



Birkwood Primary School

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Newsletter 21: Friday, 9th March 2018



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have 2 Newsletters combined this week due to the snow! It is always a really difficult decision to close our school, but we have to look at the overall picture of keeping the children, our families, as well as all of our staff, safe. Staff travel quite a way to school from Wakefield, Rotherham and Sheffield and quite a few were stuck in the snow and couldn't get out. However, from the photos on Twitter, I can see that many of our children really enjoyed themselves! We were all glad to be back to normal on Monday though! Hope that you have all managed to stay safe.

We have had to rearrange a few things:

- **World Book Day** is today, Friday, 9th March ~ this is a special day to celebrate reading and our enjoyment of reading. Thank you to everyone who joined in the '**dressing up**' day ~ the children looked amazing and the staff too! All of the teachers enjoyed sharing a book with different year groups, there were lots of reading based activities throughout the day which the children really enjoyed. It was so lovely to see so many of our families join in with the Nursery, Sunflowers and Daffodil children ~ everyone I'm sure had a lovely time.
- Thank you to everyone who sent in 'Creative Reading Photos' and to Miss Hayward for organising this special day. I will let you know which class won the 'Winning Door' competition ~ **There are lots of lovely photos on Twitter and our school website.**
- **Year 3 Woodpeckers Class Assembly** will now be on **Thursday, 15th March at 2.45pm**
- **Year 5 Lions Class Assembly** ~ will now be on **Wednesday, 18th April at 2.45pm**

News from last week:

Our Year 3/4 Basketball players did really well at Horizon College last Monday ~ Mr Campbell was very proud!

The Year 2 Robins Class Assembly last Tuesday, was wonderful linked to their **Dinosaur** topic. They have grown up so much and we could all hear every word clearly. The writing they shared was amazing and how they taught us all about how dinosaurs were created; we loved their rapping too led by Dylan! We were very proud of all the children and thank you to Miss Spellman, Mrs Whitfield, Mrs Summerfield and all of our families who were able to join us.

News from this week:

- Our Footballers will represent our school at the opening of the new AstroTurf at Dorothy Hyman today Friday, 9th March ~ I'll let you know how they got on next week

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mums, Nanans, Grandmas and those who are like Mums to our very special children. We hope you all have a lovely day and enjoy your cards and gifts. Also, thinking of everyone who will be missing their Mums on Sunday, myself included.

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 Jaguars Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 13th March at 2.45pm

Year 1 Grasshoppers Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 14th March at 2.45pm

Year 3 Woodpeckers Class Assembly ~ Thursday, 15th 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 5 Lions Class Assembly ~ Has been postponed to Wednesday, 18th April at 2.45pm

(sorry for the inconvenience, this is due to lack of practice time with the snow)

Year 6 Class Assembly ~ postponed until after Key Stage 2 SATs



Easter Egg Raffle Tickets are now on sale at 20p each. Lots of eggs and prizes to be won ~ the Draw is on Friday, 23rd March

Dates for your diary:

- Jill Royston from Cudworth Library will be visiting Assembly on Monday 12th March to share the Easter Reading Challenge ~ you are very welcome to come and join us and learn how easy it is to join our local library
- Team Activ Dance Festival hosted at Birkwood ~ Monday, 12th March (pm)
- Year 1 Grasshoppers to St John's to learn about Lent ~ Monday, 12th March (pm)
- Year 1 Dragonflies (am) and Year 2 Robins (pm) to St John's to learn about Lent ~ Tuesday, 13th March
- Gardening Club trip to RSPB at Dearne Valley (letters to follow) ~ Wednesday, 14th March (all day)
- Sunflowers to St John's to learn about Lent ~ Wednesday, 14th March (pm)
- Year 1/2 multi-skills at Carlton Outwood ~ Wednesday, 14th March
- **Year 1 trip to the National Emergency Services Museum in Sheffield ~ Thursday, 15th March**
- Daffodils to St John's to learn about Lent ~ Thursday, 15th March (pm)
- **Morning Nursery closed for home visits ~ Friday, 16th March**
- Mayor visiting school ~ Monday, 19th 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, 20th March
 - **Easter Disco** with optional Easter Bonnet Competition (**lots of lovely prizes!**) ~ Wednesday, 21st 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, 22nd March
- **Easter Bingo** ~ Thursday, 22nd March at 6pm (Excellent prizes, all welcome)
- **Afternoon Nursery closed for new starter visits ~ Thursday, 22nd March**
- Solemn Easter Assembly, Friday, 23rd March
- Safer Internet Assembly and Easter Egg Draw ~ Friday, 23rd March



There are no winners of the Attendance Award for last week due to the snow!

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