



Birkwood Primary School

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Newsletter 2: Friday, 13th 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 our very kind parents who have offered to repair the Reading Bus windows ~ it was quite overwhelming! Stagecoach, thanks to Joel and Hannah Musgreave 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 elected 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 years 1-6 to attend.

Choir will also start on Monday 16th 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.

Attendance prizes ~ To reward excellent attendance and coming to school on time, Mrs Booth has been shopping again and we have 20, £5 prizes for those children who achieve 100% attendance and no lates. All those children will go into a Draw for the end of the Autumn Term. The class who wins the Attendance Award each week are announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday, they receive a bag of sweeties each, the trophy for the week and it is included on the Newsletter below. These prizes are kindly sponsored by Provide Education. However, we didn't have a good start last week with only 97.4% (compared to 99.5%) last year; there were only 2 classes (out of 11) with 100% attendance. If you need any support with attendance, or if you're not sure whether to bring your child/ren to school, please see Mrs Booth. 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, 1st 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.

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

Dates to Note:

- Year 3 Fire Talk ~ Wednesday, 18th September at 1.00pm
- Year 6 Kingswood Residential Meeting (in Year 6 classroom) ~ Thursday, 19th September at 3.30pm
- Famous Artist Project in Year 5/6 classes ~ Monday, 23rd September
- Year 1/2 Multi-challenge event at Dorothy Hyman ~ Pm Monday, 23rd September
- Year 5/6 Boys' Football event at Dorothy Hyman ~ Pm Tuesday, 24th September
- Barnsley in Bloom Awards at the Town Hall ~ Wednesday, 25th September at 6pm
- Firefighters Charity ~ before Wednesday 25th September
(Please send in unwanted adult and children's clothes, coats, paired shoes, bags and belts)
- Sponsored Walk at Dorothy Hyman ~ Am Thursday, 26th September (details to follow)
- Year 5/6 Girls' Football event at Dorothy Hyman ~ Pm Monday 30th September
- Key Stage 2 Cross Country at Locke Park ~ Pm Wednesday 2nd October
- Year 3/4 Girls' Football ~ Pm Thursday, 3rd October
- Key Stage 1 Football Multi-Skills at Penistone Grammar School ~ Pm Monday, 7th October
- Parents' Evening for Foundation to Year 6 ~ Monday 7th October
- Parent's Evening for Sunflowers and Daffodils ~ 7th and 8th October
- New Nursery Parents' Meeting ~ Tuesday, 8th October at 9am in the School Hall
- Key Stage 1 Hoopball ~ Pm Friday, 11th October
- Harvest 'Sing-a-long' for Nursery parents ~ Wednesday, 16th October (11.15am / 3.00pm)
- Flu vaccinations for F2 - Year 5 ~ Thursday, 17th October
- Year 6 Residential Visit setting off on Tuesday, 22nd October, returning Friday, 25th October
- HALLOWEEN DISCO (tickets £2 with free pop and crisps. Hot dogs 50p each) on Wednesday, 23rd 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, 24th 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, Daffodils, Foxes, Hedgehogs, Kingfishers, Woodpeckers
AND Lions!! All with 100% - Well done everyone



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

With many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Julie Allen MBE, Headteacher