

# Spire Junior School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope your child / children are settling into their new classes well. It has certainly been a positive start to the new school year with lots of smiles, good behaviour and very smart uniforms. You should have received a newsletter from your child's teacher informing you about the learning in their class this year, as well as key dates regarding parents mornings and class assemblies. I hope you're able to attend some of these events. If you have not yet received one, please see your child's class teacher.

## Jewellery

I'd like to remind parents / carers that children who have pierced ears may wear one pair of studs to school. This must be removed for P.E. and swimming. If your child is unable to take their jewellery out themselves, please ensure they do not wear them on the days they do P.E.

## Olympic Athlete Visit

We're EXCITED to be welcoming GB Athlete James Kirton to school on Monday 25 September! James Kirton will be leading some energetic fitness circuits with the children and hosting an assembly with a Q&A session to help inspire the children into more sport and exercise. We will be having a non-uniform day on this day and are asking children to wear sports clothing and donate £1. Children do not need to get sponsors for this event unless they want to. As I mentioned in an earlier letter I want the children to have the experience of meeting an Olympic athlete rather than raising funds. The children are already excited: we hope you'll be feeling the buzz as well!

## School Mornings

The busiest time in school is at the beginning of the day. In order to settle the children into the class and their learning as quickly as possible we would ask parents not to take the children into the classroom. Class teachers and other staff will be around should you need to speak to them about anything.



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## Mobile Phones

Unfortunately we are seeing a large increase in mobile phones being brought to school by children. Children should not bring mobile phones to school unless there is a specific reason or need for them to do so. If your child does need to bring their mobile phone to school please write a letter to explain why, as well as ensuring they are turned off and handed to school staff during registration. The school will not take any responsibility for any mobiles that are lost / stolen or damaged whilst on the school premises.

## Key dates

I've attached a list of events and key dates for the new academic year. I hope you find this useful and we look forward to seeing you at some of the events.

## Fundraising

I'm really pleased to announce that following 4 months of fundraising we have passed our original target and have raised £5,700!!! (This includes the near £2,000 we raised at the summer fayre which 'Friends of Spire' will use to support the school). The rest of the funds raised will subsidise our Y6 Residential this year and some of next year. A huge thank you to staff, parents, children and the wider community for their support. This really is a unique and fantastic school!

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Dave Shaw  
Headteacher

