

## Newsletter

Dear parent/carers

We are immensely proud of how well all of the children have dealt with this half term. They settled very quickly back in to focused learning and working towards having an outstanding attitude for this. There have been a few behaviour issues but this is to be expected as the children become familiar with socialising in bigger groups again.

Each class will have been given some leaning to do over half-term and this is part of our 'catch-up' programme to address lost learning during lockdown.

### Pumpkin Competition

As always, we were blown away with the standard of entries for our pumpkin competition. It is always a hard decision. The winners are:

Wren:	Oscar	Jay:	Alicia Parry
Puffin:	Erica Stephenson	Siskin:	Tarley-Ree Fitzpatrick
Robin:	Jack Adams	Kittiwake:	Cohan Flynn
Magpie:	Taya Travis	Nightingale:	Kallisse Kennelly
Dove:	Gabriella Perry	Kingfisher:	Mason Pearce
		Goldcrest:	Leila Henson

We are looking forward to seeing fantastic costumes on Friday, as we enjoy our final day of the half-term with a Halloween Treat.



### **School dinners**

After half term, our lovely catering team will be offering a new menu. This will be a three week cycle. The link to the new menus can be found below. You will also find the menus on our school web-site.

[https://www.birklandsschool.co.uk/data/uploads/web/files/Autumn\\_Menu\\_Birklands\\_\(2\)\(1\).pdf](https://www.birklandsschool.co.uk/data/uploads/web/files/Autumn_Menu_Birklands_(2)(1).pdf)

### **Building Work**

Over half term, some building works will begin inside Birklands. As part of this work we are making space for more toilets for our year one and two children, as well as re-configuring our school office space.

It is anticipated that the work will take place over five weeks. We have been reassured that this work will not interfere with the children's learning, as most of the messy work will be done over half term.

As Head of School, I will be meeting with the contractors twice a day to ensure that all health and safety procedures and protocols are followed.

### **COVID**

Once again, a big thank you for working with us, under these ever changing times. As Head of School, I would also like to thank the children and the staff for adapting to the new way of working.

A big shout out too to our school cleaners, who are on-sight all day everyday ensuring that surfaces, toilets etc are cleaned. School would not be able to operate so smoothly without them.

### **Next Half Term**

No-one knows what next half-term will bring but be reassured we will all work together to ensure we continue to provide an education that builds character, as well as academic knowledge.

A date for your diary will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, when it is Children-in-Need Day. The focus is 'the ultimate Friday feeling.' So look out for further details after half term.

Remember:



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask them.



Mrs Smith (Head of School)