



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We wish Miss Danielle Taylor, who is based in Foundation Stage, all the very best as she leaves us to have her baby. I'm sure she will keep popping in to see us. We gave her some special presents from us all today in Special Assembly this morning.

Remembrance Service at St. John's Church on Sunday, thank you to Mrs Birch, Mr Summerfield and all of the children who joined with the parish of St. John's to commemorate 100 years since the ending of World War I. Lillie-Rose read a poem with Mrs Birch and Mollie ~ we were all very proud. Then Mollie helped me to lay a cross at the Cenotaph to represent the community of Birkwood Primary School and give thanks. Thank you to Mrs Birch and Olivia Gough for creating our poppy cross.

Last Friday, our **Year 1 Foxes** had a wonderful visit to Bolsover Castle ~ they enjoyed learning about what it was like to live in a castle and couldn't believe how big it was. They were all so excited and so good, we were all very proud of them and they all said thank you for their trip too 😊 . Thank you to Miss Porter and all the staff who supported.

On Monday, our Year 5, 5/6 and 6 children enjoyed their trip to the Imperial War Museum in Manchester. It helped to further develop their understanding of their World War I topic and how lucky we are to live in peace in our school, community, town and country. Thank you to Mr Summerfield, Mr Sandwith, Mrs Rennison and all the staff who supported. The children were excellent ambassadors of our school.

Children's Heart Surgery Fund ~ During our Special Assembly on Monday, we presented a cheque for £565 to this amazing charity. Gill Baker's little granddaughter Ava joined us for the Presentation and Katy Bear! We should be in the Barnsley Chronicle soon.

Year 2 Hedgehogs Class Assembly on Tuesday ~ The children shared their learning linked to their topic Celebrations which they have obviously enjoyed. There was some beautiful writing, reading, drama, singing and art work. Thank you to all of the children for doing us proud, Miss Betts and Mrs Gill and to all of our families who were able to join us.

Year 4 Woodpeckers Class Assembly on Wednesday ~ Thank you to all of the children for sharing their wonderful learning about their World War II topic. There was some excellent dancing, drama, singing and writing with lots of facts too. Really well done to everyone, to Mrs Cooke and Mrs Porter and thank you to all of our families who were able to attend.

Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics on Thursday at Netherwood ~ The Blue team came first and the Red team were runners up! Mrs Porter and Mr Wattam were very proud. Well done everyone! Also good luck to the 9 children who are taking part in the Cross Country Finals at Cannon Hall this afternoon. I'll let you know how they got on next week.



**Birkwood School Council will be supporting
Children in Need and our School Fund (which subsidises all trips and visits)
Today, 16th November 2-4pm
The theme of the day is 'Sport, Animal or Character' outfits
I'll let you know next week how much has been raised
Thank you for all your support!**

Tempest Photos will be taking photos of individual children and siblings on Tuesday, 20th November from 8.30am if you are wanting to have photos taken with younger or older brothers and sisters. These usually make lovely Christmas presents too.

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.

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 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 5 Jaguars Class Assembly ~ *Please note change of date to Thursday, 29th November at 2.45pm (sorry for any inconvenience)

Year 6 Lions Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 4th December at 2.45pm

Dates to Note:

- **Sunflowers to visit Cudworth Library ~ Thursday, 22nd November (9.45 - 10.30am)**
- **School Council Visit to Barnsley Town Hall ~ Thursday, 22nd November (1pm and back for home time)**
- **Daffodils to visit Cudworth Library ~ Friday, 23rd November (9.45 - 10.30am)**
- **Key Stage 2 Cheerleading Trials ~ Friday, 23rd November**
- **Key Stage 1 Hoopball ~ Monday, 26th November**
- **Cudworth Lights Switch On with 12 members of the choir ~ Tuesday, 27th November at 4pm**
- **Year 6 to Crucial Crew ~ Wednesday, 28th November**
- **Year 3/4 Handball ~ Wednesday, 28th November**
- **Christmas Dedication Baubles go on sale ~ Week commencing 3rd December**
- **Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics ~ Monday, 3rd December**
- **Performance by THE Grimethorpe Colliery Band in our School Hall ~ Monday, 3rd December (Evening)**
- **Drama Club to see 'Jack in the Beans Talk' at the Civic ~ Wednesday, 5th December (Pm)**
- **Nursery Christmas Workshops (parents/carers welcome) ~ 10.30 for Am children and 12.30 for Pm children Thursday, 6th December**

The Friends of Birkwood are also beginning preparations for the

Christmas Fayre on Thursday 6th December:

Friday, 23rd November will be a non-uniform day, if you choose, we ask that your child bring in 'sweeties'

Friday, 30th November will be a non-uniform day, if you choose, we ask that your child bring in 'a bottle' eg wine or soft drink (unopened please)

Thursday, 6th December will be a non-uniform day, if you choose, we ask that your child bring in some 'baking or biscuits'

The class who sell the most raffle tickets will have a special treat of a DVD, popcorn and hotdogs!

Thanks to Mr and Mrs White. **Raffle tickets will be on sale soon.**

- **Selection Box raffle tickets go on sale ~ Week commencing 10th December (20p per ticket)**
- **Year 1 Foxes, Year 1/2 Squirrels and Year 2 Hedgehogs Nativity ~ Monday, 10th December at 2.15pm and Tuesday, 11th December at 9.30am**
- **Christmas Disco ~ Tuesday, 11th December**
- **Choir and Readings ~ Wednesday, 12th December at 6.30pm performing at St. John's Church**
- **Afternoon Nursery Closed for new starter visits (sorry for any inconvenience) ~ Thursday, 13th December**

- **Sunflowers and Daffodils Christmas Nativity** ~ Thursday, 13th December at 9.30am
- **Christmas Bingo** ~ Thursday, 13th December
- **Year 1/2 Squirrels and Year 2 Hedgehogs** to see 'Jack Frost' at the Civic ~ Friday, 14th December (Pm)
- **Nutcracker Ballet at the Royal Opera House** in London ~ Saturday, 15th December (72 members of our community)

Last Week / Party Week:

- **Cinderella Performance** by the Drama group ~ Monday, 17th December at 10am
- **Mayor Visiting Assembly** ~ Tuesday, 17th December
- **Nursery Christmas Nativity** ~ Tuesday, 18th December at 10.30am and 2.30pm
- **Morning Nursery Closed for new starter visits**(sorry for any inconvenience) ~ Wednesday, 19th December
- **Sunflowers and Daffodils** to see 'Jack Frost' at the Civic ~ Wednesday, 19th December (Am)
- **Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day** ~ Wednesday, 19th December
- **Key Stage 1 Carol Service** at St John's ~ Wednesday, 19th December at 10.30am
- **Christmas Soiree** ~ Thursday, 20th December at 6.30pm
- **Key Stage 2 Carol Service** at St John's ~ Friday, 21st December at 2.00pm

The House Winners last week were:



Team Water (Blue)

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

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