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From Mr Copestake

I wish everyone a warm welcome back to Birklands. Now we have all enjoyed a great holiday we are ready and energized for our forthcoming school year.

Many thanks for providing neat and tidy school uniforms, the children are a compliment to yourselves. With this in mind please could adults make sure that all clothing and belongings are labelled with your children's name.

Over the Summer, School has had some major internal refurbishments. Including two 'new' classrooms, carpeting throughout all corridors and renewed corridor paintwork and a rejuvenated upper-hall space alongside signage throughout the building. The renewed fencing work will commence imminently.

These refurbishments are part of long term plan for our whole school improvement, which will continue throughout this year.

Staffing

As you are probably aware, we have several new members of staff this academic year. I would like to welcome Mrs Hughes who is our new Office Manager. Many of you have already met her. Mrs Duffy, our Executive Head, has taken up her full time post for the Torch Academy Gateway Trust and will be in school more regularly. For your reference, there is a list of our Teachers and Teaching Assistants at the bottom of this Newsletter.



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Upcoming Events
Monday 7th September
Homework Club for all children. Key stage One in JAY room and Key stage Two in Goldcrest room.

Wednesday 9th September
After school Football Club for upper Key Stage Two

Thursday 10th September
Swimming starts for year five children. (Nightingale class)

Friday 11th September
Roald Dahl day: Children are invited to dress up as a character associated with Roald Dahl or wear a yellow piece of clothing. (Roald's favourite colour)

School will be making a collection, which will go directly to the Emergency Child Refugee section of Save the Children Fund in regard to the Migration Crisis.

Planning ahead!

The Year 6 KS2 SATs will be administered in the week commencing 9 May 2016.

Next Level Sports Support.

Within school high quality teaching and learning is a priority, this term we will be supported by Next Level Sports within physical education. Our representatives are Jack Hawkins and Mitch Slawson, who will be working with key stage two children.

Next Level Sports Key Stage 2 Football club

Next Level Sports are running a Football club after school for our boys and girls, this is for seven weeks starting on a Wednesday 9th September 2015 from 3:00pm to 4:10pm until October half term.

More Important News

Attendance

Attendance improved last year and the average weekly attendance was 93.96 % improving this is a whole school priority. Please remember to let us know if your child is ill as this will save a phone call from our attendance officer.

- Attendance above 95% is considered Good attendance.
- Every part of every school day counts!

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform the school office by 8.30. If your child is late, do not take them directly to their classroom, please report to reception. To ensure the safety of all our children could you let Mrs Hughes know if you are in school.

School Dinners

Can we please ask that dinner money is handed in in a Monday morning for the following week? Children may choose to have a dinner on any day but this must be paid for on the Monday morning of the week they wish to take a dinner. Envelopes are available from the school office if required.

Foundation Stage

Doors will be open from 8.30am, it is vital that you enter and exit via the Foundation Unit to ensure your child's safety.



We would love you to...

Join us for Maths games on a Tuesday morning from 8.30am.

Reading every Friday morning from 8.30am.

Breakfast Club is held on a daily basis from 8.00am to 8.30am at a cost of £1.20





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Staff & Room names

Foundation Stage – Mr Cohen, Mrs Cogan, Mrs Lean & Miss Heald

Nursery (**Wren** room) Reception (**Robin** room)

Year 1 (**Jay** room) – Mrs Evans

Year 2 (**Dove** room) – Miss Murphy (SENCo)

Year 3/4 (**Kittiwake** room) – Miss Parr

Year 3/4 (**Siskin** room) Mrs Lewis

Year 5 (**Nightingale** room) – Mrs Bryant

Year 6 (**Goldcrest** room) – Mrs Smith (Deputy Head Teacher)

PPA Cover Staff – Mrs Pawlitta

Key Stage 1 Teaching Assistants

Miss Cox & Miss Bettany

Key Stage 2 Teaching Assistants

Mrs Cox & Mrs Coverley