



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The final INSET day for this year has been set for **Monday, 24th February 2020**. So, we will break up on Friday, 14th February and children will return to school on Tuesday, 25th February. Thank you.

Attendance ~ I am giving you plenty of notice so that you are aware, that following guidance from the Local Authority, all term time holidays, from the 1st January 2020 will be submitted to the Local Authority for a fine. This includes all holiday applications received from now that are for holidays in 2020 and there will be a fine applied for each child within the family. If a holiday application isn't received, then a fine will still be issued once the child/ren return to school. It is really important that your child/ren attend school on time each day and holidays are not taken during term time please.



Birkwood School Council supporting

Children in Need and our School Fund (which subsidises all trips and visits)
Thank you so much to everyone who helped to raise the amazing amount of:

£1,452.50

£590.50 will go to Children in Need and **£862** to our School Fund

The winner of the 'Name the Teddy' was Honey

Our Daffodils and Sunflowers visited Cudworth Library on Tuesday and Thursday ~ they had a wonderful time and we are so lucky to have such a great resource free to use in our village.

Year 1/2 Bees Class Assembly on Tuesday was a wonderful celebration of their learning about Space, they wore some wonderful outfits and sang beautifully, we especially liked the American accents! It is amazing how much they know about the planets and the landing on the Moon. Well done to all of the children. Mrs Cooke, Mrs Heaton and thank you for everyone who was able to join us.

Year 1 Butterflies Class Assembly on Wednesday ~ it's amazing to see how confident the children have become when they are still only 5! They entertained us with their reading, poetry, singing and their knowledge about Space and the planets. We were all very impressed. Thank you to Miss Porter, Mrs White and Mrs Todhunter and thank you again to all of our families who were able to join us.

Thank you in advance to our Year 6 parents who will be attending the Sex and Relationship Meeting after school today.

Reading Morning for Sunflowers and Daffodils families ~ To follow up last week's visit to the Library, please come and join us for a cup of tea and toast and share a book with your child next Friday, 29th November after Registration in class.

You are also invited to take your child onto our wonderful Reading Bus:

- Monday 25th November - Sunflowers and Daffodils Red Group 2.30pm until 3.00pm
- Tuesday 26th November - Sunflowers and Daffodils Yellow Group 2.30pm until 3.00pm
- Wednesday 27th November - Sunflowers and Daffodils Blue Group 2.30pm until 3.00pm
- Thursday 28th November - Sunflowers and Daffodils Green Group 2.30pm until 3.00pm

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 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

We currently have a vacancy of a Relief School Meals Supervisor. Please see Suzy Gough if you would like any further details or for an application form.

Dates to Note:

- **Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew** ~ Tuesday, 26th November
- **Fire Fighter's Charity Collection** ~ Friday, 29th November. Please send in unwanted adult and children's clothing, coats, paired shoes, bags and belts. Thank you.
- **Cudworth Lights Switch On** ~ Friday, 29th November at 4.30pm for invited choir members
- **Christmas Dedication Baubles** go on sale ~ Week commencing 2nd December
- **Drama Club to see Sleeping Beauty** ~ Tuesday, 3rd December at 10.30am
- **Sunflowers and Daffodils** to visit St John's Church about Advent ~ Wednesday, 4th December (Am)
- **Afternoon Nursery Closed for new starter visits** (sorry for any inconvenience) ~ Friday, 6th December

The Friends of Birkwood are also beginning preparations for the

Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December:

Friday, 29th November will be a non-uniform day, if you choose, we ask that your child bring in 'a bottle' eg wine or soft drink (unopened please)

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The class who sell the most raffle tickets will have a special treat of a DVD, popcorn and hotdogs!

Thanks to Mr and Mrs White. **Raffle tickets will be on sale soon.**

- **Selection Box raffle tickets go on sale** ~ Week commencing 9th December (20p per ticket)
- **Year 3/4 Owls** to visit St John's Church about Advent ~ Monday, 9th December (Am)
- **Year 1 Butterflies, Year 1/2 Bees and Year 2 Foxes Nativity** ~ Monday, 9th December at 2.15pm and Wednesday, 11th December at 9.30am
- **Year 5 Leopards** to visit St John's Church about Advent ~ Tuesday, 10th December (Pm)
- **Healthy Lifestyles** with Barnsley FC 'Reds in the Community' workshops with Year 3 (10-12) and 4 (1-3) ~ Wednesday, 11th December
- **Year 3 Hedgehogs** to visit St John's Church about Advent ~ Wednesday, 11th December (Pm)
- **Carols and Readings led by the Choir** at St John's ~ Wednesday, 11th December at 6.30pm
- **Christmas Bingo** ~ Thursday, 12th December at 6pm
- **Healthy Lifestyles** with Barnsley FC 'Reds in the Community' workshops with Year 5 (10-12) and 6 (1-3) ~ Thursday, 12th December
- **Sunflowers and Daffodils Christmas Nativity** ~ Friday, 13th December at 9.30am
- **Nursery Christmas Nativity** ~ Friday, 13th December at 11.00am and 2.45pm
- **Carols at Prospect House** led by our Year 5/6 choir ~ Friday, 13th December at 1.30pm

**The proud winner of the Superstar Award this week is:
Sofia Petkune in the Year 3/4 Owls**

The House Winners last week were:



Team Earth (Green)

**The proud winners of the Attendance Award last week were:
The Owls with 99.4%**

Thank you so much for all your support with the Aldi sticker collection ~ we have sent off 2 full posters! We are now collecting 'The Sun, Books for Schools' which starts on the 23rd November. Thank you.

With many thanks for your continued support. Mrs Julie Allen MBE, Headteacher