



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We break up today and return to school on
Tuesday, 6th November ~ we hope you have a lovely half-term break.

Year 6 visit to Colomendy, North Wales ~ They are due back this afternoon and it will be good to have them all and Mr Sandwith, Mrs Birch, Mrs Whitfield and Mr Wattam back safely in one piece. Thank you to our staff for giving their time away from their own families; also, to our Governing Body who kindly agreed to subsidise every child's place by £128 ~ this money is taken from our School Fund (fundraising) and the School's Budget. It's worth it though as they had such an amazing time!

Key Stage 1 Multi Skills on Monday ~ Our Year 1 children did so well competing at Barnsley College especially as it was their very first competition! Mrs Porter and Mrs Heaton were very proud 😊

Year 1/2 Squirrels Class Assembly on Wednesday ~ Our very first Class Assembly of the year was very well supported by our parents and families. The children shared their learning about their **Celebration Topic**, and they did themselves proud with their writing, drama, singing and dance and lots of facts too. They were wonderful and thank you to Mrs Wilkie and Mrs Heaton for all their hard work.

The **HALLOWEEN DISCO** on Wednesday, was very well supported, although we were missing our Year 6 children of course. This helped to raise **£260.30**. Thank you to Mrs White and all the staff who stayed behind to help after a busy day at school.

Yesterday, Thursday, it was lovely to see so many of our **Sunflower and Daffodil** families joining us for the **Singalong** ~ the children were delightful and very enthusiastic! Aren't they just so lovely and a credit to you and our school!

Visit to Emmanuel Church for the Year 1/2 Squirrels ~ What a busy week for the Squirrels! I'll let you know how they got on after half-term.

Timestable Rockstars! Mr Markham has organised for us to subscribe to this excellent resource to help our children develop their number facts and mental maths skills. They will have access to it in school and home; we will be sending codes home soon. Please see Mr Markham if you have any queries.

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.

I am still concerned about parking again outside school and outside our neighbours on Westhaven ~ please park considerately by not blocking people's drives. There are elderly and disabled people who live on Westhaven and they haven't been able to get in or out of their homes due to our families parking their cars across their drives. Please also do not park opposite the main exit to school as children and their families have to walk on the road! Please help to keep our children safe and respect our neighbours. Thank you.

Please find attached to this newsletter next half term's After School Clubs calendar.



**Birkwood will be supporting
Children in Need and our School Fund**
Our School Council will be holding a 'Fun Day' on
Friday, 16th November 2-4pm
The theme of the day will be 'Sport, Animal or Character' outfits

Any donations of the following items would be most appreciated, please have a sort out over half-term:

- Toys and Dolls; Soft toys like stuffed animals
- Jigsaws, DVDs and films
- Books
- Smellies, like bath bombs and any unwanted jewellery
- White elephant stall, blankets and 'antiques'
- Any donations for the Cake and Bun stall on Friday, 16th November please
- Raffle prizes
- 'Guess the name of the teddy' (a teddy would help!)
- Special Pudsey merchandise will be on sale from Tuesday, 6th November

Class Assemblies ~ Parents/Carers are 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 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 3/4 Boys' football ~ Wednesday, 7th November**
- **Year 1 Foxes to Bolsover Castle ~ Friday 9th November (please see separate letter)**
- **Mrs Allen and Mrs Sutton to Outwood Shafton to see Birkwood/Outwood Brass at their Remembrance Service ~ Friday, 9th November**
- **Remembrance Mass at St John's Church ~ Sunday, 11th November at 10am, all welcome. Some of our Year 5/6 children will be contributing to the Mass as part of the Centenary to mark the end of WW 1**
- **Year 5 Jaguars, 5/6 Panthers and Year 6 Lions to Imperial War Museum ~ Monday, 12th November (please see separate letter)**
- **Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics ~ Pm Thursday, 15th November**
- **Children in Need ~ Friday, 16th November. Please see above. Also, Non-uniform Day (50p contribution), Bring and Buy Sale**

The House Winners last week were:



Team Air (Yellow) = 4 points

**The proud winners of the Attendance Award last week were:
The Kingfishers with 99.7%**

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