

Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

Adjustments to the Lunchtime Menu

We are pleased to announce that from Monday 5th July jacket potatoes will be back on our menu, served with a choice of fillings.

As we are still having to maintain our phase bubbles our catering manager will ensure that the option for a jacket potato will be available to each bubble. It will however, be a first come first served option within each bubble.

Sports Day

Many of you have been asking what our arrangements are for some form of sports day. I can confirm that a letter will be sent out by the end of this week about this.

SENDCo

Following the announcement earlier this week that Mrs Wesley will be leaving us at the end of this term some of you have contacted school to ask who our new SENDCo (special educational needs and disabilities coordinator).

We can confirm that from September this will be Miss Goodwin.

Be reassured that these two members of staff are working very closely together to ensure that all the necessary information etc is passed.

Teaching Assistant

A little reminder that we currently have a vacancy for a teaching assistant to join our early years team. If you do know of anyone that would love to join our amazing team, please feel free to pass on the link below. The closing date is Friday 2nd July.

<https://www.birklandsschool.co.uk/page.php?p=vac>

COVID reminder

Please remember that we are still having to operate under COVID guidelines. These do include:

- Maintaining social distancing when on school grounds
- Wearing face coverings while on the school grounds
- Booking a PCR test if you suspect you or any member of your family have COVID

COVID Lateral Flow Tests

As many of you are aware, part of the government's drive to keep COVID under control is to encourage everyone to take regular rapid lateral flow tests at home.

All families are entitled to order these for free for family members that are above 11 years of age. The link below will provide further information on this.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Dance Club

A reminder that a new fun Dance Club is held at Birklands on Tuesday evenings. The class for Reception and Key Stage 1 children runs from 5.30pm until 6.30pm and for Key Stage 2 it is 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The classes are run by Sport4Kidz and cost £5 per child. Please contact Sport4Kidz if you need any more details.

Squid –Year 6

If your child is in year 6 and their Squid account is in arrears, you **must** ensure that the account is cleared by 20th July. If you have a credit balance and you have another child at Birklands, you can contact the school office to arrange for the balance to be transferred. If you can't do this, you will need to contact Squid via the 'contact us' form on the website or app to arrange a refund.

Sharing success out of school

- A big well done to one of our Y1 pupils who took part in a theatre production at the weekend.
- One of our year four footballers was named man of the match again last week. Well done, Jenson.
- A big thank you to one of our Y5 pupils who has organized a litter picking group for Saturday 3rd July. They will be meeting at Birklands Primary at 10am.

Please encourage your child to share these types of successes with us too.



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Head of School