hello!

We are currently finalising our Christmas activities and events. Please look out for additional letters after the half term holiday with information on our festive celebrations.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our staff who have worked really hard to ensure our pupils have a positive start to the year. #TeamSpa

Mrs K Housley, Headteacher

KEY DATES

Mon 28th October - Fri 1st November: Half Term

Monday 4th November: School Reopens

Monday 11th - 15th November: Anti-bullying Week.

Week commencing 11th November: Fundraising Bake Sale (info to follow)

Thursday 5th December Pantomime Trip to Cast

WB 16th December: CHRISTMAS WEEK! Letter to follow with updates for the week.



Friday 20th December: End of the Autumn Term

Monday 23rd December – 3rd January 2024: Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January 2024: School Reopens



Academy Ambassadors

A huge well done to the following children who have been chosen by their peers!

Dolcie (3R)
Penny (3PS)
Roseanne (4T)
Brook (4B)
Elijah (5F)
Lois (5J)
Dottie (6W)
Lelend (6G)

Harper (3R)
Blake (3PS)
Liberty (4T)
Alexandra (4B)
Layla (5F)
Priya (5J)
Ivy Lynn (6W)
Nancy (6G)

#TEAM SPA

Phase leader updates:

Years 3 and 4 (Lower Key Stage 2)

- **Monday 4th November** - Y3 and Y4 Parents evening.
- **Thursday 7th November** - In it 2 win it reward day.
- **Week commencing 2nd December** - Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Mocks.
- **Thursday 5th December** – Cast Theatre Trip.
- **Week commencing 9th December** - Y3 and Y4 testing week.

Years 5 and 6 (Upper Key Stage 2)

- **Thursday 7th November** – In it 2 win it reward day.
- **Week commencing Monday 18th November** – Y6 Mock SATs.
- **Thursday 5th December** – Cast Theatre Trip.
- **Week commencing 9th December** – Y5 testing week.

PE and Uniform Expectations:

Thank you for your continued support with upholding expectations around school uniform. Our uniform policy is available on our school website.

We will be continuing to encourage pupils to come to school on their PE days, already wearing their PE kit. Please note that football kits/football tops will not be permitted.

PE Days – Autumn and Spring term:

Year 3: Friday

Year 4: Friday

Year 5: Thursday

Year 6: Thursday



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. If you need support with your child's attendance please contact our team in school who can help.



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

In It 2 Win It:

At the start of the year, we launched our new home learning initiative, 'In It 2 Win It'. Thank you so much to all the adults at home who have supported their child's learning, and will be in with the chance of taking part in our 'in-house' cinema experience as well as being entered into the £100 raffle draw.

Fundraising

Week commencing 11th November, Spa Academy will be holding several bake sales to support our continued efforts to raise £20,000 to improve our outdoor learning space. Academy Ambassadors will be finalising details and sending out additional information nearer the time.

Academy Governing Body: Our Governors do great work to support our school, and very often visit key events. Please feel free to stop and have a chat with them! We currently have a parent governor position available. Please contact the main office should you wish to find out more about the role, or let us know your interest!

ASPIRE

The ASPIRE programme supports children in developing interests beyond the academic curriculum. Our pupils told us that they would like more after school clubs, so next half term our after-school clubs are:

Tuesday: Going for Green, Choir.

Wednesday: Art & Drawing, Computing, Mindful Matters.

Thursday: French, Year 5 and 6 Basketball, Reading for enjoyment.

Friday: Year 3 and 4 Basketball.



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