



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a lovely half-term break; I can't believe how much the children have grown and that it's only 6 weeks now to the end of the school year! There are lots of exciting things to look forward to. A warm welcome to Quinn in the Year 1 Foxes and his family, we hope you will all be very happy at our school.

Yesterday in Assembly, the children were told all about a new initiative across Barnsley called '**Beat the Street**'. It runs from 5th June - 17th July. It is a game to promote exercise and there are lots of prizes to be won. The children will be bringing home maps and fobs today ~ I'm sure the children and our families will love it!

Parent Questionnaires ~ Thank you to everyone who has already completed the Parent Questionnaires and for the many positive comments, they are much appreciated. Your views are important and will be followed up, they also help us to consider our priorities for school improvement next year. For those who didn't have the opportunity at Birkwood's Got Talent, questionnaires are available on Reception and will be at the Pentathlon on the 19th June.

A couple of things have been mentioned that I want to address now, positives about communication, but then not so positive comments. I write this Newsletter every week to keep our families informed about what is going on (in advance as much as possible), not many schools write one every week. It is then uploaded onto the school website every Friday, so even if it doesn't make it home, it is there each week. We then have a very active Twitter Feed by Mr Markham and of course the website is exceptional. So it is up to you to also keep yourselves informed. I'm sorry if occasionally things are a bit hectic eg Birkwood's Got Talent rehearsals and they were because they had to take place after the auditions. The Class Photos were originally Year 6 and then I decided to include every class, so that was my fault, sorry.

After School Club Timetable on the website ~ good idea, I've asked for this to happen from this half term.

As you know, we do try our very best to provide our wonderful children with as many opportunities as possible and we also know that this is appreciated by our incredibly supportive community.



Winning House ~ Fire!

Congratulations to all 71 children in Team Fire! They will have the opportunity to go to Flamingo Land on Friday, 21st June, the trip will be paid for out of School Funds. (See separate letter for details). Uniform to be worn for the trip please.

There is something very exciting planned for the children who remain at school too as they've all been really good!

Brass Opportunity ~ There is the opportunity for our wonderful Brass Fledglings to sign up for a Summer Workshop (free of charge) with Grimethorpe Besson Youth Band this Sunday, 9th June at the Civic, 10-4pm.

To sign up, visit www.grimethorpeband.co.uk and click on Youth Band.

Cycling Skills for KS2 (Year 3-6) ~ On Wednesday, 40 of our KS2 children had the opportunity to complete a timed cycling skills course with various obstacles. The results will be announced at the Sports Presentation Assembly on Tuesday, 16th July.

The Year 3/4 Kingfishers and Year 4 Woodpeckers are at **Harry Potter World** today Friday ~ I'm sure that they will be having an amazing day and will understand more about the characters and settings they have been learning about through J K Rowling's books. Thank you to Mrs Cooke, Mrs Sutton, Mrs Porter, Miss Hayward and all the staff who helped on the day.

Lunchtime Supervisor ~ 2 of our valued Dinner Ladies are moving on for different reasons, so we have a vacancy for both a Relief a Permanent Lunchtime Supervisor. Please see Suzy Savage for more details or an Application Form. Thank you.

Next Week:

- **Year 1 Phonics Testing** ~ The children in the Year 1 will work alongside their teachers throughout the week; we will let you know how they got on in their Annual Reports. They have been well prepared by Mrs Wilkie, Miss Porter and all staff in Year 1. The Year 2 children who weren't quite ready last year, will also retake the tests.
- **10 day Active Travel Challenge** starts on the 10th June ~ Children are encouraged to walk, scoot or bike to school
- **Cricket Assembly** on Monday and follow up activities for the Year 2 Squirrels and Hedgehogs
- **Foundation Stage visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park** ~ Monday, 10th June. I'm sure they will have a great day on their first ever school trip! Thank you to Miss Ward, Miss Jenkins and all of the staff who will be supporting on the day. I hope they see some of my favourite animals!
- **Family Photo Opportunity** ~ Monday, 10th June at the end of the day (see Mrs Booth 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 and Liam Zuppinger

Sponsored Walk at Dorothy Hyman to raise money for School Funds ~ Friday, 14th June

- Nursery Daisies are invited to walk 2 laps of the school field with their teddy/toy (you are welcome to join them if you are able at 9am and 12.30pm)
- Sunflowers and Daffodils are invited to walk 2 laps of the track at Dorothy Hyman with their teddy/toy
- Year 1 and 2 are invited to walk or run 5 laps of the track at Dorothy Hyman
- Year 3 and 4 are invited to walk or run 7 laps of the track at Dorothy Hyman
- Year 5 and 6 are invited to walk or run 10 laps of the track at Dorothy Hyman

You are very welcome to come and support us at Dorothy Hyman. All sponsor money raised will go directly into School Funds to heavily subsidise all the trips and visits. Thank you for your support.

