

## **Newsletter**

Dear Parent/Carer

### **COVID update**

We have recently had guidance advising us of the new symptoms of the Delta variant of COVID-19. These are:

- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Fever

Having had our weekly review of our COVID-19 risk assessment, if your child is showing any of these symptoms, please book them in for a PCR test and keep them off school until their test result is received (this is normally within 24 hours). Please keep school updated so we can take action if necessary.

### **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**

Just to let you know that we now have a new fun Dance Club running in school on Tuesday evening. 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.

### **Free flow near school grounds**

We have been approached by several parents concerned about where parents are congregating at different points of the day. There is concern that those parent that are congregating on the corner of Appleton Street are blocking the way for some of our families and that they are having to walk through a group of adults smoking. Whilst the school cannot stop this happening, we would request that you consider everyone's safety and feelings when meeting near the school grounds.

In addition to this we would ask that adults collecting their key stage two child do not congregate at the edge of the double green gates. Please either come on to the school grounds or arrange to meet your child away from this area. This request is being made as families are concerned about having to step on the road to maneuver round these adults.



### **Transition**

As a school we are just finalising staffing for next academic year. We are hoping to share this with you at some point within the next week.

We do have two transition days penciled in, that sit alongside our current year 6 visiting their secondary school.

However, all schools are being asked to review their risk assessments to ensure transitions can be held safely. This does mean that schools may have to tweak what they had originally planned.

We will keep you posted.

### **Teaching Assistant**

As many of you will know Mrs Cogan, one of our teaching assistants, had taken this year out for personal reasons. Sadly, she has made the decision not to return to her role at Birklands Primary School. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her dedication to the school over the last twenty years.

This does mean that the school currently has a vacancy for an experienced teaching assistant.

If you know anyone that has the relevant qualification and is interested, please share the link below:

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

### **Sharing success out of school**

We are always keen to share the success of our children who get involved in events/sports etc out of school. Last week we shared with you that some of our children have been supporting the community through litter picking.

This week we have heard about the sporting success of two of our year four boys, who play for local football teams. We celebrated their achievements in our assembly and via Twitter.

We know next weekend one of our key stage one children is performing on stage during a production of WICKED.

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



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