



Newsletter

December 2020



Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the close of an unprecedented calendar year, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to Birley Spa Academy staff team, pupils, parents and governors. You have supported us tremendously throughout numerous safety measures, transition arrangements and new found ways of working and communicating. Our team is truly valued and appreciated your support.

Our children and staff are thoroughly enjoying our end of term festivities – it has been a very fun filled term. Last week we held our annual Christmas jumper day, raising money for Save the Children. It was wonderful to see children dressed in their festive jumpers and accessories! We raised an amazing £100. Well done everyone!

Children and staff have been working hard to practise their Christmas performances. Please do keep a watchful eye out for these performances being uploaded to your child's Showbie account.

Our Christmas holiday period this year will look a little different for us all, given the local tier 3 restrictions currently in place due to Coronavirus. With this in mind, please find some wonderful resources via the link below. We wish all of our families to enjoy a wonderful time together over the festive period: <http://daisi.education/fun-activities-at-home/>

May I take this opportunity to wish all our families and Birley Spa staff a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all your support with the challenges that COVID-19 has posed this year.

As a team, we very much look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year 2021.

Kindest Wishes,

Mrs Pemberton

Executive Headteacher

Bear Jar

On behalf of everyone, huge well done to Norfolk class on being the first to fill their jar with change! They received their 10 minutes extra play on Friday 4th December. They raised a fabulous £63.50. Its amazing to see how much the children are getting involved to raise as much as they can for such a worthy charity. Which class will be next to fill their jar?



Nuts in School

Can we politely remind everyone that we are a nut free school and ask that you refrain from bringing any food containing nuts into school.

COVID-19

Parental support around all of school's COVID-19 safety measures has been amazing. We continue to urge parents to remain vigilant and well informed around COVID-19 symptoms and government guidelines.

Should your child or anyone in your household present any of the following COVID-19 symptoms, please ensure they remain at home and a COVID-19 test is arranged by the household member showing symptoms.

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. Please note, government guidance does state that you should ONLY book a test if you or your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

Upcoming Dates for the Diary



Dec 18 th	School closes for Christmas	Jan 13 th	Y5 Deeper Learning Day
Jan 4 th	School Opens for Spring 1	Jan 18 th	Y6 Deeper Learning Day
Jan 6 th	Y5 Deeper Learning Day	Jan 25 th	Y6 Deeper Learning Day

Last Week's Attendance Figures

	Target—96%	Actual— 97.6%		
R—Heeley	98.6%	R—Whirlow	100%	
Y1—Sheaf	99.6%	Y2—Endcliffe	99.3%	
Y2—Norfolk	97.9%	Y3—Crucible	92.9%	
Y3—Lyceum	97.1%	Y4—Kelham	96.2%	
Y4—Weston	96.9%	Y5—Millennium	98.9 %	
Y5— Graves	97.9%	Y6—Bolsover	100%	
Y6— Peveril	97.9%	Shirebrook	92.7%	

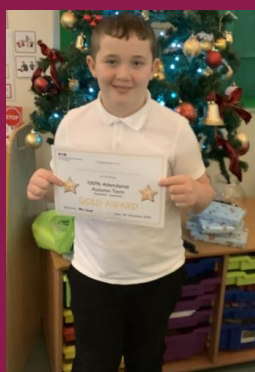
Well done to Bolsover & Whirlow class who achieved 100%. Lets see the other classes really trying to achieve this – each day counts!

Spring Term PE Rota

Monday	Year 6	
Tuesday	Yoga	
Wednesday	FS2	Year 1
Thursday	Year 4	Year 3
Friday	Year 5	Year 2

Please see above the PE rota for next term. Please ensure that your child attends school in their PE kit on their chosen day. PE kit should consist of black trousers and jacket with white T-shirt and trainers.

Huge well done to the 209 Children that received
100% attendance certificates!



12 Days of Christmas

Holidays Challenge



Are you up for completing the 12 days of Christmas Holidays Challenge? To be in with a chance of winning some great prizes all you have to do is take part in some physical activity on each day of the Christmas holidays, write what you did in the boxes below and send a picture of you on social media to [@movemoresheff](#) and use the [#HealthyElfeSelfie](#)

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12

Children and young people should be active for at least 60 minutes every day.



This challenge is designed so that families can stay active during the Christmas holiday period.

Why not be creative and add a Christmas theme!



For ideas on how to get active head over to www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org



12 Days of Christmas Holidays Challenge

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Draw a picture of you and your family being active this Christmas



Healthy 'Elfie Selfie' Challenge

Ask your parent or guardian to send us a picture of you being active or eating something healthy and post it on Twitter using the [#HealthyElfieSelfie](#) and be in with a chance to win **EVEN MORE** prizes.

Why not be creative and add a Christmas theme!

Christmas themed ideas to be active:

- Christmas Song - Danceathon
- Have a snow ball fight with socks - **ask permission first**
- Christmas Star jumps
- Winter Wellie Walks with the family - Go explore your local park/ green space

- Create your own Christmas themed activity challenge/ game at home
- Make a Healthy Christmas snack or meal

If you're getting active remember to drink plenty of water



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