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BIRKLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

Monday 24th February

Football club (KS2) 3-4.15pm
Dance club (KS2) 3-4pm
Sports4kids (KS1) 3-4pm

Tuesday 25th February

Board Game Club (KS1) 3-3.45pm
Film club (KS1 & 2) 3-4pm
Book club (R) 3-4pm
Choir (KS2) 3-4pm
Year 6 Boosters 3-4pm

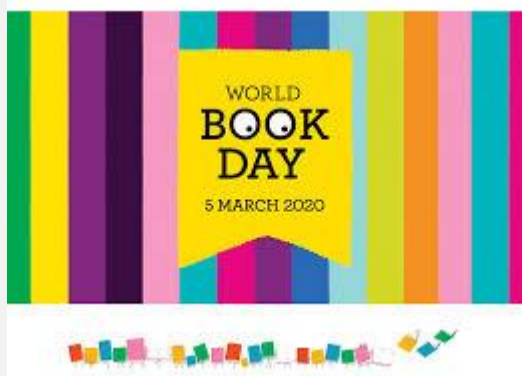
Wednesday 26th February

Thursday 27th February

Boxercise (KS2) Club 3-4pm
Year 6 Boosters 3-4pm

Friday 28th February

Work Hard. Be Kind assembly-9am
Goldcrest class to the Library



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day this year, each class across school will be studying a traditional tale. We invite pupils to come dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 5th March. During the week, each child will receive a book token which can be exchanged at participating retailers for one of 12 books in this year's range, or can be put towards the purchase of any full price book.

We will also be calling upon our pupils' (and parents') creativity for our 'Potato Book Character' competition! If you would like to enter, simply transform a humble spud in to a book character of your choice. To be in with a chance of winning, entries need to be submitted by 9am on Thursday 5th March (but can be sent in to school from Monday 2nd).

Photo Consent

It would appear that many of you have not returned the consent form allowing us to use your child's photo in school/on our website etc. This can be a real hindrance in being able to share with the wider community all the fantastic things that our children get involved in. We therefore urge you to complete this and return to school as soon as possible.



Valentine's Raffle

Don't forget to purchase your Valentine's raffle ticket. We will have some amazing prizes including a First Prize of a luxurious hamper full of pampering goodies.

Other prizes include:

- Blue Ocean Chippy voucher
- Prize from Buds & Blooms
- Eyelash voucher
- Nail voucher
- £10 haircut



Valentine's Discos

Don't forget our Valentine's Discos will be taking place on **Wednesday 12th February**. Tickets are on sale now from the school office. The Foundation stage and KS1 disco will take place from 3pm to 4pm and tickets cost £1.50. This will include a drink and a snack.

The KS2 disco will be at 4.15pm to 5.15pm and tickets are £1. A tuck shop will be available so please send your child with some change to buy drinks and snacks.

Healthy Snacks

A polite reminder that if your child brings a snack from home for morning break this must be healthy. Crisps/ sausage rolls/ sweets are not a suitable healthy snack.

Healthy Lunch-boxes

If your child brings a packed lunch for dinner time please remember this needs to reflect a balanced meal. No child's lunch should consist of two bars of chocolate or be overloaded with sugary snacks etc. If you put any chocolate snack in it should be a small bar.

sQuid

Thank you to those of you that are keeping your Squid account in credit.

A polite reminder that if your Squid account goes to an overdraft of £5 or more your child will not be allowed to have a school lunch until their account is back in credit. Squid accounts should always be in credit. Please ensure that you top up enough to pay for your child's meals for the week.

Breakfast Club

Please ensure that you have the correct change when paying for Breakfast Club. We do not have the facility to change large notes – especially at the beginning of the week.

PGL

If your child is attending the year 6 residential trip to Caythorpe Court in May, don't forget that full payment must be made by 15th May. You can pay any amount at any time as long as the balance is paid by this date. Payment can be made by cash at the school office and also via the Trips and Offers 'purse' on your Squid account.

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

We would encourage all parents to apply for Free School Meals if you think that you may qualify. This is very easy to do and an instant answer will be given. Parents can either register online via the County Council's website or can telephone 0300 500 8080 to apply over the phone. All new applicants who are successful will receive a free school polo shirt. Please apply if you think you may qualify, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives Universal Free School Meals. The school does receive additional funding based on numbers of free school meals, which then has to be used to assist your child in things such as school trips, uniform and enrichment activities.

Future Diary Dates

February 28th – Goldcrest class to the Library

March 6th - Kittiwake class to the Library

March 13th - Siskin class to the Library

March 20th Siskin class at Nottingham University

April 1st & 2nd – Year 3 & 4 Production