



Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 updates ~ Reminders

I know some of you have mentioned about us having the windows open in school, this is the Department for Education guidance at the moment *'always keep occupied spaces well ventilated.'* We are strongly advised to keep windows open and the air circulating in classrooms and other rooms to help prevent the spread of any viruses. Children are welcome to wear any extra layers.

Reviewed Risk Assessment and additional changes (this is on the top of our school's website). **These are:**

- All parents/carers to wear face coverings on the playground (thank you for your support with this)
- Please ensure that you are keeping your masks on whilst on the playground and maintaining social distancing
- **No parents/carers are allowed into the Reception area, only the FS2 Daffodils. Please do not come in to drop off instruments, lunch boxes, water bottles, PE kit or any forgotten items. We must protect our Reception staff and minimise the traffic into school. I'm sure you will understand**
- All staff in school are now wearing face coverings on the playground and when not in their classrooms
- Only essential visitors are allowed into school and music teachers

Please can any parents, carers or children who seek a COVID-19 test self-isolate until they receive their test results, even if the test has been sought without symptoms. This is really important to try and reduce the spread of the virus and to keep school running as 'normal' as possible.

This is a really difficult time for us all in our own ways, however, we must stay optimistic and in the hope that this will pass. We have already started discussing making Christmas special for our children and our families and we will as we always do. Thank you for your continued support.

Remembrance ~ Thank you for all the positive comments we received about the poppy display outside school, they were very much appreciated.

Outside Remembrance at St. John's Church on Sunday, Mrs Birch and I laid a poppy cross made by the children to represent our school community.

Congratulations to our new Year 5 Robins' School Councillor Lacey Jewkes.



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting by buying the merchandise this week and well done to our School Councillors too. I will let you know how much we have raised next week. A few parents asked if the children could wear Pudsey ears, a t-shirt or face paints today ~ I said this was fine, but it was not a 'dressing up' day or non-uniform day. I didn't want you feeling you had to go out and buy something extra!

Remote Learning ~ In the event of moving to remote learning with a bubble closure, we must receive parental consent. Please return these to your class teacher as soon as possible. These plans are all ... just in case ... so that we can continue to provide learning online.

Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew ~ It was so lovely to see our children going out on a trip on Tuesday! They enjoyed working with South Yorkshire Police to develop their understanding of anti-social behaviour, fire safety, road safety and crime prevention. The children from the Year 6 Leopards and Year 6 Tigers travelled on 2 separate coaches and remained in two class bubbles while at the Centre. They all really enjoyed the day.

Individual and Sibling photos for children in our school yesterday ~ It was so lovely to see the children together having their photos taken and it felt normal! We are determined to try and keep things as normal as we possibly can.

'Outside is Fun Day' in the Year 5 Robins ~ I'll let you know how they got on next week.

Dates for your diary:

- Year 2 Phonics Screening Check ~ Week commencing 30th November
- Dedication Baubles on sale ~ Week commencing 30th November
- Flu Vaccinations ~ Tuesday, 8th December. Please complete the on-line consent form at www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/flu
- Christmas Dinner Day ~ Wednesday, 16th December
- FS2 visit to see 'A Christmas Carol' ~ Thursday, 17th December
- Last day of term (18th December) to be a Whole School Christmas Party Jumper/Fancy Dress Day. Class parties will be in the afternoon with food provided by school.

This week's STARS OF THE WEEK

Star of the Week	Reason Why
Sunflowers	Trinity ~ Miss Jenkins thinks that you are one in a million for being such a kind, caring and thoughtful little girl. You always try your best and have a beautiful heart!
Daffodils	Lillie-Mae ~ Miss Ward thinks that you are one in a million for always trying your best in everything you do and for always having a big smile on your face!
Year 1 Caterpillars	Inaya ~ Miss Porter, Mrs White and Mrs Barraclough think you are one in a million for settling into your new class wonderfully! We are very proud of you! Keep it up!
Year 1/2 Ladybirds	Mason ~ Mrs Cooke thinks that you are amazing for making fantastic progress.
Year 2 Butterflies	Sienna ~ Miss Betts thinks that you are one in a million for being kind and always working hard at school.
Year 3 Foxes	Olly ~ Mrs Wilkie, Mrs Page and Mrs Tiffany are very impressed with your progress in writing and maths.
Year 3/4 Badgers	Pippa ~ Mrs Rennison and Mrs Whitfield think that you are one in a million for always working hard and trying your best!
Year 4 Hedgehogs	Maisie ~ Mrs Sutton thinks that you are all one in a million for your wonderful attitude towards learning!
Year 5 Robins	Gracie-Mae ~ Mr Markham thinks you are one in a million for your extra effort in all subjects.
Year 5/6 Tigers	Sienna ~ Mr Summerfield and Mr Wattam think that you are one in a million for always showing great maturity and enthusiasm towards all aspects of your school work.
Year 6 Leopards	Lexi-Jay ~ Mr Sandwith and Mrs Birch think that you are one in a million for being more enthusiastic and some great answers at Crucial Crew.



The proud winner of the TT Rockstars Award last week was:
Archie Hill

The House Winners last week were:



Team Air (Yellow)



The proud winner of the Superstar Award this week is:

Zack Levitt-Glenn in the Year 1/2 Ladybirds

Mrs Cooke has chosen Zack for always being kind to others, making her smile every day with his wonderful stories and trying his best since coming back to school



The proud winners of the Attendance Award last week were:
The Daffodils with 100%

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