



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We break up today Friday, 24th May and return to school on Tuesday 4th June ~ I hope you have a lovely Spring Bank holiday and everyone comes back refreshed and ready for an exciting last half term!

Year 2 (SATs) ~ Really well done to all of our Year 2 children who have worked their socks off over the past 2 weeks. I know Miss Betts and Mrs Wilkie are very proud of the progress they have made; well done to everyone.

Mr Markham shared some exciting news in Assembly on Monday about **TT Rockstars**. Every week children will have the opportunity to be **Rocker of the Week** in their classes and they will receive a certificate. We will still have the **Rocker of the Week** for the whole school and that will be the child with the most coins. At the end of the term, the two children with the most coins from each class will compete in the **Birkwood Grand Slam** with other children in school. All children who take part in this will receive a prize but the overall winner will receive a 'Born to be a Rocker' t-shirt. Mr Markham has plans to set up an after school club and letters will be due back in the new term. Message from Mr Markham ~ Good luck and **KEEP ROCKING!**

Science Week ~ All of the children had the opportunity to work with Andrew from 'Fizz Pop Science' this week and it has been a very exciting way to learn all about Chemistry. The children have loved it! Thank you to Mr Summerfield for organising this opportunity.



Birkwood's Got Talent

Was a wonderful evening and all of the
97 children and **52** acts

plus our Choir and Formation Team did themselves proud!

Many Congratulations to our Overall BGT Winner Blake Coward, who was the Winner of the Music Category, to the Singing Winner Holly Cleaver, and the Dance and Entertainment Winners

Bobbie Davies and Lily Hanby

Special thanks to Mrs Porter, Mrs Sutton, Mr Froggatt and all of the staff who supported behind the scenes to make it such a great success.

Also to our Judges ~ Richard Burgin, my son Dave and husband John.

To all of our wonderful families too for all your support.

Parent/Carer Questionnaires ~ Thank you for completing the Questionnaires at BGT, they are also available on Reception and when it's the Pentathlon. Your views are important and help us to consider our priorities for school improvement next year. Please return by Friday, 14th June. Thank you.

After Half Term:

Cycling Skills for KS2 (Year 3-6) ~ On Wednesday 5th June children will have the opportunity to complete a timed cycling skills course with various obstacles. If you wish your child to take part, they will need to bring a bike (in good working condition and fitted with brakes) and a helmet. If you need any further details, please see Mrs Porter or Mr Wattam.

Lunchtime Supervisor ~ 2 of our valued Dinner Ladies are moving on for different reasons, so we have a vacancy for a permanent and a relief supervisor to start asap. Please see Suzy Savage for more details.

Cudworth Ward Alliance Academic Achievement Awards ~ Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen from Years 3 - 5 to receive awards this year at the Town Hall on Tuesday, 11th June. They will join children from Cherry Dale and Churchfield to receive awards in a range of categories; they will meet the Mayor and join them for refreshments afterwards. Really well done to:

Max Myers, Junaid Brailsford, Kaitlyn Vicary, Billy Grain, Lexie Brooke, Lily Kershaw, Isabella Graham, Jacob Middlehurst, Lily-Beth Warsop, Nya Cooper, Liam Zuppinger.

Dates for your diary (Summer 2):

- Year 3/4 Kingfishers and Year 4 Woodpeckers Trip to **Harry Potter World** ~ Friday, 7th June
- **Year 1 Phonics Testing** ~ Week commencing 10th June
- **10 day Active Travel Challenge** starts on the 10th June ~ Children are encouraged to walk, scoot or bike to school
- **Foundation Stage visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park** ~ Monday, 10th June
- **Family Photo Opportunity** ~ Monday, 10th June at the end of the day
- **Ward Alliance Academic Achievement Awards at the Town Hall** ~ Tuesday, 11th June
- **Sponsored Walk at Dorothy Hyman** to raise money for School Funds ~ Friday, 14th June
- **Firefighter's Charity** ~ The next collection will be on Friday, 14th June (please donate any unwanted adults and children's clothing, coats, paired shoes, bags and belts)
- **Pentathlon for F2 - Year 6** ~ Am, Wednesday, 19th June
- **Trip to Flamingo Land for the winning House** ~ Friday, 21st June (the Winning House will be announced in Assembly after the holidays)
- **Creative Arts Week** ~ India ~ week commencing 24th June
- Year 3/4 Kingfishers Opera North Performance at the Metrodome ~ Tuesday, 25th June

Following our Parent Questionnaire, one of our parents has suggested that we have more transition opportunities for our Sunflowers and Daffodils (FS2) into Year 1.

So, on the 1st July, the FS2 children will have the opportunity to spend the full day with their new teachers in Year 1. At the end of the day there will be a meeting for FS2 parents at 3.30pm with the children's new teachers in their classrooms, when we will go through the new Welcome Booklet for Year 1. We hope that this is helpful for the children and our Parents/Carers.

The House Winners last week were:



Team Air (Yellow)



**The proud winners of the Superstar Award this week are:
All of the Year 2 children for trying their absolute best in KS1 SATs**



**The proud winners of the Attendance Award for last week were:
The Woodpeckers, Jaguars and Lions both with 99.3%**

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