



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you a very Happy New Year!

Thank you very much on behalf of all the staff and myself for your cards, gifts and wishes, it's very kind of you and much appreciated. We have received lots of positive comments about all the various events last term, which many of you enjoyed, thank you. **Really well done to all of the children, especially the Year 1 Dragonflies and Grasshoppers who did so well at St. John's Church** on the last day of term ~ they were all just wonderful! It was amazing to see so many of our families supporting too.

I have been very pleased with the way that the children have come back to school this week, so eager to learn and looking very smart too ~ they are a credit to our families.

Packed Lunches ~ Could I ask that parents/carers try to provide children with a healthy packed lunch please. There has been a lot of chocolate, biscuits and crisps which are not good for the children's energy levels or for their teeth. Also, a reminder that there are **no nut products included** as we have a child with a severe nut allergy in school. If you need advice or support, please see Mrs Linda Taylor. Thank you.

Nursery children ~ Really well done to our new Daisies who have come to school for the very first time and have clearly enjoyed it ~ Well done to all the boys and girls and their families too!

Miss Davis has settled in very well with our Nursery children supported by Mrs Medlock and Mrs Sabin. There have been lots of changes over the holidays, thank you to all of the staff who have helped with the re-organisation.

Mrs Dutton has asked me to pass on her sincere thanks for all of her gifts, cards, wishes and kindness on her retirement. She was quite overwhelmed and delighted at the same time!

Kingswood Residential Visit Meeting on Wednesday ~ Thank you to our Year 5 parents (both classes) who were able to attend the meeting. This is an exciting opportunity for our children and an excellent team building exercise

Year 2/3 Kingfishers and Year 3 Woodpeckers had a fantastic time yesterday (Thursday) when we went to see *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* at the West Yorkshire Playhouse. Father David and I were lucky enough to go too and loved it. The children's faces were a picture! Thank you to Mrs Sutton, Miss Betts and all the staff who supported this wonderful opportunity.

After School Clubs ~ will commence next week. The Sports Overview is attached to this Newsletter.

PE Kit: Please ensure that your child/ren has their PE kit on the following days:

Class	Days PE kit needed
F2 Daffodils	Thursday
F2 Sunflowers	Thursday
Year 1 Dragonflies	Mon & Weds
Year 1 Grasshoppers	Tues & Weds
Year 2 Robins	Thurs & Fri
Year 2/3 Kingfishers	Mon & Weds
Year 3 Woodpeckers	Tues & Fri
Year 4 Jaguars	Weds & Fri
Year 4/5 Panthers	Tues & Thurs
Year 5 Lions	Mon & Thurs
Year 6 Zebras	Mon & Tues

Guitar lessons ~ there are some spaces available. Please see Mrs Sutton for more details if your child is interested.

Polite Notice re: Letters and Consent Forms sent home to parents

We have repeated requests for letters and consent forms to be reprinted due to being 'lost' or 'misplaced'. The additional cost has to come out of our School Budget which is meant to be spent on the children. We kindly ask that all correspondence is read and **returned promptly** - next day whenever possible, to avoid this happening. If you do need another copy, all correspondence is available on the school website where it can be downloaded and printed at home. Failure to return letters and consent forms may result in your child being unable to attend a school trip or out of school event; which of course, no-one wants. We very much appreciate your support.

Class Assemblies will take place in the Hall during the Spring Term.

You would be most welcome to come to the following Class Assemblies:

- Year 4/5 Panthers ~ Wednesday, 21st February at 2.45pm**
- Year 2 Robins Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 27th February at 2.45pm**
- Year 3 Woodpeckers Class Assembly ~ Thursday, 1st March at 2.45pm**
- Year 5 Lions Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 7th March at 2.45pm**
- Year 4 Jaguars Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 13th March at 2.45pm**
- Year 1 Grasshoppers Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 14th March at 2.45pm**
- Year 2/3 Kingfishers Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 20th March at 2.45pm**
- Year 1 Dragonflies Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 21st March at 2.45pm**
- Year 6 Class Assembly ~ postponed until after Key Stage 2 SATs**

Dates for your diary:

- **Key Stage 1 (Y2 Robins Classroom) & 2 (Y6 classroom) SATs meetings** ~ Monday, 22nd January at 3.30pm. This year Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs will take place as follows:
 - ~ **Year 6** ~ Week commencing 14th May - it is very important that your child attends every day
 - ~ **Year 2** ~ Week commencing 14th May and 21st May - it is very important that your child attends every day
- **Parents' Evening** ~ Monday, 5th February (3.30 ~ 5.30) for Years 1 ~ 6
- **Parents' Evening** ~ Monday, 5th February and Tuesday, 6th February (3.30 ~ 5.30) for Sunflowers and Daffodils
- **VALENTINE'S DISCO** ~ For Years 1 - 6, Wednesday, 7th February 5.30 - 7.00pm
- **BINGO** ~ Thursday, 8th February at 6pm All Welcome, excellent prizes

Start back at school	Last day in school	INSET Days	Bank Holidays
8 th January 2018	9 th February		
19 th February	23 rd March		
9 th April	Thursday 24 th May	25 th May	7 th May
4 th June	20 th July	23 rd July	
There are 2 more INSET days this year, I'll let you know as soon as they are set			

Parking: Please could parents make sure they are not putting children at risk by parking inconsiderately. Also, taking care with children outside school ~ we had a parent very shocked and upset at the end of last term as a young child, who was not supervised, ran onto the road.



**The proud winners of the Attendance Award for the last week of term were:
Year 5 Lions and Y6 Zebras 98.7%**

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