



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a wonderful day at the Houses of Parliament on Friday. The School Councillors were exemplary and we had such a special day with Father David and Richard Burgin. The highlights were the London Eye, ice creams from Father David, visiting the House of Commons and the House of Lords and doing the workshop. It was a very long day, but a very enjoyable one too and it was lovely for me to spend some time with the children. Well done to all of our School Councillors and we're sorry that Lacie and Caden weren't able to come, but we brought them a present back, a fridge magnet for the Reading Bus and a special tin of biscuits for Mrs Booth for organising everything for us. Thank you too for all your support.

Year 5/6 Dodgeball on Monday ~ Both teams qualified for the quarter finals, then played each other in the semi finals! Birkwood A won and went through to play Penistone St. Johns in the final. Birkwood A finished in 2nd place and Birkwood B in 3rd. What an amazing afternoon, we were so proud of our children!

Year 1/2 Squirrels and Year 2 Hedgehogs trip to Tropical Butterfly House in Sheffield on Tuesday ~ The children learned lots of interesting facts about furry, feathered and scaly animals and got the chance to hold a guinea pig, an owl and a tortoise! At the end of the dinosaur trail they even got to meet a T-Rex who turned out to be very friendly indeed. Everyone had a wonderful day. Thank you to Miss Betts and Mrs Wilkie for organising this special opportunity and to all the staff who supported on the day.

World Book Day yesterday was a special day to celebrate reading and our enjoyment of reading. Thank you to everyone who joined in the '**dressing up**' day ~ the children looked amazing and the staff too, I think it was the best ever! All of the teachers enjoyed sharing a book with different year groups, there were lots of reading based activities throughout the day which the children really enjoyed. It was lovely to see so many of our families reading with the Nursery, Sunflowers and Daffodil children ~ everyone had a lovely time. Thank you so much for all your support. Miss Hayward and I will be judging the 'Winning Door' competition today ~ There are lots of lovely photos on Twitter and our school website.

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, 19th 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 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 Jaguars and Year 5 Panthers Class Assembly ~ Thursday, 9th May at 2.30pm

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

***Please note change of date**

Dates to Note:

- **Year 1/2 Multi-skills** ~ Monday, 11th March
- **Year 3/4 Dodgeball** ~ Thursday, 14th March
- **Nursery Rhyming Workshop** ~ Thursday, 14th March ~ You are warmly invited to this workshop for both Am and Pm Nursery parents so that we can share with you how important this is for our youngest children and how it helps with phonics and early reading skills. Please come and join us in the Hall at 9am.
- **Mayor's Visit 'Our Town, Our Roots'** ~ Monday, 18th March at 9am
- **Year 1/2 Hoopball** ~ Monday, 18th March
- **Visits organised to St John's Church** to find out more about Lent ~ **Year 4 Woodpeckers and Kingfishers** ~ Am, Tuesday, 19th March; **Year 5 Jaguars** ~ Am, Wednesday, 20th March; **Year 1/2 Squirrels and Year 2 Hedgehogs** ~ Pm, Thursday, 21st March; **Year 3 Robins** ~ Pm, Monday, 25th March
- **Year 3 Robins Trip to Chester Zoo** ~ Thursday, 21st March (more details to follow)
- **Year 5/6 Basketball** ~ Tuesday, 26th March
- **Year 5/6 Handball** ~ Monday, 1st April
- **Parent Workshop for Sunflowers and Daffodils** ~ Thursday, 4th April at 9.00am
- **Year 3/4 Tag Rugby** ~ Monday, 8th April
- **BGT Auditions** ~ Tuesday, 9th and Wednesday, 10th April after school

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Easter BINGO ~ Tuesday, 9th April at 6pm. Lots of exciting prizes, new families always welcome
Easter DISCO ~ Wednesday, 10th April (5.30 - 7.00pm) with optional Easter Bonnet Competition (lots of lovely prizes!) £2 with crisps and pop included. Hot dogs available at 50p each
Easter Egg Raffle ~ Tickets on sale soon at 20p each

- **Solemn Easter Assembly** ~ Thursday, 11th April at 10.30am with Father David
- **Easter Egg Draw, E-safety and Attendance Draw** ~ Thursday, 11th April at 2.15pm

The House Winners last week were:



Team Fire (Red)



**The proud winners of the Attendance Award for the last week was:
The Daffodils with 100%**

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