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Welcome Back

What a great first week we've had, spending time around the school, the classrooms are calm and productive, the playgrounds are a busy hum of activity and the children are constantly smiling and eager to share something. A huge 'thank you' to parents and carers for how smart everyone's looking, in the correct uniform. Just a reminder of our PE kit: black / grey shorts or black / grey joggers and a white / burgundy t-shirt (no logos) and trainers (any colour).

Meet the Teacher

We are inviting parents and carers into school to meet their child's classteacher and see their classroom. Teachers will run through general expectations and timings around homework, PE, reading etc. It is also an opportunity to ask any questions or pass on any important information that their teacher may not already know. The meetings all start at 2:45 pm and the dates are as follows:

Wed 13th Sept – KS1

Thu 14th Sept – LKS2

Fri 15th Sept – UKS2

Reception will hold a Phonics information meeting at 2:45pm on Monday 16th October.

For those parents and carers unable to attend the meeting, all information will be sent out. We hope you find these meetings useful.

Guinea Pigs

We are very excited to tell you about some new additions who'll be starting at Birklands on Monday - our two male guinea pigs! They were kindly donated to the school as rescue guinea pigs and we hope the children enjoy caring for them. At the moment they are nameless and we are asking the children for appropriate suggestions. There is a box in the entrance for suggestions and names will be chosen at random. Any children with allergies to such animals or an extreme fear, should be communicated with their classteacher.



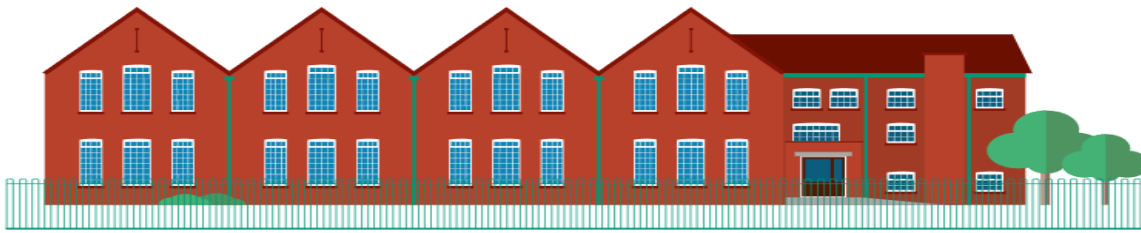
Absence Reporting

Just a reminder that in the event of a child being too ill to attend school, the parent or carer needs to telephone to let school know by 8:30 am.

School Council

School Council is going to play a major part in how our school develops and evolves this year and on that basis we are looking to appoint a KS2 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The children have been informed that if they are interested in either role, they will need to prepare a manifesto. This could be in the form of a poster, Powerpoint presentation or simply written. The manifestos will be shared in Monday's

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assembly. Good luck to those participating.

Congratulations!

We must say 'well done' and 'congratulations' to Eddison in Magpie class as he has been signed by Mansfield Town Football Club academy. We look forward to hearing about his progress.



Parent Survey

A huge 'thank you' to all of those who took the time to complete the survey at the end of last term. We're already acting upon some of your suggestions so watch this space for further details. The prize winner for completing the survey was Toni Stephenson.

Dogs

Gentle reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school site, this includes carrying them.

SEND Coffee Afternoon

All parents and carers of children with SEND are welcome to join us at 2:15 pm on Friday 13th October for a coffee and a catch-up.



Walking Home/Mobile Phones

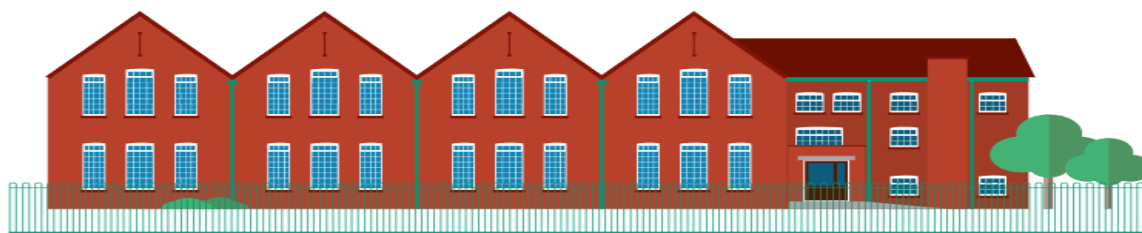
Permission slips have been sent out to Y5 & 6 for walking home alone and mobile phones. We appreciate that parents/carers may choose for their child to have a phone in school if they are walking home alone. However, these must be handed into the school office in the morning and collected at the end of the school day.

School Office Hours

Please be aware that school office hours are 8am to 3.30pm. If you telephone outside of these hours, please leave a message on the answerphone.

Diary Dates		
13.09.23	Meet the Teacher Y1 & 2	2:45 pm
14.09.23	Meet the Teacher Y3 & 4	2:45 pm
15.09.23	Meet the Teacher Y5 & 6	2:45 pm
22.09.23	School Photos	

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29.09.23	Trip to The National space Centre – Y5 & 6	
04.10.23	Flu Vaccinations	
05.10.23	Bring your Grown-up to... Nursery	2 pm
06.10.23	INSET Day	
12.10.23	Harvest Festival at St. Peter & St. Paul's church	9:45 – 10:30 am
13.10.23	SEND Coffee Afternoon	2:15 pm
16.10.23	Phonics meeting - Reception	2:45 pm
23.10.23	Bring your Grown-up to... Reception	2:15 pm
26.10.23	Halloween Discos	
30.10.23 – 03.11.23	Half Term	
17.11.23	Children in Need	
23.11.23	Bring your Grown-up to... Y3 & 4	2 pm
23.11.23	Bring your Grown-up to... Y5 & 6	9:15 am
27.11.23	Trip to Newstead Abbey – Y5 & 6	
28.11.23	Bring your Grown-up to... Y1 & 2	2 pm
01.12.23	Christmas Fair	
05.12.23	KS1 Nativity	9:30 am
05.12.23	EYFS Nativity	2:30 pm
06.12.23	EYFS Nativity	9:30 am
06.12.23	KS1 Nativity	2:30 pm
07.12.23	Christmas Dinner	

07.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day	
18.12.23 – 08.01.24	Christmas Holidays	

SEPT/OCT PARENT CARER DROP INS

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For parent carers of children and young people with autism and/or learning disabilities up to the age of 25 in Nottinghamshire

Thurs 21st Sept 13:00 – 14:00 VIRTUAL
Virtual session via Microsoft TEAMS.

Weds 27th Sept 10:00 – 11:30 WORKSHOP
Thoresby Room, Workop Library, S80 2BP Coffee & Crafts Drop In

Tues 3rd Oct 10:00 – 11:30 RETFORD
Retford Family Hub, Spa Lane, DN22 6EA Coffee & Crafts Drop In

Thurs 19th Oct 10:00 – 11:00 VIRTUAL
Virtual session via Microsoft TEAMS

Please email thekey@nottscc.gov.uk for the Virtual Sessions link

Becki and Helene from the **Keyworking Service Peer Support Team** hold regular drop in sessions around Nottinghamshire where you can speak to other parents, access SEN advice and signposting to other helpful organisations. We also run workshops and activities for young people.

To join our mailing list or for enquiries email - thekey@nottscc.gov.uk

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Join us for a cuppa and a chat

SEN Advice Available

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