



# Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**For Parents/Carers of Key Stage 2 children** ~ just to let you know, Mr Sandwith and I spoke to the children in Assembly on Monday about an App that lots of them seem to be using called TikTok. We have been very concerned about some of the inappropriate content. This is an App for children who are 13+, so primary age children should not really be using it. Please will you take the time to have a look on our school's website Esafety tab and the guidance for using TikTok. Most importantly, please make sure the privacy settings are in place and your children are supervised if they are using it. Thank you.

**Y5 Deposits for Kingswood** are due today. It is essential deposits are paid to secure your child's place on the residential visit. Thank you

**Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Year 1 Foxes and Squirrels Parents/Carers** ~ on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who came to 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. Please see Mrs Wilkie, Miss Porter or Miss Betts if you would like any more information or weren't able to attend.

**Captain Beastley and some of his Pirates** took over our Sunflowers and Daffodils on Thursday. It was all very exciting and the children did some wonderful writing to tell everyone what had happened and they even had a Pirate Party! Thank you for your support with all of the wonderful outfits, they were very convincing and all the children had a great time.

**Year 1 Foxes to visit Cudworth Library** on Thursday ~ the children had a really lovely time at this wonderful resource in our village. They enjoyed the walk all the way there and back too!

**Y1/2 Team Relay Competition** on Thursday ~ the children had a wonderful time participating in the Y1/2 relay event held at Netherwood. Mrs Porter and Mr Wattam were very proud. Well done to everyone.

**Year 5/6 Sporsthall Athletics** last Friday ~ 10 boys and 10 girls from Y5/6 competed. The children were amazing and tried their very best. Mrs Porter and Mr Wattam were very proud of all the children who participated. We finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

**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, 8<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.

**Swimming** starts for our Year 3 children next week. Just a reminder that they need to bring a swimming costume/trunks (no bikinis or long shorts) and a bag large enough for their school uniform to be stored in.

**We are concerned about some pupils who are persistently late to school. Being late not only affects your child's learning but also disrupts the learning of the rest of the class when a child arrives after lessons have started. Please ensure your child is in school for 8.45am**

## Parent's Evening

Please see the Parent's Evening letter for:

**Parents' Evening** ~ Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February (3.30 ~ 5.30pm) for **Years 1 ~ 6**

**Parents' Evening** ~ Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February (12.30 - 5.30pm) and Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February (3.30 ~ 5.30) for **Sunflowers and Daffodils**

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 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 Jaguars and Year 5 Panthers Class Assembly ~ Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm**

**Year 6 Class Assembly ~ postponed until after Key Stage 2 SATs**

**Dates to Note:**

- **Space Parent Workshops in Nursery** ~ Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10.15am and 2.00pm. You are very welcome to join in with this creative workshop linked to the children's topic
- **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

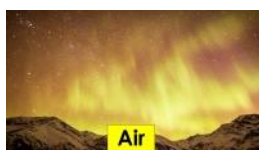
Tickets will be on sale from Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February

(£2 each to include a bottle of pop and crisps. Hot dogs available at 50p)

- 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

<b>Start back at school</b>	<b>Last day in school</b>	<b>INSET Days</b>	<b>Bank Holidays</b>
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 joint House Winners last week were:**



**Team Air (Yellow)**



**The proud winners of the Attendance Award for last week were:  
The Squirrels with 98.7%**

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