



# Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Wishing you a very Happy New Year!

Thank you very much on behalf of all the staff and myself for your cards, gifts and wishes, it's very kind of you and much appreciated. We have received lots of positive comments about all the various events last term, which many of you enjoyed, thank you. **Really well done to all of the Key Stage 2 children, especially the Year 3 Robins who did so well at St. John's Church** on the last day of term ~ they were all just wonderful! Thank you to our families for supporting too.

I have been very pleased with the way that the children have come back to school this week, so eager to learn and looking very smart too ~ they are a credit to our families.

**Packed Lunches** ~ Could I ask that parents/carers try to provide children with a healthy packed lunch please. There has been a lot of chocolate, biscuits and crisps which are not good for the children's energy levels or for their teeth. **Also, only water is allowed in lunchboxes please.**

If you need advice or support, please see Mrs Linda Taylor. Thank you.

**Nursery children** ~ Really well done to our new Daisies who have come to school for the very first time and have clearly enjoyed it and settled in ~ Well done to all the boys and girls and their families too!

**Kingswood Residential Visit Meeting** is on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30 in the Year 6 Classroom** ~ This is for our Year 5 parents (both classes) to share with you this exciting opportunity for our children. The proposed visit will take place in October 2019 at the end of the first half-term.

**After School Clubs** ~ will commence next week; the Sports Overview is attached to this Newsletter.

**PE Kit:** Please ensure that your child/ren has their PE kit on the following days:

Class	Days PE kit needed
F2 Daffodils	Thursday
F2 Sunflowers	Thursday
Year 1 Foxes	Weds & Thurs
Year 1/2 Squirrels	Tues & Weds
Year 2 Hedgehogs	Mon & Weds
Year 3 Robins	Thurs & Fri
Year 3/4 Kingfishers	Tues & Thurs
Year 4 Woodpeckers	Mon & Tues
Year 5 Jaguars	Mon & Thurs
Year 5/6 Panthers	Tues & Thurs
Year 6 Lions	Mon & Tues

**Tempest Photographs** ~ Would you let Mrs Booth know on Reception if you have any feedback about the last batch of photos please for Christmas. We are not sure what to do for the Year 6 photos and all the end of year team photos and would appreciate your comments. Thank you.

**Choir** ~ New members are very welcome. Rehearsals start on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January (3.20 - 4.15pm and Fridays 1.30 - 2pm). Please see Mrs Sutton if you have any questions.

We were very proud of the choir and formation team when they performed at Hope House just before Christmas ~ they were just wonderful and everyone (especially Mrs Sutton and Mrs Porter) were so very proud. Well done to all the children and thank you to our families for their support.

Class 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, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm
- Year 3 Robins Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm
- Year 3/4 Kingfishers Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm
- Year 5 Jaguars Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm
- Year 4 Woodpeckers Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.45pm
- Year 1 Foxes Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 2.45pm
- Year 1/2 Squirrels Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2.45pm
- Year 5/6 Panthers to be confirmed
- Year 6 Class Assembly ~ postponed until after Key Stage 2 SATs

**Dates to Note:**

- End of Year production meeting with Mrs Porter for Year 5/6 children who are interested ~ Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Y5/6 Boys Futsal Competition ~ 1:00pm, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January
- Key Stage 1 (Y2 Squirrels and Y2 Hedgehogs, meeting in the Hedgehogs' classroom) & Key Stage 2 (Y6 Panthers and Y6 Lions, meeting in the Lions' classroom) SATs meetings ~ Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January at 3.30pm. This year Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs will take place as follows:
  - ~ Year 2 ~ Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May and 20<sup>th</sup> May - it is very important that your child attends every day
  - ~ Year 6 ~ Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May - it is very important that your child attends every day
- Y3/4 Boys Futsal Competition ~ 1:00pm, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition ~ 1:00pm, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January
- Y1/2 Team relay Competition ~ 1:30pm, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Parents' Evening ~ Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February (3.30 ~ 5.30) for Years 1 ~ 6
- Parents' Evening ~ Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February (12.30 - 5.30) and Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February (3.30 ~ 5.30) for Sunflowers and Daffodils
- Key Stage 2 Dodgeball Competition ~ Pm, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February
- **BINGO** ~ Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm All Welcome, excellent prizes
- **VALENTINE'S DISCO** ~ For Years 1 - 6, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 5.30 - 7.00pm

Start back at school	Last day in school	INSET Days	Bank Holidays
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	15 <sup>th</sup> February		
25 <sup>th</sup> February	12 <sup>th</sup> April		
29 <sup>th</sup> April	24 <sup>th</sup> May		6 <sup>th</sup> May
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June	19 <sup>th</sup> July	3 <sup>rd</sup> June / 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	



The proud winner of the Superstar Award this week is:  
Lacey Jewkes in the Year 3 Robins



The proud winners of the Attendance Award for the last week of term were:  
The Daffodils with 100%

With kind regards and many thanks for your continued support,  
Mrs Julie Allen MBE,  
Headteacher