
Weekly Newsletter –12th September 2016

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Dear Parents & Carers

First of all a huge welcome back to you all; especially the new members of Birklands Primary; we hope you have all had a restful and exciting summer break. Over the summer, school hosted two sport themed clubs in conjunction with the PTFA – we will continue to offer these holiday clubs over selected holidays this coming year – please look out for them and book in early to secure a place.

All of the staff have been very busy over the holidays preparing for the new academic year both in the classrooms and around school. In particular, we are extremely excited about significant changes to the Foundation stage environment and are very much looking forward to seeing it in action.

We have some changes to our early morning arrangements. On a Friday morning from 08:30 SF4kids will be on the main playground for wake up exercise routines - so early morning reading will now take place on a Thursday, where children can continue to gain 'house points'.

As last year, early Maths will take place in each class on a Tuesday morning from 08:30, again children can gain house points by attending. In addition, during Monday lunchtimes Sports 4 Kids will be providing a lunchtime club for all pupils to extend our lunchtime provision.

The children look very smart in their new uniform. Please ensure that ALL uniform is labelled to prevent items being lost!

Mr Copestake

Upcoming Dates

School Photographs – 23rd September

We aim high, we care, we believe, we are respectful



BIRKLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happening this week

Monday 12th September

Tuesday 13th September

Wednesday 14th September

PTFA meeting 9.30am

Lego Club – lunch time

Thursday 15th September

Newspaper Club 3 – 4pm

Friday 16th September

Corporal Butcher After-School
Club 3 – 4pm

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Parents' Evenings - 27th & 28th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning – 30th September
Halloween Disco – 20th October

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We will be running several new after school/lunch time clubs this year:

Monday – Computer Club (starting 19th September). This is open to KS2 children and will run from 3-4pm. Children will have the chance to learn Coding and other computing skills. If you are interested, please see Miss Parr in Year 3 for a permission slip. Numbers are limited to 15 and will be on a first come, first served basis.

Tuesday – Choir Club (starting 20th September). This is also open to KS2 children and will take place from 3-4pm. Please see Mrs Allen in Year 5 if you are interested.

Wednesday – Lego Club with Miss Murphy. This is open to all children and will take place at lunch time in Jay Class. The first session will be on Wednesday 14th September.

Thursday – Birklands Newspaper Club will take place every Thursday after school finishing at 4pm. The first session will be Thursday 15th September. We need budding reporters, photographers and editors to contribute to a school newspaper which will feature news and information about Birklands. It is open to pupils in Years 3 to 6 and pupils who are interested should see Mrs Lewis.

Thursday – Year 6 Maths Club. This will be by invitation with letters going out to parents within the next week. Club will run from 3-4pm and will start on 22nd September.

We also have the Sports Clubs mentioned earlier in Mr Copestake's introduction taking place on Monday lunch times and Friday before school.

Birklands Library Visits – Autumn Term 2016

DATE:	CLASS:
23.9.16	Y6 - GOLDCREST
30.9.16	Y5 – NIGHTINGALE
7.10.16	Y4 – SISKIN
14.10.16	Y3 – KITTIWAKE
21.10.16	Y2 – DOVE

4.11.16	Y1 – JAY
11.11.16	RECEPTION CLASS- ROBINS

Dahlicious Day

Friday 16th Sept is a dress up day to celebrate 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl. Pupils can dress as a character from a Roald Dahl book or can dress in yellow which was his favourite colour. Pupils across school will be reading different Roald Dahl texts and learning all about the author.

School Meals

Dinners will continue to be a choice of a hot meal, jacket potato or sandwich, with the children making a choice on the day (menu attached). If you would prefer to pre-order a meal for your child then please pick up a form from the school office.

Free School Meals

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 they can telephone 0115 804 1237 to apply over the phone. A form is also available on the school's website that can be completed and sent into the school office who will send it in on your behalf. All new applicants which are successful will receive a free school polo shirt. Please collect from the school office.

sQuid Accounts

If you would like a registration form to set up a sQuid account to pay for school meals and tuck then please collect from the school office. Please note that we are aiming to become a cashless school so would encourage parents to pay by this method.

Data Collection Forms

Data collection and parental consent forms will be sent out by the end of the week. Please check the details on the forms carefully and send back to the school office as soon as possible to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information on record. Can you also please check that we have all the relevant information recorded including ethnicity, religion and medical details.

PTFA

If you feel that you can spare some time to help with this important part of Birklands School then please come along to our meetings. The next one is being held on Wednesday 14th September at 9.30am. Hope to see you there!

More Important News



Stars of the week ending 9th September were:

Reception – Jessica Elce & Millie-May Smith
Year 1 – Ryan Dring & Klarissa Zhuta
Year 2 – Nikayla Lowe & Tiegan Stocking
Year 3 – Lexie Henson & Regan Milnes
Year 4 – Ellis Cave & Joshua Walters
Year 5 – Chloe Guy & Caidon Insley
Year 6 – Ilona Duda & Jodie Walters

Attendance

Attendance last week was 94.7% which is quite disappointing. However, we were struck down with a sickness bug! Hopefully this is now getting better and attendance will improve next week. Last year we managed to hit our annual target of 96% - let's see if we can improve it this year.

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

We would love you to...

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

Reading every Thursday 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



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.