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### Parent Consultations and My Child at School app

You will know from previous newsletters that our Parent Consultations will be taking place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30 – 6:30pm. We are enabling you to book your own appointments via the *My Child At School* app, many of you have already downloaded this. We are trialing this app so we'd welcome your feedback. If you haven't received an email regarding the app, please contact the school office asap. The booking system will be active from 5pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. We hope that this system shall allow you to book an appointment that is most convenient for you. This initial meeting is an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in their new class and their progress so far. We do ask wherever possible you bring your child to be involved in the discussions. Our catering team will be offering tasters of our menu.

### Morning routine

The children all seem to have adjusted to our new morning routine and we appreciate your support with this. Hopefully you're taking the opportunity to speak to class teachers who are out on the playgrounds from 8:40am. As autumn sets in bringing the wet weather, on rainy days the children will go straight into class when the doors open at 8:35am and bagels will be served in the halls. If you are happy to

leave your KS2 child on the KS2 playground then please do so, having explained to them that they need to remain on the playground until the whistle is blown. KS1 children are welcome to play in the multi-sports enclosure with you watching and ensuring their safety. However, the use of any equipment isn't permitted outside of the school day.

### Parking

Following an incident where one of our families was nearly hit by a reversing car, we must remind you that children are not to be dropped off or picked up from the yellow zig-zag lines. Official guidance states: 'Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals, or fire, police or ambulance stations **indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited**. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.' The safety of our children is our priority.

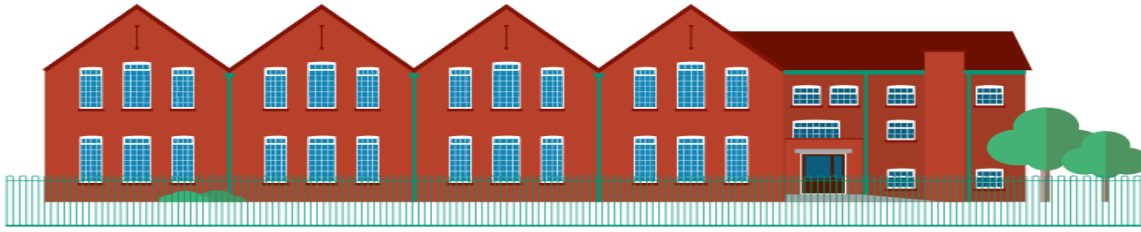


### Upper KS2



This week in year 5 and 6, we have been learning about adaption and how

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this can lead to species evolving. During science, we put Charles Darwin's theory of evolution to the test and carried out an investigation based on Darwin's finches. We replicated 3 types of Finch beaks using tongs, tweezers and pegs and then chose as a class what the 'seeds' would be, some of these included Maltesers, marbles, marshmallows and grains of rice! The children completed a method and then put their predictions to the test! All the fun and excitement really supported the children's understanding of adaptation and evolution.

Well done year 5 and 6!

### Reading Challenge Winners

A huge 'well done' to all our children who took part in the library's summer reading challenge.



Birklands Primary School had the most participants out of the local schools and a certificate presentation recognised our efforts. Robin class accepted the certificate during their visit to the library.

### Warm Clothing

As the weather starts to turn, can we ask that the children wear clothing appropriate for the conditions i.e. school jumpers/fleeces and coats. Children may get out of a nice warm car when dropped off, but at playtimes and

lunchtimes they need suitable attire to be outside.

### 'Bring Your Grown-Up To...'

We are introducing sessions for you to come into school and learn alongside your child. It could be a maths lesson, phonics or maybe something practical. Regardless, we want you to join us, so please look out for dates and times in the 'Diary Dates' section of the newsletter.

### Halloween Disco

Tickets are still available from the office if you haven't already got yours yet. It's on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October in the upper hall.



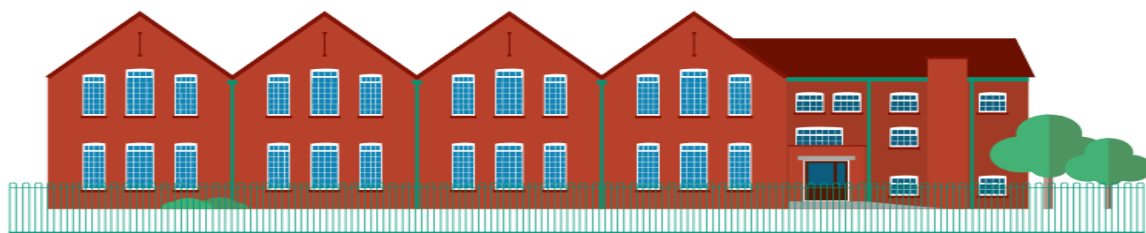
### Reception Starters 2023

We are offering tours for children due to start school in September 2023. Please do contact the school office to put your name down for a tour.

### Safety in School

We understand many of you come to the school office to drop-off your child's belongings (if they've been forgotten) but we must insist that such items are left with a member of office staff and parents/carers do not attempt to find their child's class. We have a duty of care to safeguard our children and must know who is in our school building at all times. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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### Office Hours

A reminder that school office hours are 8am to 3.30pm. Phones will not be answered outside these times. Please leave a message and we will respond the next working day.

Diary Dates		
10.10.22	Y3 Ballet trip	pm
10.10.22	Booking Parent Consultations go live	5:00 pm
18.10.22	Parent Consultations	
19.10.22	Parent Consultations	
20.10.22	Halloween Disco	
21.10.22	Dove class library visit	pm
<b>24.10.22</b> – <b>28.10.22</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	
01.11.22	Phonics meeting (Reception)	3:30 – 4:15 pm
04.11.22	Magpie class library visit	pm
07.11.22	Siskin, Swift and Kittiwake - Bring Your Grown-Up to Science	2:00 pm
08.11.22	Phonics meeting (KS1)	3:30 – 4:15 pm
11.11.22	Y3 & 4 Cineworld	
11.11.22	Siskin class library visit	pm
18.11.22	Children in Need	

18.11.22	Y5 & 6 Holocaust Centre visit	
18.11.22	Swift class library visit	pm
23.11.22	Y 5 & 6 The savoy Cinema	
<b>25.11.22</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>	
30.11.22	Y5 & 6 Nottingham University visit	
02.12.22	Goldcrest class library visit	pm
07.12.22	Xmas dinner	
07.12.22	Xmas jumper day	
07.12.22	KS1 Nativity	9:30 am
07.12.22	EYFS Nativity	2:30 pm
08.12.22	EYFS Nativity	9:30 am
08.12.22	KS1 Nativity	2:30 pm
09.12.22	Kingfisher class library visit	pm
12.12.22	Christmas service at St. Peter & St. Paul's church	9:30 am
<b>19.12.22</b> – <b>05.01.23</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	
<b>06.01.23</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>	

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