



# Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Our deepest sympathies go to the family of Margaret Beckett** who very sadly died last Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. Alfie, her grandson is in the Year 2/3 Kingfishers. She was very well known within the community and was always a great supporter of our school; her family have always been very generous too. Our love, sympathies and prayers go to all of her family and friends.

**Next week** is a really important week for our Year 6 children as they will be sitting their Key Stage 2 SATs tests. On **Monday** ~ Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation Papers 1 and 2; **Tuesday** ~ Reading; **Wednesday** ~ Maths Papers 1 (Arithmetic) and 2 (Reasoning); **Thursday** ~ Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning). It is really important that the children attend every day.

In order to start Year 6 off each day in the right frame of mind, we will be providing them with a full **breakfast free of charge**. They will be able to choose from a selection of cereals, a cooked breakfast such as sausage, egg and beans and there will be toast on offer.

**They need to come to school for 8.00am Monday - Thursday**; thank you to Marie for kindly cooking and preparing the food and to Mrs Birch for doing the shopping.

The children have all been very well prepared by Mr Sandwith, Mrs Birch and Mrs Faulkner and many of the teaching staff who have led extra sessions to help them ~ we know they will try their very best and show how good they are. Please make sure that your child goes to bed before 9.00pm each night, thank you.

**Year 2 Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs) ~ Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> May**

It is also an important 2 weeks for our **Year 2** children ~ It is really important that the children attend every day. Again, they have been very well prepared by Miss Betts and Miss Spellman and all the staff in both Year 2 classes, we know the children will all try their very best.

**Assessments** will take place throughout school over the next few weeks to ensure that all children are making the best possible progress that they can and if some are struggling, what additional support we need to put in place to help them. Mr Froggatt will closely monitor this with Mrs Rennison and myself.

Thank you for all your support with the Big Pedal ~ news from Mr Campbell ~ on Monday, we were 5<sup>th</sup> in Yorkshire and 1<sup>st</sup> in Barnsley!!

On Tuesday afternoon, I visited Mr Wood at West Meadows with our Head Boy (Dylan Roberts) and Head Girl (Kaydee Wombwell). We had a really lovely time and Dylan and Kaydee were excellent ambassadors for our school; we saw lots of things that were the same as Birkwood too.

On Wednesday, we had some interesting animals to visit Foundation ~ the children loved the snake, Giant African snail, gecko, tarantula and an African hedgehog! The children were really brave too.

It was great to see so many of our **Nursery Parents/Carers at the Gardening Workshops** on Thursday. They planted lettuce, onions, sunflowers, pansies and beans linked to their Jack and the Beanstalk topic. It was a very special time for our families to work together.

Thank you to Cody and Tyler's Grandad David, my husband John, our Governors Tommy Taylor and Paul Sabin for all their help in tidying up our school grounds ~ it looks lovely now thank you!

## Dates for your Diary (Summer 1):



**Friends of Birkwood**  
**Summer Term Disco ~ Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 5.30 - 7.00pm**  
(Tickets are now on sale at £2 with crisps and pop included, hot dogs available at 50p each)

- **Science Week** (Forces and Motion) ~ week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> May with lots of special science activities including a Science Circus (Monday and Tuesday), organised by Mr Summerfield
- **Year 4 (Jaguars and Panthers) Collaboration Sports Event** at Dorothy Hyman with our friends from Brierley, Ladywood, Cherry Dale and Churchfield ~ Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May all day
- **Some of our gardeners will be visiting Robert Street Allotments** with Miss Greenwood ~ Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May afternoon



**Birkwood's Got Talent**  
takes place on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm onwards**  
Tickets are now on sale at £2 each  
(with a maximum of 4 per family)

**We break up on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May and return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

## Dates for your diary (Summer Term 2):

- **Year 6 Sex Education Meeting for Parents** ~ Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June after school
- **Year 1 Phonics Testing** ~ Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> June
- **Ward Alliance Presentation Evening at the Town Hall** ~ Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June (details to follow)
- **Sunflowers and Daffodils First Class Assembly** ~ Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm
- **Pentathlon for F2 - Year 6** ~ Am, Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June
- **Key Stage 2 Music Festival at the Metrodome** ~ Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June (Am)
- **Trip to Flamingo Land for the winning House** ~ Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- **Creative Arts Week** ~ Africa ~ week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> June
- **Summer Fayre** ~ Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June (2 - 4.00pm)
- **Year 6 visit to see The Lion King in London** ~ Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July



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

### The House Winners last week were:



**Team Water (Blue)**

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