



Birkwood Primary School

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Newsletter 2: Friday, 14th September 2018



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Dear Parents and Carers,

If you haven't yet had a look at our school's website, then you're missing a treat! There is a lot of very up-to-date information about what your child/ren have been learning throughout school, you can also follow us on **Twitter @BirkwoodPrimary**. It's really easy, just click on the link below any of the images on our website.

Congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice Captains:

House	Captains	Vice Captains
Earth	Lewis Kershaw and Lexie Todd	Lexie Parker and Marley Taylor-Lund
Water	Jayden Coward and Holly Webb	Nya Cooper and Harley Ward
Air	Cameron Bettley and Trinity Green	Holly Cleaver and Max Taylor
Fire	Callum Wenham and Evie Middlehurst	Evie Wilson and Theo Levitt-Glenn

After School Clubs ~ This half term's timetable for the After School Clubs is attached. It is wonderful that we offer so many opportunities for our children, free of charge.

Attendance prizes ~ To reward excellent attendance and coming to school on time, Mrs Booth has been shopping again and we have 20, £5 prizes for those children who achieve 100% attendance and no lates. All those children will go into a Draw for the end of the Autumn Term. The class who wins the Attendance Award each week are announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday, they receive a bag of sweeties each, the trophy for the week and it is included on the Newsletter below. These prizes are kindly sponsored by Provide Education.

Music Lessons have started:

Monday morning - Mr Fuller, **Guitar and Percussion** with Mr Ramskill

Wednesday afternoon - Mrs Marples, **Piano and Keyboard**

Thursday morning - Miss Laycock, **Clarinet, Flute and Saxophone**

Thursday morning - Mr Dodd **Brass**, Mr Lennon **Birkwood Brass after school**

Friday afternoon - Miss Roper, **Violin**

Macmillan Coffee Day, Wednesday 3rd October ~ The Year 3/4 Kingfishers and Year 4 Woodpeckers will be running a Community Café throughout the day; donations of cakes, buns and biscuits would be very much appreciated. This is always a very special day for a very special cause, more details to follow.

Reading information session for the parents of the Sunflowers and Daffodils ~ Tuesday, 25th September at 9am in the Hall. This is to share with you how we teach children to read and how you can best support at home. You will be very welcome.

Year 6 ~ It is now time to apply for admission to secondary school in September 2019 ~ the closing date is Wednesday, 31st October.

Applications for full-time school places for September 2019 ~ the closing date is the Tuesday 15th January 2019. Applications are being encouraged online; for children attending our Nursery setting, please make sure you get your application in on time.

Bikes and Scooters ~ Please make sure that children do not ride bikes or scooters across the playground and also take care outside school especially passing the little ones in Foundation and Nursery. We had one of our little boys nearly knocked over outside school on Wednesday and he was really upset. Thank you.

For our new Parents/carers: The Superstar Award is given to a child from Foundation Stage to Year 6 that the staff have identified as doing exceptional work, having an outstanding attitude, kindness, bravery or other reason; but have really stood out. The trophy and certificate are awarded in Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoon, their photograph is taken by Mr Markham put onto the school website and Twitter



**The proud winners of the Attendance Award last week were:
The Sunflowers, Daffodils, Foxes, Hedgehogs, Kingfishers, Woodpeckers
AND Lions!! All with 100% - Well done everyone**

Dinners ~ Would you kindly make sure that dinner money is paid for in advance please so that debt doesn't build up. The cost of a school dinner is £1.75 per day, so £8.75 per week. If you have any problems, please see Mrs Linda Taylor, thank you.

Just a reminder about the Reading Bus ~ books can be loaned after school each day.

Class Assemblies ~ parents will be invited to share their child/ren's work in the classrooms during the Autumn Term; Assemblies will take place in the Hall during the Spring Term.

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

Year 1/2 Squirrels Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 24th October at 2.45pm
Year 2 Hedgehogs Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 13th November at 2.45pm
Year 4 Woodpeckers Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 14th November at 2.45pm
Year 5/6 Panthers Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 20th November at 2.45pm
Year 3 Robins Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 21st November at 2.45pm
Year 3/4 Kingfishers Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 27th November at 2.45pm
Year 1 Foxes Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 28th November at 2.45pm
Year 6 Lions Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 4th December at 2.45pm
Year 5 Jaguars Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 5th December at 2.45pm

Dates for your diary:

- **Year 6 Kingswood Residential Meeting** ~ Wednesday, 19th September at 3.30pm
- **Year 3 Robins trip to the National Coal Mining Museum** ~ Tuesday, 25th September
- **Barnsley in Bloom Awards at the Town Hall** ~ Tuesday, 25th September at 6pm
- **Anti-bullying workshop** ~ Thursday, 4th October
- **Parents' Evening** for all year groups ~ 8th October
- **Parent's Evening** for Sunflowers and Daffodils ~ 8th and 9th October
- **Sunflower and Daffodil eye tests** ~ Wednesday, 10th October (Am)
- **Flu vaccinations for F2 - Year 5** ~ Thursday, 11th October (Am)
- **Year 3/4 Music demonstration by Barnsley Music Service** ~ Friday, 12th October (Pm)
- **Road Safety Week** ~ Week commencing 15th October
- **Harvest Open Day for Nursery children** on Wednesday, 17th October ~ 10.30am and 2.15pm
- **Year 6 Residential Visit** setting off at 11.45am on Sunday, 21st October. Returning Friday, 26th October at approx. 3pm
- **HALLOWEEN DISCO** (tickets £2 with free pop and crisps. Hot dogs 50p each) on Wednesday, 24th October 5.30 - 7.00pm (Year 1 children don't usually come to this disco as some of the outfits can be scary)
- **Singalong for Sunflower/Daffodil parents** in Foundation Stage ~ Thursday, 25th October at 2.45pm
- **BINGO** Thursday, 25th October at 6pm (Everyone welcome, excellent prizes ~ please come and join us!)

With many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Julie Allen MBE, Headteacher