

## Head Teacher's Welcome

Welcome back to all our pupils and their families. I hope everyone had a lovely break over Easter. We have a busy Summer term planned for pupils, with a focus being on supporting pupils who will be transitioning to their existing mainstream schools or their new schools. We will also be focusing on improving pupils' engagement and

enjoyment of reading. Watch out for further information about some of the initiatives we will be taking part in. Please encourage your child to read at home – this could be a newspaper, cooking recipe or information on a website.

Mrs Lord, Head Teacher



## World Book Day

We had the best turnout ever for World Book Day. Almost every member of staff dressed up in some fantastic, creative costumes alongside some pupils. Throughout the day, pupils took part in various book related sessions and enjoyed some quality reading time in groups too.



## Staffing Updates

At the end of the Spring term, we bid farewell to Mr Hayton, Inclusion Manager, and Mr Currie, group 2 Teacher. Both have moved onto positions in other school in Leeds. We wish them the very best of luck for the future. Mrs Lord will

be our DSL until a permanent replacement has been appointed. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please phone the main school office to contact Mrs Lord.

## Charity Work

Pupils from group 4 also showed great community spirit recently when they took some food donations to a local Food Bank in Batley. The Food bank were extremely grateful for our donations and

explained to the pupils how their donations would help others.



## Safeguarding Update

At Reach Academy, we firmly believe that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we focus on supporting all young people to help them achieve.

There are a number of resources available to support parents and young people during this time on our school website <https://www.reachacademy.uk.com/safeguarding>

Alternatively, if there are any concerns that you would like to speak to a member of staff about then please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01924 478 482 a member of the safeguarding team.

Mrs Lord – Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Community Links

**At Reach Academy, we are always looking to strengthen our community links to develop our pupils' cultural capital and experiences. Pupils recently visited a local mosque which is attended regularly by Mohammed Mota. Mo facilitated the visit and the pupils and staff who attended found the experience very informative and interesting. They were fortunate to observe a prayer session and had the opportunity to ask questions related to the mosque and the wider Islamic faith.**



## Parent Survey Outcomes

Parent and pupil voice is extremely important to use. Thank you to those parents who completed our recent parent survey. One of the areas we are looking to develop in the future is the number of parent events and sessions we will host. We will send further information

about events being planned for the future including our end of term celebration event. We held our first celebration event just before Easter to share pupil successes including attendance and subject rewards with the parents who attended.



## Kirklees Local offer

The Local Offer is coming to a library near you! Over the last 12 months, The Local Offer has been having lots of conversations with families affected by special educational needs and disabilities to understand how we can best support them to get good information on what is available to help them. Families have told us they want to be able to have a face to face conversation with the Local Offer team to talk through their queries and concerns. The Local Offer team will be hosting drop in sessions for families within Kirklees Libraries over the next couple of months. Please share these

Friday 29 April Birkby & Fartown Library 2 – 4pm

Friday 6 May Dewsbury Library 11 – 2pm

Tuesday 10 May - With 'Community Plus' Birstall Library 1 – 3pm

Wednesday 11 May Kirkburton Library 1 – 3pm

Thursday 19 May Skelmanthorpe Library 10 – 12pm

For more information, please contact the Kirklees SEND Local Offer team on 01484 416919 or email us at [localoffer@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@kirklees.gov.uk)

## Important Dates for your Diary

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Eid Celebration Day
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of Summer 1 half term.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June -First day of Summer 2 half term.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of Summer term

## School uniform

Please can you ensure that you child attends school everyday in the correct uniform listed below:

- School trousers/skirt/shorts
- Plain polo shirt or school shirt
- Reach Academy jumper (provided to pupils at the start of their placement)
- Suitable shoes/trainers/boots

**Mobile phones must also be handed in to staff when your child arrives at school.**