



Birley Spa Primary Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

Newsletter

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Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark on a new calendar year, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2022. My heartfelt thanks goes to Birley Spa Academy staff team, pupils, parents and governors for an amazing 2021. The team have supported us tremendously throughout numerous COVID arrangements, transition arrangements for new classes developed and new-found ways of working and communicating that has supported our pupils and families without compromise.

Our pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed their end of term festivities – taking part in our annual Christmas jumper day, raising money for Save the Children. Thank you for supporting these special and worthy causes.

I am delighted to say we are currently compiling a programme of 'well being' events for pupils to enjoy through the rest of this academic year. Please note, these special events will be in addition to our annual programme of activities.

I hope you enjoyed your child's Christmas performances which we uploaded up to Showbie and Tapestry accounts before Christmas. Our fabulous office team are always on hand to assist with Showbie. As promised, all communication from teachers is shared on your Showbie platform. This is available to all parents.

As we begin a new year I wish to remind parents of our vigilant safeguarding policies and practices. E-Safety falls within our Safeguarding priorities and is given our utmost attention. Our pupils and families agree to our e-safety policy and procedures when joining Birley Spa Academy and we are so grateful to those parents who support our culture of vigilance regarding internet safety (please see link to our website): <https://www.birleyspaacademy.co.uk/parents/safeguarding/>

However, I must advise, any breaches to our policy including inappropriate content and abusive material that is found on any social media platform will be followed up with outside agencies. At this time, protecting children online is critical, so we go to great lengths to make sure pupils are not exposed to inappropriate materials.

I would like to say how proud we are of all our children and families for helping to achieve outstanding attendance for the last two weeks of term! Despite it being the end of term, everyone worked really hard to ensure that their attendance remained high. Good attendance at school helps develop good habits for later life and it has been proven that excellent school attendance correlates to enhanced resilience and future success. As a reward, all pupils that achieved 100% attendance for the term were entered into a prize draw for the chance to win Disney on Ice tickets, Emaleigh & Pengxiang were the lucky winners!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all at Spa View Community Church for the fabulous gift hampers that they thoughtfully put together for some of Birley Spa's families. The care and support in which they serve our community is amazing, we truly are blessed to have them as our friends.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kindest wishes,

Mrs Pemberton

Executive Headteacher