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Birley Spa Primary Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

Newsletter

11th November 2022



Dear parents and carers

Mrs. Pemberton and I have really enjoyed spending time in classes since we have returned to school from half term; it is lovely to see that children are developing confidence and feeling excited and engaged about their learning.

In school today, we have been part of a special remembrance assembly in partnership with The Royal British Legion. All children involved earned an empathy point in their Learner's Code handbook for recognising the significance of an event from so long ago for us as citizens today.

After reviewing job applications that the children submitted, I am delight to announce the House Captains as follows:

Diamond	Emerland	Ruby	Sapphire
Maddison	Scarlett	Layla	Freya
Braxton	Jessica		Thomas-Jay
Liam			
Jaya			

We are excited to find out who the children choose as their CREATE collaborate and Safeguarding Stewards when they vote on Monday next week. We are thrilled to have received so many applications for these posts.

When the representatives have been selected, the Safeguarding Stewards will undertake a Road Safety project which I know is so near to our hearts as a community.

The CREATE collaborate representatives will undertake a project to investigate and design a healthy menu for the children of Birley Spa along with our catering team from Taylor Shaw.

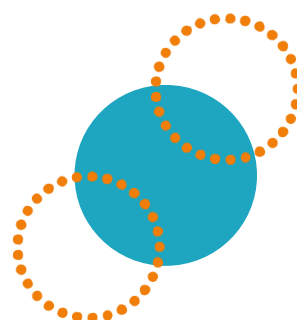
As Christmas is around the corner, we will be sending out a Christmas dates and activities bulletin next week so that you have plenty of notice of upcoming events in school. In preparation for Christmas, we would like to invite every child to bring in a bauble to add to the school Christmas tree which is located in the school hall, please bring these into school by Monday 28th November. We would also like to remind you that if you have any outgrown good quality Christmas jumpers that you would like to donate to school, please drop them off at the school office. These will then be on sale from the pop up café on Friday 2nd December, for £1.00 which we will also add to our fund raising for Save the Children, Christmas Jumper appeal.

As a reminder, next week is Anti Bullying Week across the country. To launch this, children and adults are invited to wear odd socks along with their full school uniform free of charge. This is to promote awareness that all individuals, are valuable however different.

Events for Next Week			
Monday	Odd Socks Day		
Friday	Children In Need - Bright Colours or Spots		

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Gibson, Head of School and Mrs. Pemberton, Executive Headteacher

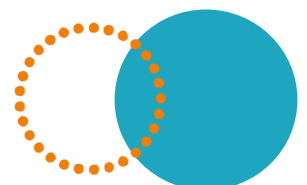
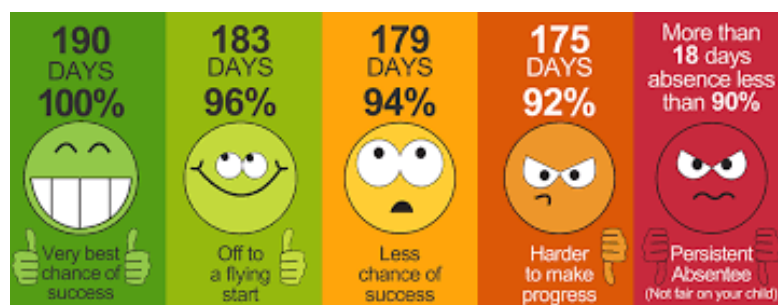


Attendance Figures 7th – 11th November 2022

Class	Attendance %
Whirlow	93.9%
Heeley	88.8%
Sheaf	91.4%
Endcliffe	96.8%
Norfolk	87.2%
Crucible	95%
Lyceum	95.7%
Kelham	94.2%
Weston	94.3%
Millennium	91.2%
Graves	92.1%
Bolsover	93.9%
Peveril	98.3%
Shirebrook	93.3%
School Total	93.3%

Every Monday, we will have an Aspiration Assembly to celebrate the House Points and attendance from the previous week to showcase our vital school values.

