

Headteacher: Mrs V Farr

## New Morning Routine

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> we are introducing a new morning routine for every class from reception upwards. This is to ensure our children have a punctual and productive start to the day whilst allowing parents/carers the opportunity to speak to classteachers face-to-face and pass on messages. Our gates will open at 8:35am which is when bagels will be available (Nursery, Reception and KS1 outside KS1 entrance) (KS2 inside main gates) to be eaten on the playgrounds. Classteachers will meet and greet children on the playgrounds before lining them up ready to enter the school building to start their learning. We ask that EYFS and KS1 parents/carers stay with their child until the children are taken in. For KS2 parents/carers, this is a matter for your discretion. As with the implementation of any new system, please be prepared for the early days being a little chaotic and we shall do our best to effectively manage the change. We appreciate your anticipated support and patience.

## Rock Kidz

A huge 'thank you' for the effort made by everyone on Wednesday when we welcomed Rock Kidz to Birklands. The smiles on the children's faces and the buzz (as well as the loud noise) around



school suggests that a good time was had by all.

## Birklands Remembers



We thank all the children and families who acknowledged our memorial to Queen

Elizabeth II by laying flowers or leaving pictures and messages.

## Y3 & 4 Walking Home Alone

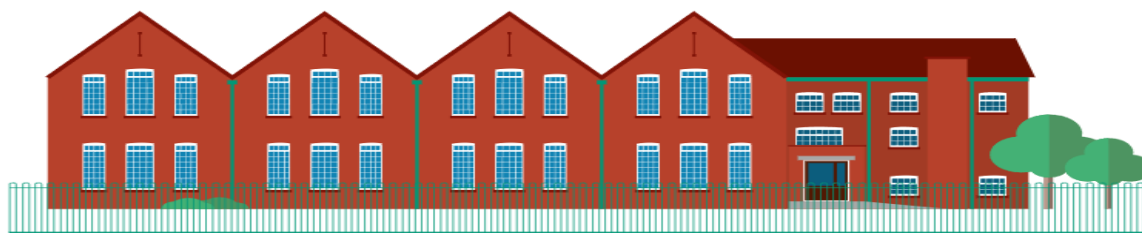
Following careful consideration and a few concerning incidents we have taken the difficult decision to only allow children in years 5 & 6 to walk home unaccompanied, taking effect from Monday. This is regardless of the proximity of your home address to the school and we shan't permit year 5 & 6 children to accompany younger siblings. Hopefully you understand and support our commitment and responsibility to keep our children safe.

## Phone Call Home

You may have already received one of our phone calls home from classteachers to share and celebrate those children who've had a great week in school and have gone 'above and beyond'. This is our way of recognising those children and their efforts.

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### Halloween Disco

We're very excited to announce that we're having a Halloween Disco in the upper hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets will be £3.50 to include entrance, a hot-dog, drink and sweetie cone to take home. Please see attached letter for more information.

### Reception Starters 2023

We are currently 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.

### Harvest

Thank you for your Harvest donations which will be collected by the local food bank - Monday is the last day we are accepting donations. We have some volunteers who will accompany us on our walk to the church on Tuesday, but additional helpers are always welcome. Please speak to your child's classteacher if you are able to help.

### Wrap Around Care – Christmas

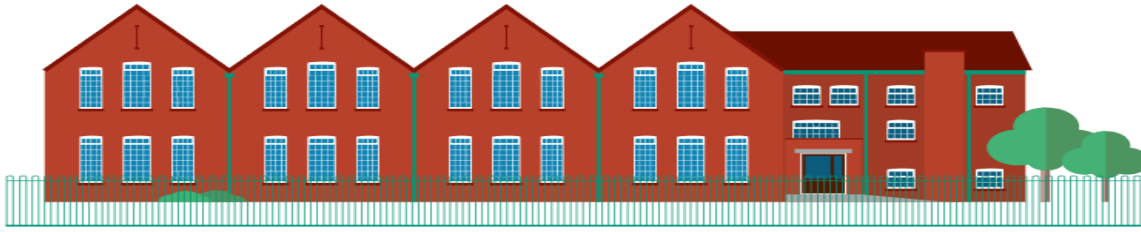
Please note that there will be NO After School Club on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Hopefully this will give you enough time to make alternative arrangements.

### Diary Dates

27.09.22	Harvest Festival at St. Peter & St. Paul's church	1:30 pm
18.10.22	Parent Consultations	
19.10.22	Parent Consultations	
20.10.22	Halloween Disco	
<b>24.10.22 – 28.10.22</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	
11.11.22	Y3 & 4 Cineworld	
18.11.22	Children in Need	
23.11.22	Y 5 & 6 The savoy Cinema	
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 – 05.01.23</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	
<b>06.01.23</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>	

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**Dear Parents/Carers,**

On **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** we will be hosting **Birklands' Halloween Party!**

This is a ticketed event and your child will need to bring their ticket in order to receive their treat. The ticket price includes; a hot dog with a drink upon arrival and a sweet cone to take home at the end of the party. There will be great music, competitions and lots of dancing! I cannot wait to see all of your spooky Halloween costumes.



**Nursery:** 2:30pm -3:00pm Children to get changed at school (clothes to be brought in a named carrier bag). Optional ticket cost for a sweet cone and drink £1.50

**F2 & KS1:** 3:15pm-4:15pm Children to get changed at school. Ticket price £3.50  
Collection via usual exits.

**KS2:** 4:30pm-5:30pm. Ticket price £3.50  
Children are to be dropped off via the KS2 playground. Collection via the LKS2 stairs.  
Please take their coats home with you and bring back them upon collection.

Tickets will be on sale after school on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, from the office.

Thank you  
Miss Cox

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