

Headteacher: Mrs V Farr

## A Great First Week

What a lovely first week I've had as Headteacher at Birklands Primary School. The children are a delight; polite, caring and enthusiastic, they are a credit to all of you and the school. Hopefully by now you'll have seen me on the gate in the morning or afternoon and I wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware that I am readily available to talk to you regarding your queries and concerns either at the gate (if appropriate) or otherwise a meeting can be scheduled. If your concern relates to something that has taken place within your child's class I would ask that you speak to the classteacher in the first instance, purely for the reason that they will have a better knowledge of what has happened in their class. Mrs Farr

## Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their correct school uniform. You may already be aware that children do not have to have logoed uniform, however hooded tops are not part of our uniform. Please refer to the school website if you are unsure of uniform expectations.

## Passing of Queen Elizabeth II

It is sad news, our Queen passing away on Thursday afternoon. At this time we have not received any information as a school regarding a school closure/bank holiday. When any dates are confirmed we shall let you know.

## Bikes and Scooters

Following a few near misses on the playground involving bikes and scooters we must politely ask that these are walked across the playground at all times. Mr Cohen has shared this with the children during assembly and he and Mrs Farr will be monitoring whilst on the gate.

## Ofsted

As you will be aware, the school had an Ofsted inspection during the last week of term (the heatwave). I am now able to confirm that Birklands Primary School remains a 'Good' school. The report will go live on our website and the Ofsted website very soon.

## Snack

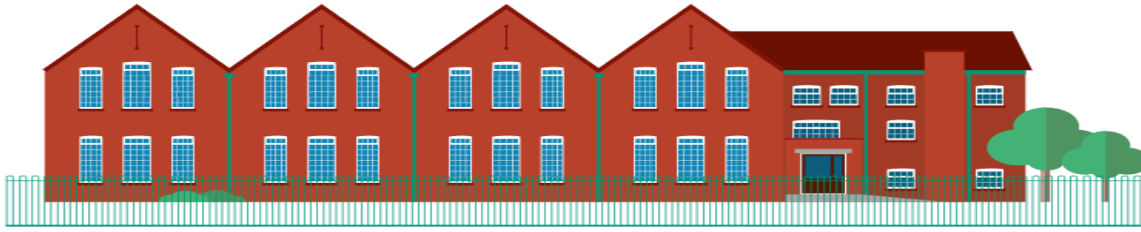
We do encourage children to bring a snack for playtime. This must be a healthy snack e.g. fruit, a fruit winder, etc. and not chocolate.

## Tour of Britain

We're very proud of Emilia Wood in Goldcrest class who started the local leg of the Tour of Britain 2022 having won the competition to design a flag for the race.



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## KS1 Pick-Up

Thank you for your patience when collecting your KS1 child. We have been monitoring the queue, hoping that it moved quicker as the week progressed. Various changes are being considered and those will be shared when decisions have been made. The children's safety remains our priority at all times.

## Communication

We are currently looking at communication channels so you are able to quick and easily contact your child's teacher. In the meantime, please send a message via the school office or speak to the teacher at the end of the day.

## Scrap Store

At playtimes and lunchtimes we want to offer the children a wide variety of games and activities to engage with. This is where you may be able to help...we are asking for any old tyres, plastic drain pipes, cable reels, lengths of wood (without nails protruding), etc. anything that the children could use to build a den or an obstacle course and is weather proof. Please bring items in asap, making staff aware and leave round the side of the building next to the Y5/6 steps. Rules regarding how to use/play with the items safely will be established with the children.

## School Dinners

We have been advised by our catering provider that the price of a school meal will have to increase. Therefore, with effect from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, the daily cost of a school meal will increase to £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week). We are also making a slight change to the menu. On a Tuesday on Week 1 the main meal was Cowboy Pie. The children did not like this so we will change this to sausage and mash. Could you please make a note of this for future reference.

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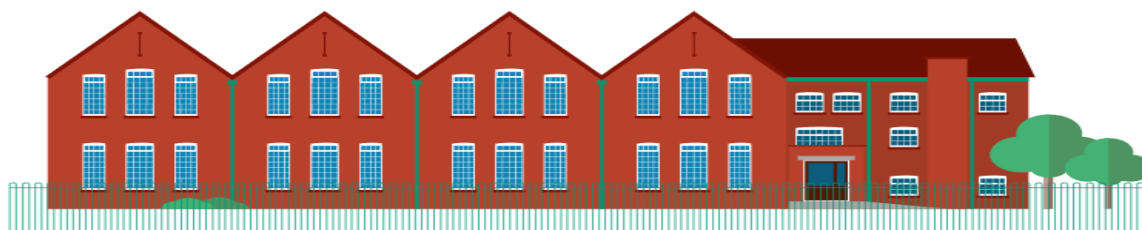
*Also, week  
commencing 3<sup>rd</sup>  
October we are  
swapping meals on  
Wednesday and  
Thursday so the roast  
dinner will be on  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October.*

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## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Letters for these will start to come out in the next couple of weeks so please keep an eye out in your child's bag as places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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### 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.

### Flu Vaccinations

Consent for the flu vaccinations can only be given online. You have been sent details of how to give consent for your child but further details can be found here:

[https://www.birklandsschool.co.uk/data/letters/files/Birklands\\_3\\_.pdf](https://www.birklandsschool.co.uk/data/letters/files/Birklands_3_.pdf)

Vaccinations will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

### Walking Home/Mobile Phones

We are sending out permission slips today for walking home alone and mobile phones. We appreciate that you may wish your 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.

### Diary Dates

21.09.22	Rock Kidz	
22.09.22	Flu vaccinations	
23.09.22	School photos	
27.09.22	Harvest Festival at St. Peter & St. Paul's church	1:30 pm
<b>24.10.22</b> – <b>28.10.22</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	
18.11.22	Children in Need	
30.11.22	Y5 & 6 Nottingham University	
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
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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