



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Father's Day ~ a very Happy Father's Day to all of our Dads, Grandads and anyone 'who is like a Dad'; we will be thinking of our children especially who's Dads are no longer with us and remembering them in our prayers.

Really well done to our **Year 1** children who completed their **Phonics Testing** this week ~ they all did really well and we were very proud of them! We will let you know how they got on in their Annual Reports.

Nursery new starters visits on Tuesday ~ it was so lovely to meet our new Nursery children and new/old parents and grandparents. We're sure your children will be very happy at our school and we'll look after them!

Academic Achievement Awards at the Town Hall on Wednesday ~ We had a really special evening with our friends from Cherrydale and Churchfield. We were so very proud of our children, well done again to: Madison Roberts, Crystie Robinson, Jayden Coward, Layla Kemp, Mikey Bostock, Fae Marshall, Max Taylor, Lillie-Rose Morrison, Olivia Powell, Alfie Curson and Adam Musgrave.

What a very exciting day for **Team Earth at Flamingo Land yesterday!** They had a wonderful time, thank you to Mr Froggatt for organising everything and to all the staff who accompanied them.

We had a very exciting day back at school too with a '**FilmFest**' with sweets, popcorn and lots of treats. It was a really special day for all of our children who have all been so good throughout the year.

Over the past few weeks we have been updating our Prospectus and having lots of lovely photos taken of the children (where we have permission) ~ we have sent copies home for the children involved free of charge. If you would like them sending electronically, please email school and we will organise. They are beautiful!

Parent Questionnaires ~ Thank you to everyone who has already completed the Parent Questionnaires and for the many positive comments, they are much appreciated. Your views are important and will be followed up, they also help us to consider our priorities for school improvement next year. For those who didn't have the opportunity at Birkwood's Got Talent, questionnaires are available on Reception and will be at the Pentathlon on the 28th June. Thank you.

School Dinners ~ we are having a new machine put in during the summer holidays that will accept the new £1 coins and £5 notes. Would you kindly make sure that dinners are paid for in advance please. Thank you.

Music Lessons next week ~ Please note there won't be any brass, keyboard or woodwind lessons next week due to the Music Hub Festival at Elsecar which our Year 5 children are taking part in.

Gardening Club will be selling plants on Tuesdays. Would anybody be able to help to water the plants on the playground and in the community/wildlife garden please? Mondays and Thursdays would be best for approx half an hour after school. Children are more than welcome to come along with an adult too. Thank you.

Creative Arts Week ~ Next week, our Creative Arts Week this year will focus on **Australia**. Each day the children will have the opportunity to take part in exciting activities thanks to Miss Betts.

Monday ~ Didgeridoo workshops for Y1 Robins, Y2 Woodpeckers, Y5 Zebras and Y6 RH

Tuesday ~ Didgeridoo workshops for Pm Nursery, Sunflowers, Daffodils, Y1/2 Kingfishers, Y3/4 Bees and Y6 NS

Tuesday ~ Aboriginal Dance workshop for Sunflowers, Daffodils, Y3/4 Butterflies and Y5 Zebras

Wednesday ~ Didgeridoo workshops for Am Nursery, Y3/4 Butterflies and Ladybirds

Wednesday ~ Aboriginal Dance workshop for Y1/2 Kingfishers, Y2 Woodpeckers and Y3/4 Bees

Thursday ~ Aboriginal Dance workshop for Y1 Robins, Y3/4 Ladybirds, Y6 NS and Y6 RH

Friday ~ Special Assembly for the children to present what they have created and learnt

Throughout the Week ~ There will be lots of Arts and Crafts activities in class as well as cooking and tasting of Australian food

We have bought in special visitors to provide all of the children with an exciting experience; that is why we have asked for the contribution of £3 per child or £5 per family towards the cost. Thank you for your support. The children will also be taking part in activities in their classrooms on the same theme. Keep looking at our excellent school website for updates or follow us on Twitter.

Nursery closures so that staff can do home visits, sorry for the inconvenience:

- **Tuesday, 20th June ~ Am Nursery closed for home visits**
- **Thursday, 22nd June ~ Pm Nursery closed for home visits**

Friends of Birkwood

In preparation for the Summer Fair on **Friday, 30th June (2 - 4pm)** there will be the following non-uniform days:

- **Friday, 23rd June will be a non-uniform day**, if you choose, we ask that your child bring in 'a bottle' eg wine or soft drink (unopened please)
- **Friday, 30th June will be a non-uniform day**, if you choose, we ask that your child bring in some 'cakes or buns'

***Raffle Tickets are on sale at £1 a book. Top Prize £100**

The class who sells the most tickets will have a Fun Afternoon and BBQ

Thank you for your support ~ we use this money to heavily subsidise all trips and visits

Dates to note:

- **Year 1 Robins trip to Cannon Hall ~ Wednesday, 21st June**
- **Year 5 Brass performance at Elsecar Music Festival ~ Wednesday, 21st June**
- **Year 5 trip to Headingley Cricket Ground ~ Thursday, 22nd June**
- **Year 6 Transition Day to Outwood Shafton ALC ~ Tuesday, 27th June**
- **Pentathlon for F2 - Year 6 ~ Am, Wednesday, 28th June**
- **Fire service visits for Year 3 ~ Wednesday, 28th June**
- **Summer Fair ~ Friday, 30th June (2 - 4pm)**
- **Sunflowers and Daffodils First Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 4th July at 2.45pm**
- **Year 6 visit to see The Lion King ~ Wednesday, 5th July**
- **Year 1/2 Kingfishers and Year 2 Woodpeckers trip to Scarborough - Thursday, 6th July**
- **Oliver Performance ~ Monday, 10th July at 10.00am**
- **Afternoon Tea for the School Council with Mrs Allen ~ Monday, 10th July at 1.30pm**
- **Yorkshire in Bloom judging of our Community Garden ~ Tuesday, 11th July**
- **F2 Parents' meeting for our new full-time children ~ Tuesday, 11th July at 3.30pm**
- **Oliver Performance ~ Tuesday, 11th July at 6.30pm**
- **Oliver Performance ~ Wednesday, 12th July at 2.00pm**
- **Year 5 transition day at Outwood Shafton ~ Thursday, 13th July (details to follow)**
- **New Daffodils Dinner Day ~ Thursday, 13th July (see separate letter for details)**
- **Oliver Performance ~ Thursday, 13th July at 6.30pm**
- **New Sunflowers Dinner Day ~ Friday, 14th July (see separate letter for details)**
- **Annual Reports home ~ Friday, 14th July**



**The proud winners of the Attendance Award for last week were:
Daffodils with 100%**

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