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BIRKLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happening this week

Our Final Newsletter of the Year

Dear Parents

On behalf of all of the staff in school I wanted to thank you all for being a part of Birklands Primary School.

The school has significantly changed during the year for the better and I feel that this is reflected in the positive comments we have received.

What is the school doing well? (a few comments)

"Reinforcing behavior in a positive manner i.e. team points, stars of the week etc"

"We have enjoyed more school trips/activities, so that has improved, as has communication to parents"

"Everything – I have been very happy with my child's teacher and the different things she has brought into the classroom to make my child's learning fun and exciting"

"Pushing the children to apply themselves and giving them more motivation for self-learning"

"I have seen many changes this year of which all have been for the better. The school is going from strength to strength"

It would be better if:-

"We had much more advanced notice of events i.e Sports Day and performances to enable parents to book time off work in advance"

"More after school clubs i.e. Drama/Art"

Thank you once again. Please have a fun, happy and safe summer holiday.

Kind regards
Helen Duffy

Monday 18th July

Phonics 3-4pm

Dance Club 3-4pm

Year 5/6 Performance 5.30pm

Tuesday 19th July

Phonics 3-4pm

Dance Club Performance
3.30pm

Wednesday 20th July

PTFA meeting 9.30am

Leavers' Assembly 2pm

Multi-Skills after school sports club – Years 3/4

Thursday 21st July

Green award treat

House point treat

Friday 22nd July

Year 6 Disco 2-3pm

Last day of term

Dates for Next Academic Year

INSET dates for the academic year 2016-17 are:

30th August 2016
31st August 2016
1st September 2016
2nd September 2016
26th July 2017

Children are expected back in school on Monday 5th September. We have listened to parent comments and a whole school calendar for next year will be sent out by the end of the week. Some dates for the first half term are:

School Photos – Friday 23rd September
Parents' Evening – Tuesday 27th September and Wednesday 28th September

Year 6 Leavers

The leavers' assembly will be taking place on Wednesday 20th July at 2pm. The Year 6s will also be having a disco organized by the PTFA on Friday afternoon – a great way to end their time at Birklands. We hope that they have enjoyed their time at our school and wish them all the luck in the world as they start their new school in September

sQuid Account for Year 6 Children

If any Year 6 children have money left on their sQuid account then a refund can be requested online. Please ensure that if you have the auto top function in place that this is cancelled as soon as possible. Unfortunately you will have to set up a new sQuid account when your child starts at Meden.

Performances this week

Don't forget that Monday night is the final performance of the Year 5/6 performance of 'Reach For The Sky'. Children will need to be back at school for 5.15pm, with the show starting at 5.30. The performance should finish around 6.30.

The Dance Club will be showing off all their hard work on Tuesday with a performance at 3.30pm. Tickets are still available from the school office for £1 each. Proceeds will go towards props and costumes for the club.

Summer Sports Clubs

Don't forget that we will have two summer clubs happening during the school holidays. These will be held in the weeks commencing 15th August and 22nd August. You should have had all the information sent out in the last couple of weeks. If you need flyers with times/dates and information on then please collect from the school office. Thank you to all parents who have already send their slips back – the children will be doing lots of exciting things including sport, arts & crafts, dance, cooking and fencing!

PTFA

If anyone can spare some time to come along and help as part of the PTFA then please get in touch with Mrs Hughes in the school office. We will be having an informal meeting on Wednesday 20th July at 9.30am. If you are free, please come along and join us.

Gates

Can we please ask that all parents are mindful about who they are letting into the school grounds. The gates are there for the protection of our children and should only be opened by staff members. Please also ensure that the gate is closed behind you and the bolt pushed across.

More Important News



Stars of the week ending 15th July were:

Reception – Bethany Emery & Klarissa Zhuta
Year 1 – Harry Cudworth & Summer Rayner
Year 2 – Adam Ashall & Caleb Hornblow
Year 3/4L – Ilaisa Dau & Felicity Insley
Year 3/4P – Jessica Foster & Eva Rick
Year 5 – Leo Kantowski & Shanay Plastow
Year 6 – Tyrone Insley & Benjamyn Marriott

We would love you to...

Join us for Maths games on a Tuesday morning from 8.30am.

Reading every Friday morning from 8.30am.

CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A TEAM POINT EVERY TIME THEY ATTEND!!

Breakfast Club is held on a daily basis from 8.00am to 8.30am at a cost of £1.20



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Attendance

Attendance last week was 96.7%, which is not as impressive as last week but better than it has been – please keep up the good work for this last week! The Goldcrests in Year 6 had 100% – a great way to end their time at Birklands.

Please continue to support us in making sure your child comes to school ready to learn. If your child has a minor cough, cold, headache or other ailment, please continue to send them in to school and we will monitor them. If your child is ill then we will call you to pick them up. Please ensure that we have your most up-to-date contact details on our records. We are currently working with Meden's Attendance Officer who will be making home visits if we do not have a valid reason for your child's absence.

Hope you all have a very happy summer holiday – see you in September!