- In Celebration Assembly on Friday, 14th June, our **BGT winners will be performing**. Winners' families are welcome to join us too if you can.
- 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)

Friends of Birkwood

In preparation for the Summer Fair on **Friday, 5th July (2 - 4pm)** there will be the following non-uniform days:

- **Friday, 14th June will be a non-uniform day**, if you choose, we ask that your child bring in 'some sweets'
- **Friday, 21st June will be a non-uniform day**, if you choose, we ask that your child bring in 'some smellies' eg bubble bath, soap, shampoo. Non-uniform just for those children in school please
- **Friday, 28th June will be a non-uniform day**, if you choose, we ask that your child bring in some 'bottles' (unopened please) eg fruit juice, wine
- **Friday, 5th July will be a non-uniform day**, if you choose, we ask that your child bring in some 'cakes or buns'

***Raffle Tickets are on sale at £1 a book. Top Prize £100**

The class who sells the most tickets will have a Fun Afternoon and BBQ

Thank you for your support ~ we use this money to heavily subsidise all trips and visits

Summer Term 2:

- **Pentathlon for F2 - Year 6** ~ Am, Wednesday, 19th June
- **Garden Party at Prospect House** ~ Thursday, 20th June
- **Trip to Flamingo Land for the winning House** ~ Friday, 21st June
- **Creative Arts Week** ~ India ~ week commencing 24th June. There are lots of exciting activities and visitors organised, thank you to Miss Betts
- **Year 3/4 Kingfishers Opera North Performance at the Metrodome** ~ Tuesday, 25th June
- **Year 6 Transition Day to Outwood Shafton** ~ Monday, 1st July, details to follow
- **Sunflower's and Daffodil's Transition Day into Year 1** ~ Monday, 1st July

- There will be a special meeting for all of our current F2 Sunflowers and Daffodils parents/carers on **Monday, 1st July at 3.30**. This is to explain the class arrangements for September
- Hilary Robinson, (author of *Jasper Space Dog*) working with us all day ~ Tuesday, 2nd July
- Meeting for new Sunflower and Daffodil Parents/Carers for September ~ Tuesday, 2nd July in Foundation Stage at 3.30pm
- Year 6 visit to see *The Lion King* in London ~ Wednesday, 3rd July
- New Foundation Stage children staying for lunch ~ Wednesday, 3rd and Thursday, 4th July
- Year 3/4 Kingfishers performing at the Key Stage 2 Music Festival at the Metrodome ~ Thursday, 4th July
- Year 1 Foxes to Cannon Hall Farm ~ Thursday, 4th July
- Year 6 Sleepover ~ Thursday, 4th July (more details to follow)
- Year 5 Transition Day to Outwood Shafton ~ Monday, 8th July
- Year 6 Road Safety session ~ Monday, 8th July
- Afternoon Tea for School Councillors with Mrs Allen ~ 1.30pm, Monday, 8th July
- Year 1/2 Squirrels and Year 2 Hedgehogs trip to Scarborough ~ Wednesday, 10th July
- Sunflowers and Daffodils First Class Assembly ~ 2.45pm, Thursday, 11th July

Last week of the Summer Term:

- Year 6 Leavers' Day ~ Monday, 15th July
- Sports Day at Dorothy Hyman Stadium ~ Am Monday, 15th July
- Parents' Evening ~ Monday, 15th July
- Moving Up Morning ~ Tuesday, 16th July (children meet their new teachers)
- Sports Presentation ~ 2.00pm Tuesday, 16th July
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly ~ Wednesday, 17th July at 2.30pm
- End of Year Celebration Assembly ~ 9.30am Friday, 19th July



The proud winner of the Superstar Award this week is:
Joshua Robb in the Year 3 Robins



The proud winners of the Attendance Award for last week of term were:
The Jaguars with 99.3%!!

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