



# Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm delighted to be back at school and to be with all of our wonderful children and staff again. I am very proud of how well the school has continued to run with Mr Froggatt at the helm, supported by our Senior Leaders, Governors and all staff. I have felt very loved and cared about which has helped me to feel much better, I'm not yet 100% but I'm certainly getting there. Thank you so much for all your kindness, flowers, cards, thoughts and prayers, they have meant a lot.

**Staffing News** ~ Miss Spellman announced to the children in Assembly on Monday that she is having a baby! We are all delighted for her and baby is due mid/late July; we will all make sure that we look after her.

**Year 1 Phonics Meeting for parents of the Year 1 Dragonflies and Grasshoppers** ~ Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to attend on Monday. Your support is very much appreciated.

**The Year 4/5 Panthers** on Wednesday, linked to their Titanic topic, showcased lots of the children's talents around ICT and green screen technology, beautiful singing, dancing, drama and some amazing writing. We were very proud of all the children and thank you to Mr Markham, Mr Campbell and all of our families who were able to join us.

**Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics** on Wednesday, all of the Y5 Lions took part in the competition at Outwood Shafton and finished in a fantastic 3<sup>rd</sup> place. On Thursday two teams of our Y5s and 6s took part in the Y5/6 Handball competition at Kirk Balk, everyone played really well. Mrs Porter and Mr Campbell were proud of everyone's efforts in both competitions.

**World Book Day ~ Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March.** We will be having a special day to celebrate reading and our enjoyment of reading by having an **optional 'dressing up' day** when children can dress up as a book character if they wish or come in fancy dress. There will be lots of book/reading based activities throughout the day, including teachers swapping classes and classroom doors dressed as characters.

All children will also receive a £1 Book Token.

**Sunflowers and Daffodil** parents/carers are invited to join us from **2.30pm** on the 1<sup>st</sup> March to share a book with your child and have a drink and a biscuit.

**Nursery** parents/carers are invited to join us at **11.00am or 2.30pm** on the 1<sup>st</sup> March to share a book with your child and have a drink and a biscuit.

We would also like to invite you to send of photo of you reading with your child in a 'creative space'.

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

**School Meals Supervisory Assistant** opportunity. Katrina Hooley will sadly be leaving us next Friday as she is starting an exciting new job as a Teaching Assistant apprentice. We will miss her very much and thank her for all the wonderful work she has done at our school over the past 5 years. This means that we need to employ a new member of our lunchtime team ~ the position will be temporary at first with a 6 month

probationary period and view to being permanent. Please see Suzy Savage if you are interested or for an application.

**Dates for your diary:**

- Sunflowers and Daffodils eye tests at 1pm Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February
  - Year 3/4 Basketball at Horizon College ~ Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February (pm)
  - Year 4 Sports Event at Outwood Shafton with 4 of our local primary schools ~ Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February
  - World Book Day ~ Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March (special activities all day)
  - Easter Egg Raffle Tickets on sale from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March
  - Footballers to represent our school at the opening of the new AstroTurf at Dorothy Hyman ~ Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March (am)
  - Team Activ Dance Festival hosted at Birkwood ~ Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March (pm)
  - Year 1 Grasshoppers to St John's to learn about Lent ~ Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March (pm)
  - Year 1 Dragonflies (am) and Year 2 Robins (pm) to St John's to learn about Lent ~ Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March
  - Gardening Club trip to RSPB at Dearne Valley (letters to follow) ~ Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March (all day)
  - Sunflowers to St John's to learn about Lent ~ Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March (pm)
  - Year 1/2 multi-skills at Carlton Outwood ~ Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March
  - Year 1 trip to the National Emergency Services Museum in Sheffield (details to follow) ~ Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March
  - Daffodils to St John's to learn about Lent ~ Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March (pm)
  - **Morning Nursery closed for home visits ~ Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March**
  - Mayor visiting school ~ Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am
  - **Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade** and opportunity for an informal chat with staff about your child's progress ~ 10.30am and 2.00pm on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March
  - **Easter Disco** with optional Easter Bonnet Competition (**lots of lovely prizes!**) ~ Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 5.30 - 7.00 (£2 with crisps and pop included) Hot dogs available at 50p each
- Please Note: Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones** (thank you for your support)
- **Academy Photos of Classes, Musicians, Choir, School Council and Sport** ~ Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March
  - **Easter Bingo** ~ Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm (Excellent prizes, all welcome)
  - **Afternoon Nursery closed for new starter visits** ~ Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March
  - Solemn Easter Assembly, Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March
  - Safer Internet Assembly and Easter Egg Draw ~ Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Start back at school	Last day in school	INSET Days	Bank Holidays
19 <sup>th</sup> February	23 <sup>rd</sup> March		
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> May
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	4 <sup>th</sup> June 20 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	



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

**The House Winners last week were:**



**Team Fire (Red)**

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