



# Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Next week** is a really important week for our Year 6 children as they will be sitting their Key Stage 2 SATs tests. On **Monday** ~ Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar ~ Papers 1 and 2; **Tuesday** ~ Reading; **Wednesday** ~ Maths Papers 1 (Arithmetic) and 2 (Reasoning); **Thursday** ~ Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

It is really important that the children attend every day.

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 for 8.00am Monday - Thursday**; thank you to Marie for kindly cooking and preparing the food and to Mrs Birch for doing the shopping.

The children have all been very well prepared by Mr Sandwith, Mrs Rennison, Mrs Birch, Mr Wattam and Mrs Faulkner and many of the teaching staff who have led extra sessions to help them ~ we know they will try their very best and show how good they are. Please make sure that your child goes to bed before 9.00pm each night, thank you.

## **Year 2 Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs) ~ Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May and 20<sup>th</sup> May**

It is also an important 2 weeks for our **Year 2** children ~ It is really important that the children attend every day. Again, they have been very well prepared by Miss Betts and Mrs Wilkie and all the staff in both Year 2 classes, many of the teaching staff have also led extra sessions to help them ~ we know they will try their very best and show how good they are. We are really proud of the progress they have made.

**Assessments** will take place throughout school over the next few weeks to ensure that all children are making the best possible progress they can and if some are struggling, what additional support we need to put in place to help them.

Last Friday, the **Year 3/4 Kingfishers** had a wonderful time at the Tour de Yorkshire in Barnsley; our Foundation Stage children also enjoyed a Tour de Birkwood too! The **Year 4 Woodpeckers** enjoyed the special Sports Event with other Collaboration schools at Outwood Shafton and made some new friends too. They all represented our school excellently.

**Year 5 Jaguars and Year 5 Panthers** took part in the 'Race for Life' at Dorothy Hyman Stadium on Wednesday ~ they did so well, especially considering the freezing cold and torrential rain. They all tried their very best and of course did us proud. When they got back Mrs White dashed out to get them all hot chocolate and marshmallows, that definitely helped! Well done everyone.

It was the **Year 5 Jaguars and Year 5 Panthers'** Class Assembly yesterday when they shared their learning about their 'Inspirational People' project. There were some important messages from the amazing people they had chosen. They had worked in small groups, selected their own words and delivered them very professionally considering too that they had only had 7 days altogether. We were all very proud of them, thank you to Mr Summerfield, Mr Wattam and Mrs Page. Thank you also to the many parents and friends who were able to join us.

## **Pre-loved Uniform Swap/Sale on Fridays** after school outside the Year 3/4 Kingfishers classroom

It is an opportunity to buy pre-loved sweatshirts, cardigans, trousers, skirts for £1, as well as having a Swap Shop where Parents/Carers can swap a washed and ironed item that doesn't fit, with one that does. It's a way of also helping the environment and recycling.

**Lost:** One of our boys has sadly lost his bike from outside school and it was a birthday present ☹️ It's 'a small black bike'. Please let us know if you see or find it as he is really upset, thank you.

## **Dates for your Diary (Summer 1):**

- **French Collaboration Day** for selected children at Ladywood Primary School ~ Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May
- **Science Week** ~ week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May
- **Year 6 Leaver's Photos** ~ Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Birkwood's Got Talent  
takes place on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm onwards



**Friends of Birkwood**  
**DISCO** ~ Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May (5.30 - 7.00pm) ~ **TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY**  
**Summer Fayre** ~ Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July (2 - 4.00pm)  
**End of Year DISCO** ~ Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July (5.30 - 7.00pm)  
(Tickets £2 with crisps and pop included, hot dogs available at 50p each)

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

Dates for your diary (Summer 2):

- Key Stage 2 Cycling Obstacle Course ~ Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 3/4 Kingfishers and Year 4 Woodpeckers Trip to **Harry Potter World** ~ Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June
- **Foundation Stage visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park** ~ Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June
- **Ward Alliance Academic Achievement Awards at the Town Hall** ~ Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June (details to follow)
- **Year 1 Phonics Testing** ~ Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June
- **Family Photo Opportunity** ~ Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June at the end of the day
- **Sponsored Walk at Dorothy Hyman** to raise money for School Funds ~ Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June
- **Pentathlon for F2 - Year 6** ~ Am, Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June
- **Trip to Flamingo Land for the winning House** ~ Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June
- **Creative Arts Week** ~ India ~ week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 3/4 Kingfishers Opera North Performance at the Metrodome ~ Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June (details to follow)
- Hilary Robinson (author of *Jasper Space Dog*) visiting ~ Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- **Year 6 trip to see The Lion King in London** ~ Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- **Year 3/4 Kingfishers performing at the Metrodome Music Festival** ~ Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July
- **Year 5 Transition Day to Outwood Shafton** ~ Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July
- **Year 6 Road Safety** ~ Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July
- **Afternoon Tea for School Councillors with Mrs Allen** ~ 1.30pm, Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July
- **Sunflowers and Daffodils First Class Assembly** ~ 2.45pm, Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July

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

The House Winners last week were:



Team Water (Blue)



The proud winner of the Superstar Award this week is:  
Lily Kershaw in the Year 4 Woodpeckers



The proud winners of the Attendance Award for last week were:  
The Daffodils and Sunflowers both with 100%!!