



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school website and Twitter are fantastic and give a real insight into what happens in school. We have our latest film on the website. We are very proud and thank you to Wrapped Video Productions who also film weddings and other special events. Have a look when you get chance.



Birkwood School Council supporting

Children in Need and our School Fund (which subsidises all trips and visits)

Congratulations also to Connie, Daysi, Lily and Layla and Ella who did a sponsored 12 hour silence!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to raise the amazing amount of:

£965.14

£500 will go to our School Fund and £465.14 to Children in Need

Tempest Photos took photos of individual children and siblings on Tuesday, these usually make lovely Christmas presents too. Orders need to be returned by Wednesday 28th November to get free Post & Package. There will be a charge after that date. I've had mixed reviews of the samples, some parents have said they're better and some not; so we'll see for next year.

Year 5/6 Panthers Class Assembly on Tuesday ~ Really well done to all of the children for sharing their learning about their World War I topic. They had only been practising since the morning of the day before, so did incredibly well to learn their lines, speak so clearly and sing so well. They shared lots of facts, amazing art work and some very emotional writing. Thank you to all our families who were able to attend and to Mrs Rennison and Mr Wattam and all the children for their hard work.

Year 3 Robins Class Assembly on Wednesday ~ was wonderful! The children shared a performance poem which was very moving and shared lots about our Coal Mining Heritage and the strength of our community during difficult times. There were lots of important messages shared through drama, singing and children's writing. Well done everyone and thank you to Mr Markham, Mrs Whitfield, Mrs Summerfield and to all of our families who were able to attend.

Our Mayor, the Worshipful Mayor of Barnsley Councillor Steve Green even popped in to present an Award to the Robins for winning the '10 day Active Award'. He was very impressed with the Robins too!

Key Stage 2 Cheerleading ~ they entertained everyone in Assembly on Wednesday and everyone was very impressed with their routine.

Our Daffodils and Sunflowers are visiting Cudworth Library on Thursday and today Friday ~ they've had a wonderful time and we are so lucky to have such a great resource free to use in our village.

School Council Visit to Barnsley Town Hall on Thursday ~ Mrs Sutton and I and our 14 School Councillors met the Mayor in the beautiful Reception rooms and then went into Council Chambers and the Mayor's Parlour (we felt very posh). Our School Councillors were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Exciting News!!

Monday, 3rd December at 7.15pm

Tickets are now on sale for the World Famous **Grimethorpe Colliery Band Concert** in our School Hall!

This concert will also feature short performances by:

Birkwood Brass, Outwood Brass and Davey Webster (ex-Birkwood pupil).

Tickets are on sale from Mrs Sutton at only £2 each ~ see Reply Slip at the bottom

(ex-miners and children have free admission, but will still need a ticket).

UNICEF/Clarks Shoe Collection ~ Thank you for your very kind donations. Mrs Lawson will be dropping them off at the Clarks shop at the weekend.

We currently have a vacancy for a Relief Dinner Lady; please see Suzy Savage for more details. This vacancy has arisen as one of our full-time staff Amanda Dryden has recently handed in her notice. We are very grateful for all her hard work and dedication over the 8 years she has worked at our school.

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 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:

- **Key Stage 1 Hoopball** ~ Monday, 26th November
- **Craft Stall led by the Year 4 Woodpeckers** ~ Tuesday, 27th November after school
- **Cudworth Lights Switch On** ~ Tuesday, 27th November at 4pm with 12 members of the choir. It's the village Christmas Fayre too on Saturday, 24th November (11-4), there will be a free Santa's Grotto, Christmas stalls, Food, Gifts, Face painting and other stalls too. It will be in the Co-op car park. We have sponsored the Angel Light, see if you can spot it!
- **Year 6 to Crucial Crew** ~ Wednesday, 28th November
- **Year 3/4 Handball** ~ Wednesday, 28th November

Reading Morning for Sunflowers and Daffodils families ~ Please come and join us for a cup of tea and toast and share a book with your child. Friday, 30th November after Registration in class

- **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
- **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, 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)

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Raffle tickets are now on sale at 25p each. 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)

With many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Julie Allen MBE, Headteacher

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I would like _____ tickets and enclose £_____

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Signed _____ Dated _____