



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Governor Elections ~ Thank you to Gaynor Lyon for her time as a Parent Governor, but due to work and family commitments she is struggling to attend meetings; therefore, from the recent elections, we have appointed Kerry Wilson (parent of Lewis in the Year 1/2 Foxes) and Helen Garner (parent of Toby in the Year 3/4 Kingfishers). Thank you very much for all of the ballot forms received (47 in total). Our Governing Body is a very important part of our school and I thought it would be helpful for you to know who is who and their role:

Birkwood Primary School Governing Body

Mr Tommy Taylor ~ Chair of Governors

Mrs Janet Robinson ~ Vice Chair of Governors

Mrs Julie Allen, Mr Ben Froggatt ~ Staff Governors

Miss Alex Betts ~ Associate Governor

Father David Nicholson, Mr Paul Sabin, Mr Richard Burgin, Mr Mick White and Mrs Jill Birch (staff) ~ Co-opted Governors

Miss Kerry Wilson and Mrs Helen Garner ~ Parent Governors

Road Safety Week ~ Thank you very much to Kerry Birks from the Road Safety Team who has worked with all of the children from Foundation to Year 4 and delivered this important message in an age appropriate way in order to help keep our precious children safe.

Year 5/6 Girls' Football ~ Really well done to our brand new girls' football team ~ They gave an excellent performance on Monday and our parents, Mr Wattam and Mrs Porter were so proud.

Year 5/6 Boys' Football ~ on Tuesday did equally well and both teams came 3rd in their groups. Congratulations to both teams.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to attend the **Sex and Relationship Education Meeting for Year 6** on Wednesday. It is important to share with you the materials we will be using after the residential visit, to make sure that our children get the right messages about such a sensitive subject in an appropriate way.

Harvest Open Day for Nursery children on Wednesday ~ it was wonderful to see so many of our families joining us for such a creative day. Thank you very much for all your generous food donations which have been very gratefully received by the Cudworth Foodbank. Our new children have made such great progress since joining us and are really settled and happy thanks to the care and nurturing of our Nursery Team ~ Miss Davis, Mrs Medlock and Mrs Sabin.

Year 6 visit to Colomendy, North Wales on Sunday ~ **Please be at school for 11.30am** as the children set off at **11.45am**. They are due to leave North Wales at 1pm on Friday afternoon and should arrive back at school at approx. **3.30pm**.

I will speak to Mr Sandwith for daily updates and you can follow us on **Twitter @Birkwood Primary** (just click on the link below pictures on the website). Thank you very much to Mr Sandwith, Mrs Birch, Mrs Whitfield and Mr Wattam who are giving up their time away from their own families to provide our children with this exciting opportunity. I'm sure everyone will have a wonderful time, thank you also for your support.

Firefighter's Charity Collection ~ Thank you for your donations, as we always say, every little helps!

UNICEF/Clarks Shoe Collection ~ As part of our work with Mrs Lawson and becoming a Silver Rights Respecting School. We are working with Clarks and UNICEF to support a shoe collection. We are asking that week commencing **Monday, 19th November** you send any unwanted pairs of shoes into school. Money raised from your donations will be used by the UNICEF charity to support children's education around the world.

Lunchtime Supervisor ~ We currently have a vacancy for a Relief member of our lunchtime team, please see Suzy Savage if you are interested or for more details.

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:

- **Key Stage 1 Football Skills** ~ Monday, 22nd October



HALLOWEEN DISCO ~ Wednesday, 24th October 5.30 - 7.00pm
(Tickets £2 with free pop and crisps. Hot dogs 50p each)
(Year 1 children tend not to come to this disco as some of the outfits can be scary)
Please can all children, including Year 5 and 6 be collected at the end of the disco as it will be dark. Thank you.

- **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!)
- **Visit to Emmanuel Church for the Year 1/2 Squirrels** ~ Friday, 26th October

The House Winners last week were:



Team Fire (Red) = 4 points

**The proud winners of the Attendance Award last week were:
The Panthers with 100%**

With many thanks for your continued support.
Mrs Julie Allen MBE
Headteacher