



# Birkwood Primary School

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Newsletter 2: Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As well as our wonderful website, you can also follow us on **Twitter @BirkwoodPrimary**. It's really easy, just to go the website, Parent Zone / Our Twitter Feed and click on the link below any of the images and follow.

You should have received an envelope with lots of information relating to **eSafety, Data Collection, Home School Agreement, Visits in our local area, Keeping Children Safe in School, Media Permissions** and a copy of the **School Meals Policy** - Please return requested forms to school asap, thank you for your support. In addition, Curriculum Newsletters giving you an overview of what your child/ren will be learning over the following term. We hope you find the information helpful.

Last Friday, we had 2 very special visitors at the end of the day ~ Angela Rayner (Shadow Secretary of State for Education) and our MP Stephanie Peacock. We had a good discussion about education issues and they were both very impressed with our school ~ we felt very proud and privileged to welcome them to Birkwood.

Thank you so much to all our very kind parents who have offered to repair the Reading Bus windows ~ it was quite overwhelming! Stagecoach, thanks to Joel and Hannah Musgreave, Morgan McGrath and Daniel Froggatt are coming today to replace the broken window free of charge; we are very grateful for their support.

The NSPCC were in school on Wednesday leading separate assemblies for Key Stage 1 and 2 encouraging children to keep themselves safe. There were workshops for Year 5 and 6 classes too, a letter was sent out to give you more details. It was focussing on 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'.

## Congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice Captains:

House	Captains	Vice Captains
Earth	Lexie Parker and Marley Taylor-Lund	Joshua Jones and Nina Cartwright
Water	Nya Cooper and Harley Ward	Kayden Frost and Evie Wright
Air	Holly Cleaver and Max Taylor	John Young and Connie Dyson
Fire	Evie Wilson and Theo Levitt-Glenn	Alfie Beckett and Alice Pratt

**After School Clubs** ~ This half term's timetable for the After School Clubs is attached. It is wonderful that we offer so many opportunities for our children, free of charge. Also, in response to a parent request, we will be starting at Homework Help Club led by Mrs Wilkie and Miss Porter. It will take place on Mondays in Mrs Wilkie's classroom (next to Mrs Sutton) and it is for any year group to attend.

Choir will start on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept after school until 4.15pm. Children are welcome to 'try' the choir for a few weeks before they commit. Choir is open to Y1 - 6. Please see Mrs Sutton if you need any more information. Thank you.

**Staff Car Park** ~ Just a reminder that the Staff Car Park is just for staff please; it's a struggle to fit us all in as it is. Please also remember to park respectfully around our neighbours and not across the area opposite school so that children have to walk on the road. Thank you.

**Reading information** session for the parents of the Sunflowers and Daffodils ~ Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9am in the Hall. This is to share with you how we teach children to read and how you can best support at home. You will be very welcome.



We are now collecting Aldi vouchers; please pass to Reception. Thank you for your support.

Class Assemblies ~ parents/carers will be invited to share their child/ren's work in the classrooms during the Autumn Term; Assemblies will take place in the Hall during the Spring Term.

You would be most welcome to come to the following Class Assemblies:

- Year 3/4 Owls Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm
- Year 2 Foxes Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.45pm
- Year 4 Robins Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm
- Year 1/2 Bees Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm
- Year 1 Butterflies Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm
- Year 6 Jaguars Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm
- Year 3 Hedgehogs Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2.45pm
- Year 5 Leopards Class Assembly ~ Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm
- Year 5/6 Tigers Class Assembly ~ Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm

**Dates to Note:**

- Year 3 Fire Talk ~ Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm
- Year 6 Kingswood Residential Meeting (in Year 6 classroom) ~ Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm
- Famous Artist Project in Year 5/6 classes ~ Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- Year 1/2 Multi-challenge event at Dorothy Hyman ~ Pm Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- Year 5/6 Boys' Football event at Dorothy Hyman ~ Pm Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September
- Barnsley in Bloom Awards at the Town Hall ~ Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm
- Firefighters Charity ~ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
(Please send in unwanted adult and children's clothes, coats, paired shoes, bags and belts)
- Sponsored Walk at Dorothy Hyman ~ Am Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September (details to follow)
- Year 5/6 Girls' Football event at Dorothy Hyman ~ Pm Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Key Stage 2 Cross Country at Locke Park ~ Pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- Year 3/4 Girls' Football ~ Pm Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October
- Key Stage 1 Football Multi-Skills at Penistone Grammar School ~ Pm Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October
- Parents' Evening for Foundation to Year 6 ~ Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October
- Parent's Evening for Sunflowers and Daffodils ~ 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October
- New Nursery Parents' Meeting ~ Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in the School Hall
- Key Stage 1 Hoopball ~ Pm Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Harvest 'Sing-a-long' for Nursery parents ~ Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October (11.15am / 3.00pm)
- Flu vaccinations for F2 - Year 5 ~ Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October
- Year 6 Residential Visit setting off on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, returning Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October
- HALLOWEEN DISCO (tickets £2 with free pop and crisps. Hot dogs 50p each) on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 5.30 - 7.00pm (Year 1 children don't usually come to this disco as some of the outfits can be scary)
- BINGO Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm (Everyone welcome, excellent prizes ~ please come and join us!)

**For our new Parents/carers:** The Superstar Award is given to a child from Foundation Stage to Year 6 that the staff have identified as doing exceptional work, having an outstanding attitude, kindness, bravery or other reason; but have really stood out. The trophy and certificate are awarded in Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoon, their photograph is taken by Mr Markham put onto the school website and Twitter



The proud winners of the Attendance Award last week were:  
The Sunflowers and Tigers with 100%

With many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Julie Allen MBE, Headteacher