

## **Newsletter**

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Birklands in Bloom**

Many of you may have noticed that over the Easter break the school finally had the old guttering replaced. It certainly makes the outside of the building look a little brighter. As a school we are keen to brighten it up even further.

We know our school does not have much green space. We are keen to rectify this by placing pots, climbers and baskets around the outside of our building, but we need your help.

If you have any of the following that you would like to donate to the school that would be great:

- Seeds- flowers/plants/vegetables
- Outdoor plants
- Small plant containers- plastic or wooden
- Large plant containers- plastic or wooden
- Hanging basket containers
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- Time to work with us to develop this project

### **Parent-teacher conversations**

For those of you that made and have had your conversation with your child's class teacher we hope you found it useful and informative.

If you were unable to speak to your child's class teacher, I would urge you to make an appointment.

It is critical that school and home, work together if we are to successfully close learning gaps that have been created due to lockdowns. So, if you have not had your conversation please make an appointment asap.

### **Attendance**

Now that schools are fully open it is expected that **all** children will attend every day unless they are genuinely ill. Please remember we can administer medication, once a form has been completed by yourself.

The school is monitoring every child's attendance. If your child's attendance is causing concern you will be informed by letter over the next few days.

### **COVID-19**

We are still expected to follow our risk assessment, procedures and protocols around being COVID compliant. With this in mind, we would like to remind you that belongings/toys/gadgets from home are currently not permitted in school.

The only things all children should be bringing are: reading books, homework book and packed lunch (if not having a school dinner).

Can I also please remind parents not to block the path outside the school gate. As we should still be socially distancing, some parents are finding they have to walk on the road to avoid groups who are gathering on the path. Once you have collected your child, please move away from school as quickly as you can.

### **The Big Ask**

The new Children's commissioner is keen to find out children's viewpoints. The survey is for all children from age 4 up to 18. If your child would like to share their viewpoint, please click the link below

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

### **Office Hours**

Another reminder that school office hours are 8.00am until 3.30pm.

Although staff are in the school building earlier and later than the above hours, they all have other tasks to do so may not answer your call.

If you do ring school and your call is not answered please leave a message.

### **May Day Holiday**

Just to let you know that the May Day holiday this year is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. School will be closed so we can all enjoy the long weekend.



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