

Birkwood Primary School

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Newsletter 29: Friday, 3rd May 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see the children again after the Easter break, I can't believe how much some of them have grown! We had lots of 'Happy new haircuts' and new uniform on show in Assembly on Monday ~ thank you, they are a credit to you and our school.

A very warm welcome to our new children ~ Samuel in Y2 Hedgehogs and to our new Nursery starter Charlie who are both settling in really well. A warm welcome to Samuel's family too!

There was some devastating news in our community over the holidays as **Hayden Lockwood**, one of our ex-pupils was very sadly killed in a road accident in Cudworth. I know that a lot of our children and families know Hayden and the Jephcott/Lockwood family; we prayed for them in Assembly on Monday. Mrs Birch and I have been to see Mum and have sent our love and deepest sympathies.

Congratulations to Mrs Rennison who gave birth to Edie Grace on Monday, 15th April, she weighed 7lb 8oz. Mum and baby are doing really well; Mr and Mrs Rennison are delighted.

The Summer Term is the most hectic with Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs, Year 1 Phonics tests, assessments throughout school, Birkwood's Got Talent, end of year productions etc etc. But it's also very exciting!

Assessments ~ Year 2 and Year 6 are working especially hard towards their tests with lots of support from staff including special tuition during and after school to help them:

Year 2 Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs) ~ Week commencing 13th and 20th May

Year 6 Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs) ~ Week commencing 13th May

Monday ~ Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar ~ Papers 1 and 2; **Tuesday** ~ Reading; **Wednesday** ~ Maths Papers 1 (Arithmetic) and 2 (Reasoning); **Thursday** ~ Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

In order to start **Year 6** off each day in the right frame of mind, we will be providing them with a full breakfast **free of charge**. They will be able to choose from a selection of cereals, a cooked breakfast such as sausage, egg and beans and there will be toast on offer. They need to come to school at 8.05am Monday - Thursday; thank you to Marie for kindly cooking and preparing the food and to Mrs Birch for doing the shopping.

Today, Friday, the **Year 3/4 Kingfishers** will be going to see the Tour de Yorkshire in Barnsley and the **Year 4 Woodpeckers** will be taking part in a special Sports Event with other Collaboration schools at Outwood Shafton ~ I will let you know how they got on next week.

Dates for your Diary (Summer 1):

- **Year 5 Jaguars and Year 5 Panthers** taking part in the 'Race for Life' at Dorothy Hyman Stadium ~ Am Wednesday, 8th May
- **Year 5 Jaguars and Year 5 Panthers Class Assembly** ~ Thursday, 9th May at **2.30pm**
- **French Collaboration Day** for selected children at Ladywood Primary School ~ Friday, 17th May
- **Science Week** ~ week commencing 20th May
- **Year 6 Leaver's Photos** ~ Wednesday, 22nd May



Birkwood's Got Talent

takes place on Thursday, 23rd May at 6.00pm onwards



Friends of Birkwood

Summer Fayre ~ Friday, 5th July (2 - 4.00pm)

End of Year Disco ~ Tuesday, 16th July 5.30 - 7.00pm

(Tickets £2 with crisps and pop included, hot dogs available at 50p each)

We break up on Friday, 24th May and return to school on Tuesday 4th June

Dates for your diary (Summer Term 2):

- Key Stage 2 Cycling Obstacle Course ~ Wednesday, 5th June
- Year 3/4 Kingfishers and Year 4 Woodpeckers Trip to **Harry Potter World** ~ Friday, 7th June
- **Year 1 Phonics Testing** ~ Week commencing 10th June
- **Foundation Stage visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park** ~ Monday, 10th June
- **Ward Alliance Academic Achievement Awards at the Town Hall** ~ Tuesday, 11th June (details to follow)
- **Sponsored Walk at Dorothy Hyman** to raise money for School Funds ~ Friday, 14th June
- **Pentathlon for F2 – Year 6** ~ Am, Wednesday, 19th June
- **Trip to Flamingo Land for the winning House** ~ Friday, 21st June
- **Creative Arts Week** ~ India ~ week commencing 24th June
- Year 3/4 Kingfishers Opera North Performance at the Metrodome ~ Tuesday, 25th June (details to follow)
- Hilary Robinson (author of *Jasper Space Dog*) visiting ~ Tuesday, 2nd July
- **Year 6 trip to see The Lion King in London** ~ Wednesday, 3rd July
- **Year 3/4 Kingfishers performing at the Metrodome Music Festival** ~ Thursday, 4th July
- **Year 5 Transition Day to Outwood Shafton** ~ Monday, 8th July
- **Year 6 Road Safety** ~ Monday, 8th July
- **Afternoon Tea for School Councillors with Mrs Allen** ~ 1.30, Monday, 8th July

Last week of the Summer Term:

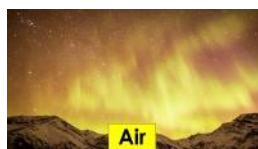
- **Sports Day at Dorothy Hyman Stadium** ~ Am Monday, 15th July
- **Year 6 Leavers' Day** ~ Monday, 15th July
- **Parents' Evening** ~ Monday, 15th July
- **Moving Up Morning** ~ Tuesday, 16th July (children meet their new teachers)
- **Sports Presentation** ~ Pm Tuesday, 16th July
- **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly** ~ Wednesday, 17th July at 2.30pm
- **End of Year Celebration Assembly** ~ 9.30am Friday, 19th July

School closes for the Summer holidays Friday, 19th July and re-opens for children on Wednesday, 4th September

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 Air (Yellow)



**The proud winners of the Attendance Award for last week of term were:
The Daffodils with 99%**

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