



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting News!!

Monday, 3rd December at 7.15pm

We still have a few tickets left 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**

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

Staffing News ~ Congratulations to Mrs Rennison in the Year 5/6 Panthers as she is having a baby; we are delighted for her and her husband Darren. Mrs Rennison will have well prepared our Year 6 children before she leaves at Easter. There are then 9 days up to KS2 SATs when Mrs Faulkner and Mrs Birch will work with the children. We are confident that they will continue to make excellent progress and do their best up until the end of the Summer Term.



I can't believe it's the 1st December tomorrow. We will be reminding the children throughout the Advent period about the Christmas story and the real meaning of Christmas. Thank you to Mrs Birch's Mum for making our beautiful wreath. Things will really 'hot up' over the next few weeks as we begin our preparations in earnest. I always enjoy it when the children start practising Christmas Carols. The school will soon be trimmed up and ready for Christmas, thank you to all the staff. Our real Christmas tree is due to arrive today.

Christmas Fayre Thursday, 6th December (2-4pm) ~ will be the last non-uniform day, if you choose, we ask that children bring in some 'baking or biscuits' Thank you. There will be lots of stalls, refreshments and Father Christmas will be making a special appearance. You are welcome to collect your child/ren from their classes to join you at the Fair, please remember to inform their class teacher before you take them home.

Raffle tickets are on sale at £1 per book (25p each) Star Prize £100!

Please return unsold Raffle tickets as soon as possible. Thank you

The class who sells the most raffle tickets will have a special treat of a DVD, popcorn and hotdogs! Thanks to Mrs White. I will let you know who has won.

Christmas Dedication Baubles are now on sale (see attached slip) ~ You can have your child's name on the bauble or in memory of a relative or friend, the year can also be added. The baubles will be hung on a special tree in school and then you will be able to take them home on Thursday, 20th December which is the day before we finish for the Christmas holidays. A bauble costs £2.50.

Key Stage 1 Hoopball on Monday ~ Our Year 1 and 2 children did really well and Mrs Porter and Mr Wattam were very proud of their efforts. It was a participation competition, rather than there being outright winners.

Year 3/4 Kingfishers Class Assembly ~ on Tuesday was wonderful and the children shared their learning about World War II. There was some beautiful drama, poetry, singing and excellent writing too. Well done to all the children, thank you to all of our families who were able to join us and to Mrs Sutton, Miss Hayward and Mrs Musgreave.

Christmas Light Switch On in Cudworth ~ after school on Tuesday, was a lovely community event when we joined with our friends from Cherry Dale and Churchfield Primary Schools. We enjoyed the carol singing and refreshments too. Our children represented our school very well, we were all very proud. Have you seen the new Christmas Lights and ours too, they are beautiful.

Thank you to Mrs Porter's Mum and everyone who supported the **Craft Stall led by the Year 4 Woodpeckers** ~ This helped to raise £78 towards our School Fund.

Year 6 to Crucial Crew on Wednesday ~ The children learned how to deal with and avoid a range of potentially hazardous situations. It was supported by staff from Rotherham Road Safety, South Yorkshire Police and South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue. They were all a credit to our school.

Year 3/4 Handball on Wednesday ~ Our children did really well and received a special Gold badge. Mrs Porter was very proud!

Year 1 Foxes Class Assembly on Wednesday was so special. The children were really confident and clearly enjoyed sharing their learning about their topics 'Ourselves' and Knights and Castles', the drama with George and the Dragon was funny too! They sang beautifully, there was some lovely poetry, a film about their trip to Bolsover Castle and some interesting facts. We were all very proud, thank you to Miss Porter, Mrs White and Mrs Tiffany and to all of our families and friends who were able to join us.

Year 5 Jaguars Class Assembly on Thursday about World War I was excellent again. The children spoke so confidently and there were some important messages about Peace, Love and Family through song, writing, poetry and art work. Really well done to all of the children, to Mr Summerfield and Mrs Page and thank you to all of our families who were able to attend.

Reading Morning for Sunflowers and Daffodils families this morning ~ It was wonderful to see so many of our families enjoying us to share a book, a drink and some toast together. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Christmas Soiree Tickets will be on sale from Monday, 3rd December (limited to 4 per family)

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

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

Dates to Note:

- **Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics** ~ 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
- **Selection Box Raffle Tickets** ~ we will be selling tickets at 20p each starting on Monday, 10th December, the Draw will take place on Thursday, 20th December
- **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 for Years 1-6** ~ Tuesday, 11th December 5.30 - 7.00pm. Tickets on sale soon (£2 with crisps and pop included) Hot dogs available at 50p each.
- **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)

We break up Friday, 21st December

The House Winners last week were:



Team Fire (Red)



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

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