



# Birkwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to this Newsletter information regarding a project called **Operation Encompass** which is run jointly with South Yorkshire Police. Mr Froggatt is leading us in this area and we have to inform you that we are a partner, thank you.

**South Yorkshire Police** ~ Came into school on Thursday morning to meet with our Year 5 and 6 children to share with them some very important messages about keeping themselves safe online. This is a really dangerous area where we are having things happen between children out of school. Children these days need to learn how to keep themselves safe in the real and digital worlds and it is a real worry for us all. The children listened very carefully about not being pressurised re images and to become involved in being unkind and saying things they wouldn't say or do face-to-face.

It is so important that you supervise and monitor your child's online activity, we teach the children about keeping themselves safe, but please make sure that you know what they are doing when at home. Not everyone is who they seem to be! If you feel you need any additional support with setting up filters or privacy settings, please let us know. Thank you and stay safe online!

We had a Police Horse visit our entrance area when the Foundation Stage children were out for lunch on Thursday ~ we couldn't believe our eyes. The lovely Police Officer was answering their questions and showing how 'Woody' could move sideways and backwards ~ don't think the children imagined it!

**School Dinners** ~ Please note that there is a new menu after the half-term so the old ones will not be relevant from June. Please ensure that Dinners are paid in advance so that debt doesn't build up. Thank you.

**The Worshipful Educators' Trust** ~ Miss Greenwood and I will be attending the Awards Ceremony this evening online, when Miss Greenwood will receive her Environmental Education Award for inspirational leadership of our outdoor learning/growing programme. Some of our parents/carers may not know that we have our own polytunnel, potting shed and community garden where we grow fruit, vegetables, flowers and herbs. Many of the flowers and plants around school are grown from seed and planted by our gardening groups who work with Miss Greenwood each afternoon and after school. Donations are always welcome! Many congratulations to Miss Greenwood, we are all very proud of her and our school.

## Summer Term Trips

- Foundation Sunflowers and Daffodils ~ to the **Yorkshire Wildlife Park** on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June
- Year 1 Caterpillars ~ to the **Yorkshire Wildlife Park** on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 1/2 Ladybirds ~ to **Scarborough** on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 2 Butterflies ~ to **Scarborough** on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 3 Foxes ~ to **York Jorvik** on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 3/4 Badgers ~ to **Chester Zoo** on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 4 Hedgehogs ~ to **Harry Potter World** on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 5 Robins and Tigers ~ to **Creswell Crags** on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 6 Tigers and Leopards ~ to **Castleton and Blue John Caverns** on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June

We will keep costs to a minimum and will heavily subsidise all of the trips from our School Fund, we know this is appreciated.

**Relationship and Sex Education Policy Consultation for parents/carers ~ 9am Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

The purpose of the meeting is to share with you our updated policy, key vocabulary and resources that we will be using throughout school. We have always taught this element of Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education, but the changes are to reflect the new government requirements. The meeting will be led by Mrs Wilkie and is for adults and not school age children in the Hall please. We will ensure social distancing, please wear a mask and come through Main Reception. Thank you.

**Dates to note:**

**Summer 1:**

- Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to sing with Barnsley Youth Choir remotely ~ these special workshops will take place over 3 Fridays starting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Chicks and ducklings will be arriving in EYFS ~ week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> May
- Year 5/6 will have a den building workshop in our school woods ~ 11<sup>th</sup> May / 14<sup>th</sup> May
- Class photos ~ Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Summer 2:**

- Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June ~ INSET day
- Key Stage 2 Cycling Obstacle Course ~ Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June
- FS2 Sunflowers and Daffodils handwashing project ~ Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June
- **Pentathlon for FS2 - Year 6** ~ Am Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Winning House trip to Flamingo Land ~ Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June
- **Sports Day at Dorothy Hyman Stadium** ~ Am, Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June (no swimming for Y3 this day)



**Birkwood's Got Talent**

We are hoping that this special event will be able to take place (probably outside) on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July at **6.30pm** onwards

- **Afternoon Tea for School Councillors with Mrs Allen** ~ 1.30, Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July
- **Mrs Allen's Leaving Assembly** ~ Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July
- **Mrs Allen's Leaving Garden Party** ~ Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July (pm) for children, parents and the wider community
- **Year 6 Sleepover!** ~ Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July (details to follow)
- Reports home to parents/carers ~ Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> July

\*Just a reminder for children to make sure that long hair is tied back please so that we don't have problems with 'visitors'. Thank you.

**The House Winners last week were:**



**Team Earth (Green)**



**The proud winner of the Superstar Award this week is:  
Lewis Evans in the Year 3 Foxes**



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

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