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BIRKLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happening this week

School Dinners

From next term, children will have a choice of options for school meals. All parents and carers should have received a letter on Friday inviting your child to choose which option they require for the first three weeks after the holidays. Every day there will be a choice of a hot meal, a jacket potato with various fillings or a sandwich. A poll was taken to determine which sandwiches the children preferred and the results were:

1. Tuna
2. Jam
3. Cheese

Each day, therefore, there will be a selection of these sandwiches available. Please return your choices to school as soon as possible as we have to order the food before we break up for the holidays. If your child normally brings a packed lunch from home, this can be indicated on the form. If your child does not normally have a school meal but you feel they may enjoy the new options then please encourage them to have a go. If you think you may qualify for a Free School Meal but have not yet applied, then please telephone 01623 433009 or see Mrs Hughes in the school office for more details. Application is very simple with an answer given immediately.

Shop for Schools

Don't forget that this is now up and running. Any time you buy something in the Four Seasons Shopping Centre, please go to customer services outside Debenhams to claim points for Birklands. The school with the most points at the closing date will win £3000!

Monday 21st March

Phonics 3-4pm
Years 3/4 to Poplars Care
Home to read poetry.
Easter Bake Sale after school

Tuesday 22nd March

Phonics 3-4pm

Wednesday 23rd March

Multi-Skills after school sports
club – Key Stage One
Reception class trip to the
Butterfly House

Thursday 24th March

Nursery class trip to Willow
Tree Farm.
Please note there will be **no**
Maths club until after the Easter
holiday

**We break up for the Easter
holidays on Thursday 24th
March 2016. Children are
back in school Monday 11th
April 2016**

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Please help us to collect Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers to enable us to claim some sports or cooking equipment for our children. You can collect the vouchers every time you spend over £10 in a Sainsbury's store. Vouchers can be bought into the school office. The promotion runs all the way through to July so let's get collecting!

New Academy Trust

You should also have received a letter on Friday outlining details for the new proposed Trust. If you have any concerns or would like to give some feedback on your views then please visit the Trust website at www.novaeducationtrust.net.

Playground

Work will begin over the Easter holidays to improve the main playground at Birklands. Features will include a reading area, trim trail, playground markings and some areas of artificial grass. It will be a massive improvement on the current area and a much nicer setting for the children's play times.

Trips

We have two trips taking place this week with more on the horizon! On Wednesday Reception class will be visiting the Butterfly House at North Anston and on Thursday Nursery will be visiting Willow Tree Farm. If you need to pay for these trips or return permission slips, please do so as soon as possible.

Last Day of Term

As a prize for achieving the most Team Points for the term, Newstead House will be watching 'Gnomeo & Juliet' on Thursday afternoon. Children can bring in one snack to eat whilst watching the film.

Children who have 100% attendance are being rewarded with a non-uniform day on Thursday. Your child will have already received their invitation.

Swimming

Please note that there will be no swimming on the first Thursday back after the holidays due to Nottinghamshire County Council being on slightly different holidays to us.

Uniform

Can we please take this opportunity to ask that whilst you are washing and putting away uniform for the holidays to make sure that every item of your child's uniform has their name in it. This should include PE kits, shoes and all jumpers/cardigans.

More Important News



Stars of the week ending 18th March were:

Reception – Charlie Holland & Kyra Holleywell
Year 1 – Krystal Hargreaves & Louisa Oxley
Year 2 – Owain Gill & Jenson Foster
Year 3/4 L – Liliana Sigmund & the whole of the class!
Year 3/4 P – Chloe Guy & the whole of the class!
Year 5 – Jorgie Foster & Jamie Walker
Year 6 – Benjamyn Marriott & Owen Morris

Best behaved classes were the Siskins in Year 3/4 – well done!

Attendance last week was 94.49% which is well below the 96% expected by the Government and school. Hopefully this can be improved during the last week of term?

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter. Hope you have a restful break, see you back in school on Monday 11th April.

Planning ahead!

The Year 6 KS2 SATs will be administered in the week commencing 9 May 2016.

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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