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International Week

This week each class will be learning about a different country as part of International Week. They will learn about the different culture, food and traditions of each country and parents/carers will be invited in to take part a special activity. Below is a list of the countries each class will be investigating and the day parents/carers are invited in.

- Reception – Albania (Friday morning)
- Year 1 – Italy (Thursday afternoon)
- Year 2 – Mexico (Thursday afternoon)
- Year 3 – France (Wednesday afternoon)
- Year 4 – India (Friday afternoon)
- Year 5 – Japan (Wednesday afternoon)
- Year 6 – China (Tuesday afternoon)

Parent Governor

We recently sent letters out requesting parents to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor. This is a great opportunity to really get involved in the decisions regarding Birklands and to help move the school forward. If you feel you have the time to commit to termly meetings and occasional monitoring visits to the school, then please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Smoking

As you know, smoking is not allowed on the school grounds. We have had several parents complaining about adults smoking just outside the school gates. Although we appreciate that this is not on school grounds, children have to walk past this area in order to get into school. Can we please request that you do not smoke outside the gates but move as far away from the school as possible? Thank you.



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Happening this week

Monday 23rd January

EYFS Phonics Workshop 9am
Phonics Club 3-4pm
Football Club 3-4.15pm
Sport 4 Kidz lunch time activities

Tuesday 24th January

Year 2/3 trip to Mining Museum
Phonics Club 3-4pm
Choir Club 3-4pm
Meeting re PGL Trip 4.15pm

Wednesday 25th January

Lego Club – lunch time

Thursday 26th January

Year 6 Maths Club 3-4pm

Friday 27th January

Year 4 Library visit
Corporal Butcher after school club 3-4pm

PE Days

Reception – Monday
Year 1 - Weds & Thurs
Year 2 – Mon & Weds
Year 3 – Thurs (tennis) & Fri
Year 4 – Mon & Fri
Year 5 – Thurs (swim) & Fri
Year 6 – Weds & Fri

Safeguarding

We recently sent out a message advising parents that they are not allowed to be in school unless they are visiting the office. Children must be dropped off and picked up at the allocated doors for their class. If you are late into school and the doors are closed then you must come to the office to drop your child off and give an explanation. Parents are also requested to NOT open the main door/gate to other visitors under any circumstances. Visitors should only be let into school by a member of staff. These measures are in place to ensure that your child is protected whilst in school so please help us to keep them safe.

Valentine's Discos

These will be taking place on Thursday 9th February after school. As usual there will be two, one for EYFS and Key Stage 1 from 3pm – 4pm and one for Key Stage 2 from 4.15pm – 5.30pm. Tickets for the first disco will cost £1.50 and will include entry, refreshments and a party bag. Nursery children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. The older children will pay £1 on the door and will have a tuck shop available. Tickets are available from the school office.

Data

The Nottingham Evening Post recently published an article about the top Nottinghamshire Primary Schools. We scored really well and were the best Primary school in the area! If you would like to see more details then please visit <http://m.nottinghampost.com/which-are-the-top-primary-schools-in-nottingham-and-nottinghamshire/story-30060931-detail/story.html>.

Newspaper Club

Newspaper Club WILL NOT be on this week as Mrs Lewis has a meeting to attend. Please collect your children at 3pm as usual.

PTFA Dates

The PTFA have been busy arranging several events for the children over the next few months. Here are some important dates for your diary:

Valentines Disco – Thursday 9th February

Mother's Day Gifts – Handmade gifts, money to be in by 20th March and gifts taken home on Friday 24th March

Easter Fair – Thursday 30th March

Summer Event – First week in July, date to be confirmed.

Library Visits

Don't forget library visits will be taking place this term on the following days:

13/01/17 – Y6, Goldcrest
20/01/17 – Y5, Nightingale
27/01/17 – Y4, Siskin
03/02/17 – Y3, Kittiwake
24/02/17 – Y2, Dove
03/03/17 – Y1, Jay
10/03/17 – Reception, Robins

Please ensure your children have their library cards and books on the appropriate day.

More Important News



Stars of the week ending 20th January were:

Reception – Harrison Willows & Emily Winterton
Year 1 – Peyton Hornblow & Jake Simpson
Year 2 – Kadie Cooper & Daria Otvos
Year 3 – Tori Hartley & Brooke Abell
Year 4 – Jessica Foster & Callum Roe
Year 5 – Ryan Blockley & Dylan Zhuta
Year 6 – Jorgie Foster & Ilona Duda

The best behaved classes last week were the Jays in Year 1 – well done!

Attendance

Attendance last week was 96.49% which is better than it has been and means we are hitting our target. We still need to improve if we are to meet our target for the year. The class with the best attendance were the Kittiwakes in Year 3 with 100% - congratulations!

Please remember that children can come to school with minor illnesses such as headaches and coughs/colds – we will look after them!

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.

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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