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**BIRKLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Happening this week

Attendance

Our attendance throughout the whole school last term was 96.41% which is within government expectations. Many thanks to all parents/carers who have contributed to this. Please continue to get your children to school on time and ready to learn. Children can come to school with minor ailments such as coughs and colds. If you let us know in a morning that your child feels unwell, we will monitor them and call if they need to be collected. Please make sure that we have your updated contact details.

We have a duty to monitor attendance regularly. If your child is ill and is not going to be at school, please ring us at the earliest opportunity. If we do not receive a call then we will call you to identify the reason.

Please remember that attendance of 80% is the equivalent of missing a whole year of secondary school! Please help us to help your child achieve the best possible outcome from their school experience.

Attendance over 96% is considered good as a national average

Parents' Evenings & Governors

These will be held on Tuesday 9th February 3.00pm – 5.00pm and Wednesday 10th February 5.00pm – 7.00pm. Our school Governors will also be around on Wednesday if you would like to talk to them about anything. For your information the current members of our Interim Executive Board are Tim Gibbons (Chair), Matt Harnan, Neil Savage, Helen Duffy and Nick Copestake.

Non Uniform Day

Monday 25th January
Phonics sessions

Tuesday 26th January
Phonics Sessions

Wednesday 27th January
Multi-Skills after school sports club
– Key Stage One

Southwell Choral Outreach – Years
3/4

Thursday 28th January
Swimming for year five children.
(Nightingale class)

Year 6 Maths Club

Friday 29th January
Year 2 visit to Warsop library

Corporal Butcher after school club

We will be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of the half term, Thursday 11th February, to raise money for the PTFA. Children can wear anything they would like (but suitable for school) for a voluntary contribution of £1.

Please remember that Friday 12th February is an INSET day with the following week being half term. Children are back in school on Monday 22nd February.

Internet Safety Week

This will held during the week commencing 9th February. To encourage the children to think about internet safety we will be running a competition to design the best poster to promote it. The competition will run until 5th February and prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Entries can be handed in to the school office.

Reading Diaries

Please ensure that these are completed when you read with your child at home. It is important that we know how much the children are reading so we can ensure they are taking home books at the correct level.

Upcoming Events

The Valentine disco will not be held this year. Instead it has been decided to hold a disco for the children during the summer term, the provisional date being Tuesday 14th June. The PTFA will also be selling Mother's Day gifts just after half term (4th March) as well as having an Easter bake sale on the 21st and 22nd March. More details to follow nearer the time.

Free School Meals


If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals then please apply to Nottinghamshire County Council. Even if your child is in receipt of Universal Free School Meals, we may still be able access further funding to help with your child's education. To find out if you are eligible, please visit our website where you will be able to find out more information and online forms. Alternatively you can ring the FSM team on 01623 433009 who will ask you some qualification questions and give you an immediate answer.

PTFA

The PTFA is an important part of Birklands Primary School. They help raise money that is used to benefit the children in our school. The current committee would like to ask our parents and carers if anyone has spare time to help support with events and join this important group. Many of our current members will be leaving at the end of this academic year so in order for the PTFA to continue we would love to see some new members. If you would like some more information then please see one of the current members listed below.

*Keeley Palmer
Tammy Drury
Florence Chadwick
Jade Wilson
Sue Marriott
Sharon Keightley
Carole Jeffery*

More Important News

 **Stars of the week ending 22nd January were:**

*Reception – Lucas Lee & Olivia Smith
Year 1 – Summer Rayner & Daria Otvos
Year 2 – Tori Hartley & Alex Morris
Year 3/4 L – Owen Alsop & Laine Jones
Year 3/4 P – Ben Evans & Callum Wardle
Year 5 – Holly Hutchison & Chanel Neil
Year 6 – Kaitlynd Bell & Tyrone Insley*

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

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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