Please look out for our updated weekly House Point achievement board and our Attendance Trophy winners who achieve the highest attendance over our 96% target.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Heeley	<p>Freya – for showing empathy with other children and supporting them when they need help.</p> <p>Arlo – for showing perseverance and resilience when applying his phonic knowledge in his learning.</p>
Whirlow	<p>Luna – for her curiosity and creativity in learning about Diwali.</p> <p>Rosie – for her endeavour in learning and remembering new sounds.</p>
Sheaf	<p>Emily – for aspiring to achieve her absolute best and being such a resilient writer! Keep up the great work.</p> <p>Logan – for showing endeavour in all areas of your learning and aspiring to do your best. You are such a positive role model.</p>
Endcliffe	<p>Ezra – for showing aspiration during handwriting lessons, always trying your best and applying your skills in your English work.</p> <p>Trisha – for trying her best in phonics this week, showing improvements when blending her sounds during ‘Fred talk’.</p>
Norfolk	<p>Darcy – for showing endeavour in Maths work.</p> <p>Lyla – for creative English work.</p>
Lyceum	<p>Scott – for showing endeavour and creativity in our English lessons. You really thought about how Hogarth would have felt seeing the Iron Man.</p> <p>Louie – for showing endeavour in your maths lessons.</p>
Crucible	<p>Jenson – for creativity. You have shown some great creative thinking in dance and writing this week.</p> <p>Jayden – for aspiration in all areas of the curriculum. You are trying so hard to achieve your best work.</p>
Weston	<p>Charlie – for showing excellent learning behaviours and being a role model to others.</p> <p>Logan – for using his handwriting target to push the presentation of his writing to the next level.</p>
Kelham	<p>Oscar – for fantastic resilience in all areas, superb effort and always giving 100%.</p> <p>Lucy – for superb resilience and being very brave coming into school after stressful events.</p>
Graves	<p>Jenson – for showing aspiration with his handwriting and achieving his target. I’m so proud of you!</p> <p>Olivia – for being such a creative learner and going above and beyond in English to challenge and improve her work. What a fantastic achievement.</p>
Millennium	<p>Ruby – for being a creative writer in English. You showed great empathy within your diary and used some fantastic vocabulary.</p> <p>Ella-Mae – for always aspiring to do her very best and for being such a resilient worker. Keep up the great work!</p>
Bolsover	<p>Max – for showing great teamwork in maths. Well done for helping a friend when needed by being resilient.</p> <p>Dexton – for showing endeavour in maths. You have been really positive when faced with difficult challenges.</p>
Peveril	<p>Ruby – for showing endeavour in maths by having a positive attitude when faced with a challenge.</p> <p>Loreena – for showing endeavour in maths by knowing when to ask for help.</p>
Shirebrook	<p>Kian – for committing to his learning this week and demonstrating the spirit of endeavour.</p>

Dates for the Diary

16 th November	Individual School Photographs
18 th November	Flu Immunisations
28 th November	Enterprise Week
2 nd December	Christmas Service at Spa View Church
12 th – 16 th December	Christmas Events – further information to follow
12 th December	Meet the Teacher – New Topics
19 th December – 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
3 rd February	Y5 Young Voices Concert
13 th – 17 th February	Half Term – School Closed
20 th February	Inset Day – School Closed
27 th March	Meet the Teacher – New Topics
28 th & 30 th March	Parents Evening
31 st March	Easter Service at Spa View Church
3 rd – 14 th April	Easter Holidays – School Closed
17 th April	Inset Day – School Closed
1 st May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
8 th May – 11 th May	SATS Week – Y6
15 th – 19 th May	SATS Week – Y2
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term – School Closed
9 th June	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit
12 th – 18 th June	Phonics Assessment Week
3 rd July	Enterprise Week
11 th July	Sports Day – Y1 & Y2 / Y3 & Y4
12 th July	Sports Day – EYFS
13 th July	Sports Day - Y5 & Y6
14 th July	Reports Sent Home
17 th July	Summer Fayre
21 st July	Whole School Family Picnic