



Birkwood Primary School

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Newsletter 17: 20th January 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please DO NOT PARK opposite school, especially by the crossing as parents and children cannot see down the road to cross safely. Also, Please do not park in the staff car park. We all have a responsibility to keep all of our children safe, do not put children at risk by parking inconsiderately and park further away and walk the short distance to school. Thank you to those parents who took notice of my request last week.

Meeting for Year 2 and Year 6 parents on Monday, 23rd January at 3.30pm

The meeting will be about SATs (Standard Assessment Tasks) which by law we have to complete with your children each year. The meeting is to make you aware of the process and how we prepare the children. This year Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and 2 (Year 6) SATs will take place as follows:

- **Year 6** ~ Week commencing 14th May - please note that no holidays will be authorised during that week. It is very important that your child attends every day;
- **Year 2** ~ Week commencing 21st and 28th May - please note that no holidays will be authorised during both weeks.

Literacy Workshop ~ Thank you to the parents of our **Foundation Stage 1 and 2, Daisies and Sunflowers** who joined Mrs Lawson to learn more about Reading and Writing and how it's taught in school. You are welcome to join them ~ **Tuesday afternoons 2.30 - 3.15pm**

F2 Sunflowers ~ will be having their eyes tested by the School Nursing service on Monday 20th Feb from 10.30am onwards. **Please remember to return your consent forms.** Thank you.

Year 3 will commence swimming lessons on Tuesday 21st February until 19th June ~ please see separate letter for details.

Year 4 ~ What an exciting week! Baking with Warburton's Bakery on Tuesday, when there were hedgehogs, frogs, plaits and other creations! Thank you to Warburton's Bakery for the donations of dough, goodies to take home and for the support from Janet. On Wednesday, Mr Burgin worked with James and Year 4 making a model-sized Celtic roundhouse ~ the house is large enough to house 4 mini Celts! Thank you very much Mr Burgin and for kindly providing all the materials. Please see website for photos.



**Year 6 ~ The Lion King has been booked again for 4th July 2012!
Please put this date in your diaries, more details later.**

News ~ Welcome to Mrs Jane Tiffany, Miss Kara Stapleford and Mrs Gillian Shaw who will soon be joining our lunchtime team.

Kingswood Residential Visit September 2012

We have 14 children booked to go on the Kingswood trip in September 2012; the school have decided to heavily subsidise the coach hire to ensure that the children do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

Garden Area by the gate ~ I'm sure you've noticed the new area at the front of school; I'm really pleased with it. I wondered if anyone had any plants, tubs or pots they would like to donate to make it look even better please? Many thanks.

Barnsley Schools' Dance Competition ~ Good luck to all the children who are representing our school in this competition next Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Porter for coaching the children so well and to all the parents who are helping with transport and supporting their children.

The Friends of Birkwood are holding 2 events this half-term:

- **Bingo Evening** ~ 9th February at 7pm
- **Disco** ~ Tuesday 7th February, 5.30 - 7.00pm (for Y1 - Y6). Tickets will be on sale from Monday 23rd January costing £1.50, this includes a packet of crisps and carton of pop

Thank you to Mr and Mrs White and other Friends of Birkwood for organising these events.

You would be most welcome to join us for the following Class Assemblies:

Year 1 Leopards Class Assembly ~ Tuesday 7th February at 2.45pm

Year 1 Tigers Class Assembly ~ Wednesday 28th March at 2.45pm

Year 2 Class Assembly ~ Wednesday 21st March at 2.45pm

Year 3 Class Assembly ~ Wednesday 14th March at 2.45pm

Year 4 Class Assembly ~ Wednesday 29th February at 2.45pm

Year 5 Class Assembly ~ Wednesday 7th March at 2.45pm

Year 6 Class Assembly ~ Wednesday 1st February at 2.45pm

We break up this half-term on Friday, 10th Feb. School reopens on Monday 20th February.

Dates for your diary:

- Open Evening ~ Monday, 6th February (3.30 ~ 5.30) for Years 1 ~ 6.
- Foundation Stage Open Day will take place alongside the Easter celebrations, date to be confirmed.

With kind regards and many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Julie Allen,
Headteacher