



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

# NEWSLETTER

24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Happy Mother's Day

It was wonderful to see so many of our lovely mums join us with their children to celebrate Mother's Day - here are some photographs of the special afternoons!







## School Values

We would like to share with you an amazing piece of homework that Joshua produced – he has shown great **creativity and endeavour**, well done!

## Farewell

Mrs Allan from Endcliffe class is exploring a career in Art Therapy and will be leaving at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for her time and dedication whilst at Birley Spa and wish her well for the future. Miss Bolton, who has been teaching Crucible class for the last few weeks, will teach in Endcliffe alongside Mrs Unwin after Easter.

## Upcoming Easter Events

We are looking forward to taking our children to Spa View Community Church on 31<sup>st</sup> March during the school day. As part of our RE Curriculum, the children will take part in an Easter Service and explore what Christians believe.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our Easter bonnet parade and egg decorating competition which will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

“Decorate an Egg” competition. Children are free to decorate an egg in any design they would like (this could be patterns, paint a picture on it, or even decorate it to look like a character from a story! Entries will need to be in school on the morning of Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, the best decorated egg in each year group will win a prize.

We would like to invite our children in EYFS and KS1 to make Easter bonnets at home and bring into school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, again the best design from each year group will win a prize.



# Weekly Attendance

## 20 March – 24 March 2023

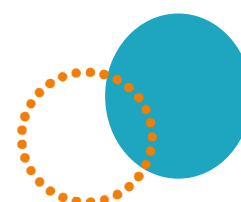


EYFS	Heeley	85.2%
EYFS	Whirlow	84.6
Y1	Sheaf	84%
Y1/Y2	Endcliffe	96.2%
Y2	Norfolk	98.1%
Y3	Crucible	93.6%
Y3	Lyceum	87.5%
Y4	Kelham	96.4%
Y4	Weston	93.1%
Y5	Millennium	88.1%
Y5	Graves	92.8%
Y6	Bolsover	98.9%
Y6	Peveril	89.6%
Y3/Y6	Shirebrook	88.6%
<b>Whole School Attendance</b>		<b>91.1%</b>

**Well done to Endcliffe, Norfolk, Kelham and Bolsover classes for achieving our school target of 96%**

At Birley Spa Primary Academy we are committed to helping all pupils to achieve their full potential. Good attendance is a key factor in raising pupils' attainment and supporting their personal development. Whilst it is appreciated that children are ill from time to time, please think carefully before allowing your child to be absent from school. The chart below provides an indication of how just a few days absence can significantly impact a child's overall attendance percentage and impede their learning:

Description	Attendance	Whole Days Lost	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100 – 99%	0 – 2	0 – 10
Good	98 – 96%	4 – 7.5	20 – 37.5
Requires Improvement	95 – 91%	9.5 – 17	47.5 – 85
Persistent Absentee	90 – 86%	19 – 27	95 – 135
Critical	85 – 80%	28.5 – 38	142.5 – 190



# STAR OF THE WEEK

## 20<sup>th</sup> – 24th March 2023

Heeley	Joshua – <b>Creativity</b> and using natural materials in his art work.	Arlo – <b>Endeavour</b> in writing and making sure he always applies his phonics knowledge.
Whirlow	Ross – His <b>Aspiration</b> in all areas and his positive learning behaviors.	Ellie-Mae – Her hard work and <b>Endeavour</b> in phonics and her confidence in using her phonic knowledge in writing.
Sheaf	Noah – Showing <b>Endeavour</b> and independently accessing resources to support your writing.	Piper – Her <b>Aspiration</b> and <b>Endeavour</b> in independent writing.
Norfolk	Lyla – Working to achieve her very best in all lessons.	Amie – Striving to achieve her very best in Maths and working hard to understand time.
Endcliffe	Boe – Showing <b>Aspiration</b> to achieve in all areas of learning. Boe has a great attitude to learning and approaches challenge with a smile.	Maxwell – Showing <b>Resilience</b> in his learning, although task can sometimes be tricky, Max always tries his best.
Lyceum	Lucy – Showing great <b>Endeavour</b> in her Maths this week.	Scott – Showing great <b>Resilience</b> in Maths this week.
Crucible	Arianna – <b>Endeavour</b> is always striving to achieve her best. She always asks for help and loves the achievements of her classmates.	Elizabeth - <b>Aspiration</b> , always sets herself high expectations to achieve her best in her writing.
Weston	Jacey – Showing <b>Aspiration</b> in Maths and pushing yourself to the next level of your learning.	Alexander – Having a positive attitude when faced with challenges in his learning and independently finding solutions to problems.
Kelham	Chloe – Showing <b>Resilience</b> in Maths and not giving up!	Lyla – Showing <b>Creativity</b> and using her initiative in her home learning.
Graves	Jorja – Showing <b>Resilience</b> this week with her Art. Well done.	Archie – Showing <b>Creativity</b> in his writing this week.
Millennium	Jayden – Showing <b>Resilience</b> and aspiration in all of his learning this week keep up the good work.	Darcie – Showing <b>Aspiration</b> within her writing and for showing Endeavour at swimming, keep up the good work.
Bolsover	To Bolsover class for showing <b>Resilience</b> during your mock SATs.	
Peveril	To Peveril class for showing <b>Resilience</b> during your mock SATs.	
Shirebrook	Elijah – <b>Resilience</b> . He has had a great attitude to learning this week and written a brilliant story.	

# Dates for the Diary

27 <sup>th</sup> March	Meet the Teacher – New Topics
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fayre in School
28 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Decorating Competition
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service at Spa View Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays – <b>School Closed</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Inset Day – <b>School Closed</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> April	KS1 Visit to Butterfly House
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – <b>School Closed</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – <b>School Closed</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> May – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week – Y6
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week – Y2
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term – <b>School Closed</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – <b>School Closed</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit
12 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Assessment Week
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Celebrations
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Celebrations
21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 Residential to Kingswood
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Enterprise Week
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – Y1 & Y2 / Y3 & Y4
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – EYFS
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day - Y5 & Y6
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports Sent Home
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole School Family Picnic
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term



# Community Events



## Being a Parent Programme

Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities - (EPEC)

A **FREE** 7-9 Week Programme for Mums, Dads and Carers of children aged between 2-11.

**Run by Parents for Parents.**

**Starting - Tuesday 25th April 2023, 09:30am – 11.45am for 9 weeks.**

### What is the EPEC Being a Parent Course?

The Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) Being a Parent Programme 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.



#### Venue:

**Spa View Community Church.  
Spa View Road,  
Sheffield  
S12 4HD**

To book a place please contact:  
[Saika.Mustafa@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:Saika.Mustafa@sheffield.gov.uk)

Telephone 0114 2037485  
Or email:  
[sheffieldparenting@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:sheffieldparenting@sheffield.gov.uk)



### What Birley Spa Parents have said about 'Being a parent programme'

"I found the course really informative and feel it helped me a lot. I learned about the importance of play, praise, how to recognise my children's behaviours and needs along with strategies to encourage good behaviour. I would definitely recommend this course."

"I found the parenting course incredibly useful, it gave me skills and ideas for how to support my girls better and gave me a space to chat with other local parents too."

I enjoyed it so much, I've done it twice!"

"It's the best thing I ever did, there were so many tips that I use and still use 1 year on and they really do work. I would recommend anyone doing this program, not just someone having trouble with their children's behaviour but normal parenting, it really helped me to understand things from my child's point of view, amazing program."