



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Sheila Winwood ~ Just to let you know that Mrs Winwood will be leaving us officially at Easter. She did have her retirement 7 years ago and we've persuaded her to stay with us since then supporting with Reading and Booster classes in Year 2. She has been a teacher at Birkwood for 32 years and she is very much part of the fabric of our school, so we will miss her greatly, but wish her all the very best for the future and our heartfelt thanks for all she's done for our school and community.

Cudworth Bunny Trail ~ Andrew Scattergood presented the winners with certificates and a cream egg in Assembly on Monday. Congratulations to **Charlie Gascoigne, Evie Middlehurst, Ebanie Hanby, Olivia Powell, Harri Blythe, Mollie Baker, Ava Dean, Alice Pratt and Paris Hall**. Andrew said he was particularly impressed with the quality of the entries from our school and the overall winner for our school and the competition across the 3 schools was **Holly Cleaver**. She was delighted to receive an Easter Egg, certificate and her bunny will be made into an official ceramic bunny for the trail. We were very proud of Holly and the quality of all of our entries. Thank you to all our families for their support.



Wishing you all a very Happy Easter break and blessings upon you and your families.

The Easter Bonnet Parade in Nursery is part of our annual tradition and the quality of the bonnets was exceptional this year ~ the children enjoyed showing them off in Assembly in the morning and a parade through school in the afternoon. Thank you for all your support, they all could have been winners! **Lola and Thomas** were the morning winners and **Scarlett and Autumn** were the afternoon winners. Thank you to all the Parents/ Carers for all your support; they are all growing up so quickly! Thank you to Miss Davis, Mrs Sabin and Mrs Medlock for a really special day.

The Easter Bingo, Disco, Easter Bonnet competition and Easter Egg Draw have all been a great success! The Bingo on Tuesday helped to raise **£156.20**. The Disco raised **£236.90** and everyone had a lovely time. Some children had amazing Easter Bonnet designs, well done to all of the parents/carers and children for their creations. Finally, the Easter Egg Draw took place in Assembly yesterday and raised a further **£150.80**, thanks to the 67 eggs donated by the staff!

Thank you to Mrs White and all the staff who have helped and supported. As you know this money goes directly into our School Fund which heavily subsidises all the trips and visits. Thank you for all your support.

Yesterday, Thursday, we held our Solemn Easter Assembly with Father David when we remember the Christian meaning of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The children were so good and were very respectful.

Term Attendance Awards

53 children have had 100% attendance and no lates in both the Autumn and Spring Terms. They all received a Curly Wurly and the winners of the Draw received a prize worth £10, congratulations and well done to: Ethan Gregory, Dylan Bettley, Xander Musgreave, Jacob Boydell, Ivy-Rose Rowbotham, Fae Marshall, William Umbrasko, Finley Stewart, Max Taylor, James Stables and Alfie Beckett

Thank you to Mrs Booth for choosing the prizes and to Provide Teaching Agency for sponsoring them. Well done to everyone, our whole school attendance is currently **96.5%**

Year 5/6 Handball Finals Yesterday ~ at Barnsley College. We finished in a fantastic 2nd place! Everybody played really well across all 6 games and we only lost out on 1st place by 1 goal! Mrs Porter and Mr Wattam were very proud. Well done everyone.

Year 1 Foxes Class Assembly on Tuesday was just wonderful and we had to remind ourselves that most of the children are only 5 or just 6 years old. They spoke so confidently and their Reading and Writing inspired by their **Space** topic was excellent. We really enjoyed seeing their Art work and drama relating to the planets in the solar system. It was lovely to see so many of our families, your support is very much appreciated. Really well done to all of the children and thank you to Miss Porter, Mrs White and Mrs Tiffany for all their hard work.

Year 1/2 Squirrels have had another exciting week taking part in the Northern Ballet Workshop linked to the performance of Puss in Boots on Monday, when they demonstrated some amazing ballet moves (please see Twitter). Also, their Class Assembly on Wednesday was a showcase of their learning about their **Dinosaur** topic with a spin on the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the 3 Dinosaurs'. The children were very professional in their performance, they sang beautifully, read clearly and we could hear every word too. They have clearly enjoyed their topic very much! Thank you to all of our families who were able to attend and well done to all of the children, Mrs Wilkie and Mrs Heaton.

Pre-Loved Birkwood School Uniform Sale ~ Thank you to Mrs Sutton, the Kingfishers and everyone who supported, this helped to raise £29 for our School Fund.

Dates to Note:

- **Year 3/4 Kingfishers** to see the Tour de Yorkshire in Barnsley ~ Friday, 3rd May
- **Please Note: There will be a Picnic Lunch on Friday, 3rd May**
- **Year 4 Woodpeckers** to Sports Event with other Collaboration schools at Outwood Shafton ~ Pm, Friday, 3rd May. They are due to leave Shafton at 3.15, so there will be a slightly later finish
- **Year 5 Jaguars and Year 5 Panthers Class Assembly ~ Thursday, 9th May at 2.30pm**
- **Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 SATs** ~ 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

Term Dates for the remainder of the school year are:

Start back at school	Last day in school	INSET Days	Bank Holidays
29 th April	Friday, 24 th May		Monday, 6 th May
Tuesday, 4 th June	Friday 19 th July	Monday, 3 rd June Monday, 22 nd July	

The House Winners last week were:



Team Water (Blue)



**The proud winners of the Attendance Award for last week were:
The Kingfishers with 97.4%**

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