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Birley Spa Primary Academy

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Newsletter

25th July 2022



A Message from Mrs. Gibson – New Head of School

Dear parents and carers,

I am proud to have been introduced as the new Head of School for Birley Spa Primary Academy from September. In the 19 years since qualifying as a teacher (after training at Sheffield Hallam University), I have always been passionate about helping children to thrive. The commitment I make, no matter what my role, is to make sure that every child develops the skills, values and ambition to succeed: at school, but also in their future lives.

I have enjoyed being a school leader for 8 years and have been a senior leader within LEAD Academy Trust for 6 years. During this time, I have worked closely with Mrs. Pemberton and my belief in the LEAD values led me to join the Birley Spa team, because even though all LEAD academies share the same values, I was inspired by how the children and staff at Birley Spa demonstrate them in their own unique way.

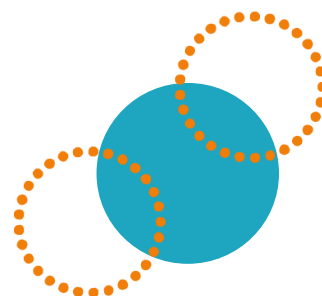
As a parent, teacher and school leader, I know how vital the communication and collaboration between parents and schools is - I'm sure you agree that working together for your children is the best way for them to meet their full potential. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of you at the pop-up café over the last two weeks. Please take a few minutes to come and say hello on the playground in September if you can.

Having met with the children and staff several times, I am getting more excited for September with each week that passes! My passion lies in developing a strong curriculum which gives every child real-life opportunities to practise the skills they need and to get involved in their community and see the difference they can make.

This term, I have been working very closely with the Birley Spa leadership team to look at the developments that have been made over the last few years and I feel proud to be part of such a dedicated team.

I can't wait to be part of the next chapter of Birley Spa's future and look forward to getting to know you all soon.

Mrs. Gibson



Upcoming Dates for the Diary

Sept

1st

Inset Day – closed to children

Sept

2nd

Inset Day – closed to children

Sept

5th

School Reopens to Children

Oct

21st

Wear It Pink Day 2022

Oct

21st

Last Day of Term

Oct

31st

First Day of Term 2

Dec

16th

Last Day of Term

March

Jan

3rd

First Day of Term 3

SEND Update

We are delighted to inform you that from September, Mr Hogben will be responsible for SEND within KS1 and our Integrated Resource. Mr Smith will be responsible for SEND within KS2.

Transition meetings have taken place within school and information has been shared with new class teachers.

Please look out for your invite to My Plan and annual review meetings, in the Autumn term.

Safeguarding and Family Support

Mr Jones, our attendance and family support worker will be in school every Monday and Friday, and Mrs Johnson's working days are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Should you wish to make contact with either of them, please do so through the school office.





Literacy is, of course, an essential life skill; it unlocks the door to learning and discovery and has been proven to build brain function, increase vocabulary and improve concentration and creativity. But the benefits of reading go beyond basic comprehension.

Research by The Reading Agency, National Literacy Trust and others has shown that reading for pleasure promotes mental wellbeing by helping children to relax, reducing anxiety and stress. It can help children develop empathy by experiencing the world through someone else's eyes. They will begin to understand themselves better, too, as they explore different emotions, identities and experiences.

The key to encouraging reading for pleasure is to allow children to read what they want. According to the UK Literacy Agency, "If children want to pick up a book, comic or magazine, choose their own reading material and enjoy reading, they are far more likely to continue reading, become effective readers and gain from the countless ensuing benefits."

<https://theweekjunior.co.uk/sor-entry>



We are delighted to inform you that as a school we have raised an impressive **£4426.50** for Race for Life. Well done to everyone who took part in the event!



Attendance Figures 18th – 22nd July 2022

Class	Attendance %
Whirlow	81.4
Heeley	82.3
Sheaf	80.2
Endcliffe	73.0
Norfolk	84.4
Crucible	95.1
Lyceum	81.7
Kelham	74.5
Weston	79.1
Millennium	84.2
Graves	80.8
Bolsover	86.8
Peveril	86.5
Shirebrook	85.0
School Total	82.3

We would like to say a huge well done to all our children who achieved 100% attendance for the academic year 2021/22

Jenson	Whirlow
Max	Sheaf
Gabriel	Endcliffe
Isaac	Norfolk
Logan	Crucible
Emmie-Rose	Weston
Riley	Weston
Logan	Millennium
Connor	Graves
Ellsie	Bolsover

