



Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to our Birley Spa families – our staff team and governors hope that you enjoyed a wonderful time celebrating the festive period with your family and friends.

Already 2023 has delivered some exciting news. Mrs Thomas has taken her maternity leave and has welcomed her new bundle of joy, Joseph Thomas. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her a wonderful time with her family and we look forward to meeting him as soon as possible.

We would like to welcome Miss Calvert, Teaching Assistant in Millennium class, and Mrs Horsfield, IR Leader, to Birley Spa Primary Academy. We would also like to thank Miss Hale for her time supporting Year 5 and wish her well for the future.

Parental Workshop:

As advertised last term, we are offering a parental workshop to provide practical tips and strategies for a calming bedtime and sleep routine for children. If you would like to visit our parental workshop on Monday 9th January at 2:30pm, which will be hosted by Mrs Keemer, our Yoga Nurture therapist, please book a place via the School Office.

On 25th January from 8:30-9:30am, a member of L.E.A.D. IT staff will be in school to discuss online safety and how to keep devices secure for children. Please drop in to the hall for advice. We hope that many of you can join these parental workshops.

National story telling week:

We're so excited for the upcoming National Storytelling Week which runs from 28th January to 5th February! Sharing stories with a child is one of the most exciting, rewarding things we can do so we plan to really celebrate stories during this week. We really want to promote reading for pleasure as well as reading to learn so we have a range of opportunities planned over the week.

- Teachers will read a story to a class they don't normally teach.
- Children will pair up with others from a different year group to share a story.
- Children will bring in their favourite book to share with a friend.
- Each class will read stories set in other cultures or

written in another language alongside English to see the universal power of storytelling.

- There will be a story writing competition for children to enter with a **£50 book token** for the best story from each Key Stage and a **£20 book token** for the runner up in each Key Stage. The stories will be judged by the CREATE Collaborate pupil voice group.

There will be other storytelling opportunities for children throughout the week, chosen by the children.

If any of our families have any stories that are written in other languages or represent a country that is special to them, we would be keen to see/hear them so please let us know.

We would love to welcome parents in to school to read with a class or group of children – please let the office staff know if you would be prepared to give 15-30 minutes of your time during this week to make a huge difference to our children.

World Book Day:

For the upcoming World Book day on 2nd March, children are welcome to wear bought costumes, however, to keep costs to a minimum we would love to see as many as possible home made costumes. The learning during the day will be based around different books.

Eco Schools and Projects:

We have had several parents contact us with suggestions about resources for Eco schools and community projects which could really help our children, if you know of any companies, websites or projects which would support us with our curriculum please send them through to our enquires email address:

enquiries@birleyspaacademy.co.uk

Finally, thank you to those who have completed our survey. Your feedback is valuable to us, please take 5 minutes to complete the attached survey;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SD8RHMW>

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Gibson and Mrs Pemberton



Award for Exceptional Handwriting

Year 1

Piper
Willow

Year 2

James

Year 3

Leo
Archie –Ray

Year 4

Charlie
Yousuef

Year 5

Liam
Hanna

Year 6

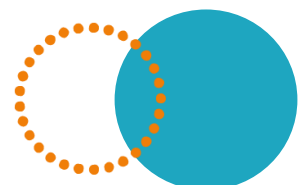
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Attendance: 3rd to 6th January 2023

Heeley	86.8
Whirlow	87.4
Sheaf	91.4
Endcliffe	92.0
Norfolk	94.4
Crucible	92.9
Lyceum	88.0
Kelham	92.0
Weston	95.7
Millennium	84.6
Graves	90.0
Bolsover	91.4
Peveril	92.2
Shirebrook	89.3

Every Day Counts



STAR OF THE WEEK – 6th January

Heeley	Freddy – Showing empathy and tolerance towards the new nursery children.	Hazel – showing creativity and using her phonic knowledge when writing.
Whirlow	Henry– Having a really positive start to the new term and demonstrating great teamwork .	Archie - His endeavour in learning and applying his phonics knowledge in his writing.
Norfolk	Diamond – Resilience in working on his handwriting, and improving constantly.	Charlotte– The teamwork you have shown in welcoming a new member to our class.
Endcliffe	Jaxon – Aspiration , in his learning contributing to class discussion and sharing his ideas.	Calvin – Showing great teamwork when working with his talking partner on the carpet and showing enthusiasm when sharing his ideas.
Lyceum	Darcie – returning to school with a fantastic attitude towards her work and aspiring to do your very best.	Caelan – coming back to school with a great attitude towards his work and aspiring to do his very best.
Crucible	Jayden – Aspiration , you are challenging yourself in writing lessons.	Jenson – Aspirational , you are really stretching and challenging yourself in all subjects.
Weston	Leo – Increasing productivity across all his learning.	Grace - Showing empathy for a character through her diary writing in English.
Kelham	Diane – Creativity when working at home, a fantastic retelling of Biorn and an amazing piece of art.	Cohan - Endeavouring to improve productivity and achieve to the best of his ability, a great few days back.
Graves	Beaux – Showing an aspirational attitude towards learning and having an amazing first week back at school.	Jayden – Being such a kind and welcoming member of the class. You have shown a great amount of empathy this week.
Millennium	Hanna – Showing endeavour and resilience when solving long multiplication.	Kaci– Showing endeavour and resilience when solving long multiplication.
Bolsover	Kian – Remaining positive in Maths. well done for always challenging yourself.	Logan – Remaining positive in Maths - well done for always challenging yourself .
Peveril	Isaac– Showing resilience in the face of adversity.	Logan – Showing great endeavour during maths this week to accurately measure and draw angles.
Shirebrook	Finlay– Doing all his work and Having great attitude to school.	

Dates for the Diary

30 th January – 5 th February	National Story Telling Week
3 rd February	Y5 Young Voices Concert (evening)
10 th February	Y5 Swimming Commences – Ponds Forge
13 th – 17 th February	Half Term – School Closed
20 th February	Inset Day – School Closed
2 nd March	World Book Day (Dress as recognised character of a book)
23 rd March	Eater Fayre
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	Bank Holiday
9 th May – 12 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

