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## Weekly Newsletter –19<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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### PTFA

Unfortunately our current Chair, Keeley Palmer, has had to resign from the role due to work commitments. If either you or anyone else that you know has the time to help with the PTFA and take over this vital position then please see either a member of the PTFA or Mrs Hughes in the school office.

Without the PTFA we would not be able to offer all the fun activities for the children such as after school discos and Christmas/Summer Fairs. The PTFA also donate and contribute to the school in various ways such as subsidising school trips and purchasing books amongst other things.

Even if you cannot commit to being the Chair you could help in many other ways. Our meetings are very informal and usually held a couple of times every half term. We need parents who can help with things like manning stalls at fairs or wrapping presents at Christmas and maybe even baking a cake or two! Please come along and support this vital part of Birklands school. Our next meeting will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

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### **School Photos**

The photographer will be in school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, to take photographs of family groups and individuals. Assembly will not be taking place.

The photograph session will start at 8.00am for those pupils with **pre-school** or **secondary school** siblings. Please do not arrive for the photograph session until that time and ensure that pupils in main school attend registration.



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Happening this week

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Sport 4 Kidz lunch time activities

Computer Club 3 – 4pm

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Choir Club 3 – 4pm

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Lego Club – lunch time

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Newspaper Club 3 – 4pm

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

School photos

Year 6 Library visit

Corporal Butcher After-School Club 3 – 4pm

If all your children attend school either full or part-time their teachers will ensure that their photographs are taken during the day both individually and as a family group so there is no need to bring them in early. You are under no obligation to purchase any of the photos.

## Dahlicious Day

The children had great fun on Friday dressing up as characters from Roald Dahl books to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. We had a great mixture including Matilda, Willy Wonka, some crocodiles, giraffes and even a few BFGs! The children had spent time during the week learning all about Roald Dahl and his books so it was great to see the characters coming to life



## 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.

## **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.

## **More Important News**



**Stars of the week ending 16<sup>th</sup> September were:**

Reception – Codey Insley & Emily Winterton

Year 1 – William Elce & Kyra Holleywell

Year 2 – Amelia Grala & Leila Henson

Year 3 – Adam Ashall & Pauliasi Dau

Year 4 – Asaeli Dau & Eva Rick

Year 5 – Thomas James & Rhianna Neill

Year 6 – Holly Hutchison & Abbie Morley

The best behaved classes were the Nightingales & Goldcrests in Years 5 and 6 - well done!

## **Attendance**

The class with the best attendance in the week ending 16<sup>th</sup> September were the Goldcrests in Year 6 with 98.6%. Let's see if we can get some classes on 100% this week!

## **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



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Overall attendance last week was 95.5% which is an improvement on the week before but we are still not hitting our target of 96%. The sickness bug does seem to be getting better so hopefully we can start to improve each week.

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.