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Free School Meals

As you may have seen in the news, there is a possibility that Infant Free School Meals may be scrapped under a new Government.

We would therefore highly recommend that you apply for free school meals so that your child can carry on receiving free meals. Details of how to apply can be found on the Notts County Council website. You may qualify for free school meals if your child attends a Nottinghamshire County Council School and you receive one of the following benefits.

- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) that does not exceed £16,190
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Income-based and Contributions-based JSA and ESA on an equal basis
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – during the initial roll-out of the benefit

Applications can be made online by using the following link.
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>. If you are unable to apply online please contact 0300 500 80 80.



BIRKLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happening this week

Monday 22nd May

Sport 4 Kidz lunch time activities & after school club 3-4pm

Phonics Club 3-4pm

Football Club 3-4.15pm

Tuesday 23rd May

Phonics Club 3-4pm

Choir Club 3-4pm

Wednesday 24th May

Lego Club – lunch time

Thursday 25th May

Enterprise Afternoon

Newspaper Club 3-4pm

Friday 26th May

Corporal Butcher after school club 3-4pm

PE Days

Reception – Monday

Year 1 - Weds & Thurs

Year 2 – Mon & Weds

Year 3 – Thurs & Fri

Year 4 – Mon & Fri

Year 5 – Thurs & Fri

Year 6 – Weds & Fri

Enterprise Afternoon

This will be taking place on Thursday 25th May from 1.30pm. All of the classes have been given £50 by the PTFA to use to make more money. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to come along and see what the children have been making and hopefully purchase some of their creations. The children will then decide how they would like to spend any money they have made whether that be trips or things for the classroom. Please come along and support your children in their business ventures!

Uniform

Please remember to send your child in the correct uniform every day and this includes school shoes. Trainers must not be worn except during PE lessons.

Year 2 Trip to Southwell Minster

On **Thursday 8th June**, we have arranged for the Year 2 children to visit Southwell Minster as part of their 'Time Travelling' day. The day will involve a collective worship in the Minster and learning about different aspects of Christianity linked to the Nottinghamshire syllabus for RE.

During the day your child will be spending some of the day outside so they will need to wear suitable clothing and footwear (e.g. trousers and flat school shoes). School uniform should be worn and it would be advisable to send your child with a waterproof coat as well, just in case it rains.

All children in Year 2 will be provided with a packed lunch, however if you prefer to send a packed lunch from home that's fine. If you are providing a packed lunch from home, can you send it in a disposable bag as no lunch boxes are allowed at the church. Can you also provide your child with a drink and it would be preferable for the children to bring any drinks in disposable containers.

We will be leaving school at 9am and should be back for normal school pick up. The cost of the trip will be £5. Payment can be made by cash or by a cheque made payable to Birklands Primary School. Please ensure that all money is paid to the school office by Tuesday 6th June.

Italian Themed Menu

On Wednesday 24th May we will be having an Italian Themed Menu at school. Children will have the option of either pizza or spaghetti bolognese as well as the usual jacket potato and sandwich options.

Signing up for Coop Membership

We are pleased to announce that we have been chosen to be one of the Co-op's charities this year. To help us raise as much as possible we would like you to sign up as Co-op members. This will only cost you £1. You can then sign in online and choose our charity; The Hen House Project.

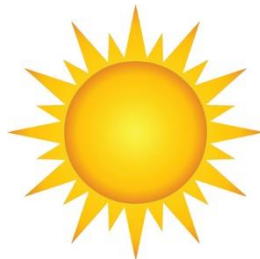
<https://membership.coop.co.uk/dashboard>

Lost Property

The lost property box is again overflowing. Can you please check it if you are missing any items as the box will be emptied and the contents disposed of at the end of this week.

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up for half term this Friday 26th May and return on Monday 5th June. Wishing you all a happy and relaxing holiday!



More Important News



Stars of the week ending 19th May were:

Reception – Connor Bicknell & Caleb Palmer
Year 1 – Charliann Preston & Klarissa Zhuta
Year 2 – Tyler Clarke & Ewan Gilberthorpe
Year 3 – Owain Gill & Shannon Parry
Year 4 – Kirstey Coppin & Callum Roe
Year 5 – Owen Alsop & Jemma Hobson
Year 6 – At Caythorpe

The best behaved classes last week were the Nightingales in Year 5 and the Jays in Year 1 – well done everyone

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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Attendance

Attendance last week was 94.06% which is a slight improvement on last week but still way below our target.

We have noticed that more and more children are coming into school late. Please be reminded that school starts at 8.45am and teachers plan for lessons to start on time so children are getting the most out of their day. Please ensure that your child arrives on time and ready for the day. If you know you are going to be late please let the school office know as soon as possible as we have to provide the kitchen with dinner numbers as early as we can and by 9.30 at the latest. If you do not inform school that you are going to be late and arrive after 9.30, please ensure that you send your child with a packed lunch.

Please remember that children can come to school with minor illnesses such as headaches and coughs/colds – we will look after them! If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school office know as soon as possible and before 9am.

*****ATTENTION – THE CLASS WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR WILL BE HAVING A SPECIAL TREAT ORGANISED BY MRS SMITH ON MONDAY 24TH JULY! WILL IT BE YOUR CLASS?*****

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.