



# Newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, we wish our families and pupils a warm welcome back to school for the start of our Summer term. Pupils have made a fantastic start to their learning, working hard to produce their best efforts. We look forward to sharing further examples with you in our upcoming school newsletters.

This half-term pupils are drawing on their prior knowledge and understanding within the subjects of Art and Design Technology to creatively explore and investigate new learning in problem-solving skills and concepts. The following table illustrates each year group's main topic theme question. Art and DT are woven into all aspects of pupils' topic learning.

We would love to hear from you if you have any creativity and experiences to share with us in relation to following list of topic theme questions:

	Topic Theme ?'s
Year 1	How do things grow?
Year 2	Which animals wriggle, crawl and roam?
Year 3	What makes me, me?
Year 4	Playlist – How are our favourite songs created?
Year 5	What Do We Know About Theme Parks?
Year 6	Who were the greatest artists of the 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> centuries?
Shirebrook	Is it alive?

Chris Jeavons, one of Birley Spa's vital parent governors has kindly shared details of an 'Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities' course. We believe this is a wonderful parenting offer. Should you wish to access this valuable course, please refer to the attached advert / information sheet, regarding course booking details.

As a staff team, we are looking to further enhance and develop our playtime and lunchtime routines and resources. We truly value sport and exercise, as it plays a major role in maintaining high levels of mental health and well-being. As part of this development work, we are seeking to complete bids and apply for monies through National Lottery funding, in order to purchase additional sports equipment for our playgrounds. Can we ask our parents and children to share their ideas and thoughts with us, regarding games, resources and sports equipment they would like pupils to have access to at playtimes and lunchtimes. A survey monkey will be sent out to parents / carers next week – we value your ideas and feedback.

## School Uniform

It has been lovely to see so many of our children looking very smart in their school uniform and P.E. day sports kits. This makes such a difference to our school community. Please may we remind you that uniform is clearly expressed within our school policy. Sports clothes and sports named hoodies are only to be worn on P.E. days. Uniform is for all and an important part of our school ethos and standards. Please make sure that you follow our uniform policy guidelines at all times.

If you would like to purchase additional uniform this can be done so via [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com), alternately you can purchase this from Pinders in Crystal Peaks

Additionally, due to our total commitment to ensure the highest levels of safeguarding, care, as well as health and safety for all pupils, we strictly request that only minimal jewellery is worn to school each day - items such as a small pair of stud earrings or watch, for example. Regarding child safety, we ask that pupils do not to attend school wearing fake nails or makeup, and hair must be of natural colour and not dyed. I am positive that parents / carers can appreciate our concerns and support us in maintaining the highest calibre of safeguarding for our pupils' welfare care.

### One-way System

Thank you so much to our parents and families for adhering to our onsite risk assessment guidelines and following the one-way system coordinated around our school grounds. Your full cooperation enables us to keep the whole community safe, especially during drop off and collection times. Thank you!

### Attendance

We have made a fantastic start to the new term. Our whole school attendance figure smashed our target of 96%. This is an amazing achievement – well done! We really look forward to maintaining this standard and indeed aim to increase our achievements further over the course of the term. Fantastic!

Please continue to support us and ensure your child(ren) arrive at school on time. Every minute spent in school equates to further learning – this is so vital for success! Greater attendance really enhances our pupils' life chances and future careers and further education. With this in mind, we would like to set the following challenge to all pupils - every child who comes to school on time from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May until the end of Summer term will be awarded with a special certificate and entered in a special prize draw with a chance to win one of our fantastic prizes.

However, we do appreciate that there may be very rare occasions when you are unavoidably late, due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions, please contact our school office team on 0114 2399106, or message us via the gateway app. Our office staff are more than happy to help you and they are eager to assist you in any way that they can.

### Free School Meals

If your financial circumstances have recently changed, you may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

You can apply by completing an online application via the following link -

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/utilities/form/schools-and-childcare/free-school-meals-start>

Or by asking the school office to apply on your behalf.

### Mobile Phones

Finally, please can we remind you that due to strict safeguarding rules mobile phones are not permitted to be used whilst on our school grounds. The current arrangements for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 ensure that pupils hand their mobile phone in to their class teacher at the very start of the school day. Pupils are then able to recollect them at the very end of the school day, as they leave the school site. All mobile phones are stored securely in school.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely, sunny May Day Bank holiday long weekend - school will be closed on Monday. Our staff team is looking forward to welcoming all children back to school again on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

*Mrs Melany Pemberton*

Mrs Pemberton  
Executive Headteacher



# Star Pupils of the Week



<b>Ducklings</b>	Darcie - for excellent maths work and knowing how to make different numbers e.g. 10 and 1 more makes 11. Jaxon - for excellent phonics work being able to segment and blend animals orally independently.
<b>Whirlow</b>	Calvin - for great listening in during Ted Time. Alina - for using her phonics knowledge independently.
<b>Heeley</b>	Darcie – for wonderful math's work with the base 10 equipment.
<b>Sheaf</b>	Ava – for working hard in all lessons Lukas – for trying his best in class
<b>Endcliffe</b>	Elijah - for having an excellent first week back in school and following instructions. Anna - for improving her attendance and punctuality.
<b>Norfolk</b>	Dianna – for being a superstar in class and supporting her new classmate. Lucas - for a huge improvement in his writing.
<b>Crucible</b>	Olivia - for producing neat well written sentences about Marie Curie. Mason - for showing kindness and sensitivity to another pupil this week.
<b>Lyceum</b>	Mickenzie - for consistent hard work in class. Alice - for good contributions during lessons.
<b>Kelham</b>	Max – for improved presentation and showing great care with work. Lacey – for really making an effort in English and Maths and always doing her best.
<b>Weston</b>	Carly – for excellent English Work. Isaac – for great effort in English Lessons.
<b>Millennium</b>	Lexi – for being really engaged in all learning. Dexter for having a positive attitude in class.
<b>Graves</b>	Noah – for fantastic effort resulting in an amazing piece of writing, a wonderful letter in role. Heidi - for wonderful progress in maths, growing in confidence and very accurate in all areas.
<b>Bolsover</b>	Dexter – for fantastic effort in all lessons. Tania – for engaging well in all lessons.
<b>Peveril</b>	Lilliana – for working hard and having a fantastic attitude. Daniel – for great contribution in all lessons.
<b>Shirebrook</b>	James – for working hard and being helpful towards adults and children Jamie – for excellent friendship skills.

## Being a Parent Course Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC)

A **FREE** course for mums, dads and carers of children aged between 2-11 years

A course run by **parents for parents**.

The Empowering Parents Empowering Children (EPEC) Being a Parent course aims to improve child development and outcomes, parenting, family resilience and family relationships. The Being a Parent course creates a trusting group ethos, where parents are encouraged and supported to explore:

Positive behaviour management and discipline strategies.

- Managing parent and family stress
- Understanding and managing children's feelings
- Parent listening, communication, play and interaction skills
- Attachment and parent-child relationships
- Parenting roles, expectations and culture

**8 x 2 hour sessions, starting Thursday 27th May 2021, 10 am – 12noon, excluding school holidays, to be delivered over zoom.**

**To book a place please contact:  
Telephone 0114 2057243  
Or email: [sheffieldparenting@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:sheffieldparenting@sheffield.gov.uk)**

