



Birkwood Primary School

www.birkwood.org.uk

Newsletter 17: Friday, 18th January 2019

 twitter.com/BirkwoodPrimary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Curriculum Newsletters ~ The Spring Term information should come home with this Newsletter today, so that you know in more detail what your child/ren will be learning in class and how you can best support them at home. We hope that you find this information useful.

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. **In terms of drinks ~ flavoured water and sugar free juice is fine, but ideally water please.** If you need advice or support, please see Mrs Linda Taylor. Thank you.

Kingswood Residential Visit Meeting yesterday for next year's Year 6 children ~ Thank you to our Year 5 parents who were able to attend. We propose to take next year's Year 6 pupils in October to a new site in Dearne Valley which has more up-to-date facilities, plus the same activities. We are also reducing the time away from Tuesday to Friday (4 days and 3 nights). The reasons for this is to reduce the impact on our staff away from their own families, to keep costs down and in case of any issues, they are closer to home. This will be a wonderful team building opportunity for the whole year group together and will give all of the children a range of valuable experiences.

The dates are Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th October 2019 and the cost of the trip per pupil is **£152** for food/lodgings/activities and transport (approx.). However, it has been agreed that the school will highly subsidise the trip, so that **parents need only contribute £90.**

We would very much like all of the children to go. **An initial deposit of £30.00 is due by Friday 1st February**, further payments are made by the following dates please: **£30 by Friday 1st March and £30 by Friday 3rd May.**

End of Year production meeting with Mrs Porter for Year 5/6 children ~ 39 children expressed an interest, which is wonderful. Just so you know, the dates of the actual performances are:
Tues, 9th July (Eve); Wed, 10th July (Afternoon); Thurs, 11th July (Eve) and Fri, 12th July (Morning)

Our Y3/4 Boys' Football Team played their hearts out at the South Yorkshire Primary Under 9 Boys' Finals at the Dorothy Hyman Stadium on Wednesday. They played 8 ten minute matches back to back and we are now ranked 7th in South Yorkshire. They were amazing!

Y5/6 Boys Futsal Competition on Thursday ~ The children did really well even in the cold ~ one team got through to the semi-finals and finished in 3rd place the other team finished 5th in their group. Mrs Porter and Mr Wattam were both really proud of them and also the footballers.

School Dinners ~ We would appreciate if dinners were paid for in advance so that debt doesn't build up please. Texts will be sent on a regular basis, if there is not enough money in your child/ren's account. Please note: If dinners are not paid for, you will be asked to provide a packed lunch. Many thanks for your support. If you need any help or advice, please see Mrs Linda Taylor.

Firefighter's Collection ~ the next date for collection of your unwanted Adult's and Children's clothing, coats, paired shoes, bags and belts is Friday, 8th February. Thank you.

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, 12th March at 2.45pm
- Year 3 Robins Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 20th March at 2.45pm
- Year 3/4 Kingfishers Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 26th March at 2.45pm
- Year 5 Jaguars Class Assembly ~ to be re-arranged
- Year 4 Woodpeckers Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 2nd April at 2.45pm
- Year 1 Foxes Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 9th April at 2.45pm
- Year 1/2 Squirrels Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 10th 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:

- **Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 SATs meetings are now combined and will take place in the Y6 Lions' classroom) ~ Monday, 21st 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 13th May and 20th May** - it is very important that your child attends every day
 - ~ **Year 6 ~ Week commencing 13th May** - it is very important that your child attends every day
- **Y3/4 Boys Futsal Competition ~ 1:00pm, Thursday 24th January**
- **Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition ~ 1:00pm, Friday 25th January**
- **Year 1 Foxes to visit Cudworth Library ~ Pm ~ Thursday, 31st January**
- **Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Year 1 Foxes and Squirrels Parents/Carers ~ Wednesday, 30th January (9am in the Hall)** Please come and find out more about the Phonics Test that your children will be doing in June, what is involved and how you can best help your child/ren at home
- **Y1/2 Team relay Competition ~ 1:30pm, Thursday 31st January**
- **Parents' Evening ~ Monday, 11th February (3.30 ~ 5.30) for Years 1 ~ 6**
- **Parents' Evening ~ Monday, 11th February (12.30 - 5.30) and Tuesday, 12th February (3.30 ~ 5.30) for Sunflowers and Daffodils**
- **Key Stage 2 Dodgeball Competition ~ Pm, Wednesday, 13th February**
- **BINGO ~ Wednesday, 13th February at 6pm All Welcome, excellent prizes**
- **VALENTINE'S DISCO ~ For Years 1 - 6, Thursday, 14th February 5.30 - 7.00pm**

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



**The proud winners of the Attendance Award for the last week of term were:
The Daffodils, Squirrels and Hedgehogs with 100%**

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