



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We break up today Friday 9th February.

We return to school on Monday, 19th February. Wishing you all a lovely half-term holiday.

Update on Mrs Allen ~ I went to see Mrs Allen again last Sunday and have spoken to her every day. She is getting better all the time and can't wait to see all of her lovelies - she misses you lots! Mrs Allen would also like to thank all the children for the beautiful flowers they sent and thank everyone who has sent well-wishes. This is very much appreciated and she feels very well-loved.

Parents' Evening ~ on Monday and Tuesday, it was really good to see so many parents supporting their children's learning, thank you. Attendance across school was **62%**. The best attending classes overall were the Year 2/3 Kingfishers and the Sunflowers and Daffodils both with **83%**.

The results of the parent's evening draw are:

Kai Jagger in Year 2 Robins & Holly Musgreave in Y6 Zebras, who will both receive a £25 Asda voucher. Parents/carers of the winning tickets please collect your prize from the school office at your convenience.

Ask it sessions ~ also, on Monday and Tuesday, Nick Chandley came into work with some children and teachers. The children's thinking skills were really put the test in their Ask it sessions. Nick worked with the Dragonflies, Grasshoppers, Kingfishers, Jaguars, Panthers and Lions. He was really impressed with our children and will be back to see Miss Betts and the rest of the children after Half Term.

Y1/2 Relay event ~ some of our Year 1 and 2 athletes went with Mrs Porter and Mrs Bray to Kirk Balk School for the Relay event. Everyone did extremely well and finished in 2nd place! Well done and thank you to all children and staff that attended.

Thank you to Mrs Bray & welcome back to Miss porter ~ it was Mrs Bray's last day working with the Y1 Grasshoppers. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future. We are welcoming back Miss Porter after half a term at another school. She says she has missed us even more than we have missed her. After half term Miss Porter will be working with children in the Sunflowers and Daffodils.

Parking and road safety ~ please could I politely remind all parents/carers to ensure when bringing children into school or collecting that they park in a safe place and not in the no parking zones. Please could parents/carers also be careful when parking that they don't obstruct any pavements.

VALENTINE'S DISCO & BINGO

The children had a great time at the disco and this helped to raise £297.55 towards our School Funds. Thank you so much to Mrs White, resident DJs Mrs Porter and Miss Betts and all of the staff who stayed behind to help after a busy half-term.

Bingo night was a little quieter than usual. Despite this however, we still managed to raise £105.40. Thank you again to Mrs White, Mrs Taylor and all that attended.

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:

- **Year 1 Phonics Meeting for parents of the Year 1 Dragonflies and Grasshoppers ~ Tuesday, 20th February at 9am in the School Hall. Led by Mrs Rennison (come and find out about the tests in June, what is involved and how you can best help your child at home)**

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
Tuesday 5 th June	Thursday 19 th July	4 th June 20 th and 23 rd July	



**The proud winners of the Attendance Award last week were:
The Dragonflies with 99.1%**

The House Winners last week were:



Team Water (Blue)

With kind regards and many thanks for your continued support,
Mr Ben Froggatt,
Deputy Headteacher