

## **Newsletter**

Dear Parent/Carer

A big welcome back to all of you. We hope you made the most of the lovely weather we had over the half-term break.

It was lovely to see lots of smiling faces on Monday morning.

### **Social Responsibility**

As a school we encourage our children to demonstrate our 'Work Hard. Be Kind' mantra across all aspects of their lives. It is heart warming to hear that several of our children spent some of their half-term break supporting their community and showing social responsibility by participating in litter picking around the local area. A big thank you to those children: you know who you are!

### **Attendance**

As you know it is your legal responsibility to get your child to school and to ensure they attend every day and arrive on time.

Some parents have raised concerns around the tone of our recent attendance monitoring letter.

You all need to be aware that we are on the Department of Education's radar as the attendance of our children is well below that expected nationally and for those children deemed to have persistent absence, we are more than triple the nationally average.

We would like to say that we do recognize that there are some children whose attendance is 98+ and we would like to say a big thank you to these families for supporting us and their child's education.

If your child is absent from school it is your responsibility to report this to us as soon as possible.

### **Warsop Library**

We have been asked by our local library to collect any books that you may have at home that belong to them.

If you loaned any books from them and have not been able to return them to Warsop library please send them to us over the next couple of weeks and we will happily pass them along to them for you.

### **Free courses**

On Tuesday you should have received a link to a letter outlining some free course you are able to access. We would urge you to explore this opportunity as the courses enable you to upskill yourself and open up new employment opportunities.

[https://www.birklandsschool.co.uk/data/letters/files/Parent\\_courses\\_via\\_AIM.pdf](https://www.birklandsschool.co.uk/data/letters/files/Parent_courses_via_AIM.pdf)

### **Lost property and Names in uniform**

Our lost property box is over-flowing. So while the weather is dry we will be displaying on a table all the school jumpers/ cardigans etc that we currently have in the box, in the hope that it will be reclaimed.

We would urge all of you to put your child's name in every piece of their school uniform.

### **Theme School Lunch**

Our catering team are planning another themed lunch this half-term. The theme is besides the seaside. Oh, we wonder what will be on the menu this time!  
Exact details and date to follow.



Mrs C Smith  
Head of School