

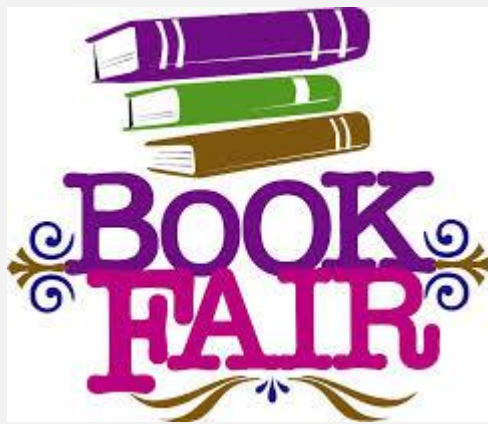
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Book Fair

This week sees the return of Book Week to Birklands. Pupils will be taking part in a range of reading activities across school to encourage a lifelong love of books. Books from the Book Fair will be on sale in the hall after school every day except Friday. Every book you buy supports our school.

At home, there is a competition to create a book character using a potato. Last year's competition was a great success- let's see if we can make it even better in 2017! Winners will be given the chance to choose their own book from the book fair. Bring your entries into school no later than Thursday as the winners will be announced in assembly on Friday.



Parents' Evening

Just a reminder that Parents' Evenings are taking place this week on Tuesday 5-7pm and on Wednesday 3-5pm. If you haven't received a slip back from your child's teacher with an appointment time on then please see them as soon as possible.



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Happening this week

Monday 6th February

Phonics Club 3-4pm
Football Club 3-4.15pm
Sport 4 Kidz lunch time activities

Tuesday 7th February

Phonics Club 3-4pm
Choir Club 3-4pm
Year 6 English Booster 3-4pm
Parents' Evening 5-7pm

Wednesday 8th February

Parent drop in re Internet Safety
9am
Lego Club – lunch time
Parents' Evening – 3-5pm

Thursday 9th February

Valentine's Disco
Year 6 Maths Club 3-4pm
NO NEWSPAPER CLUB

Friday 10th February

Corporal Butcher after school club 3-4pm

PE Days

Reception – Monday
Year 1 - Weds & Thurs
Year 2 – Mon & Weds
Year 3 – Thurs (tennis) & Fri
Year 4 – Mon & Fri
Year 5 – Thurs (swim) & Fri
Year 6 – Weds & Fri



Valentine's Discos

These will be taking place on Thursday 9th February after school. As usual there will be two, one for EYFS and Key Stage 1 from 3pm – 4pm and one for Key Stage 2 from 4.15pm – 5.30pm. Tickets for the first disco will cost £1.50 and will include entry, refreshments and a party bag. Nursery children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. The older children will pay £1 on the door and will have a tuck shop available. Tickets are available from the school office.

Carnival

This year's carnival will be taking place on 2nd July with a theme of 'Cultures of the World'. As usual we will be getting involved and will be decorating a float to take part in the parade. We would like to put together a committee to organize and prepare for this great community event. If any parents/carers have time to spare to help then please let the school office know. Also, if you don't have time to join the committee but have some ideas about what we can do or are able to donate any materials then please let us know.

Playground

We have been advised that some parents and/or visitors have been using e-cigarettes in the school playground. Can we please remind everyone that smoking of any kind is not permitted either in or around the school grounds.

Parking

Please do not park your cars or drop off children on the yellow zig zags outside school. This is to ensure the safety of your children whilst they are leaving and entering school. Parking Enforcement Officers do regularly patrol the area and will issue spot fines to anyone who is parking illegally.

Head Lice

We have recently had cases of head lice reported in school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Further advice can be found at <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Year 6 Booster Club

As you are aware, year 6 SATs are just around the corner, beginning on Monday 8th May. We are fully committed to ensuring that each child makes good progress whilst at Birklands. With this in mind, Mrs Smith and Mrs Thornhill are running 2 booster sessions during February half term. These will be held on Monday 13th February and Tuesday 14th February from 9am to 2pm. These sessions will cover both Maths and English classes. Both sessions are open to all pupils within year 6 and we strongly encourage all children to attend. Lunch will be provided on both days.

Writing Competition

Look out for more details about this on the school website by the end of the week. The competition will be open to all children.

Newspaper Club

Just a reminder that there will be no Newspaper Club this week.

Internet Safety

Tuesday 7th February is UK Safer Internet Day.



Across the school the children will be extending their understanding of how to stay safe when using the internet. Activities will include role play and creating posters.

We consider e-safety an important part of keeping children safe. We can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you to ensure the e-Safety message is consistent. As part of this we will be running a drop-in session on Wednesday 8th February from 9.00am. The purpose of this informal drop-in is:

- To offer support and advice on how to keep children safe on the internet
- To answer any concerns you may have about internet safety

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers



Sainsbury's are again giving vouchers out for any shopping purchased until 2nd May. We will be collecting vouchers to hopefully get some more sports equipment for the school. If you have any vouchers please bring them in to the school office.

More Important News



Stars of the week ending 3rd February were:

Reception – Stanislaw Grala & Millie-May Smith
Year 1 – Alfie Calladine & Alexander Wilson
Year 2 – Ewan Gilberthorpe & Jacob Jones
Year 3 – Caleb Hornblow & Cameron Watson
Year 4 – Jamie Evans & Eva Rick
Year 5 – Ilaisa Dau & Sophie McRell
Year 6 – Holly Hutchison & Charlotte Greenan

The best behaved class last week were the Jays in Year 1 – well done!

Attendance

Attendance last week was 95.76% which is well below target. We still need to improve a lot if we are to meet our target for the year of 96.4%. The class with the best attendance were the Siskins in Year 4 with 97.5% - congratulations!

Please remember that children can come to school with minor illnesses such as headaches and coughs/colds – we will look after them! If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school office know as soon as possible and before 9am. A lot of children are coming into school late. Please remember that school starts at 8.45am.

We are currently working with Meden's Attendance Officer who will be making home visits if we do not have a valid reason for your child's absence.

Half Term

Don't forget that next week is half term. Children break up this Friday 10th February and are back in school on Monday 20th February. Wishing you all a very happy holiday.

We would love you to...

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

Reading every Thursday morning from 8.30am.

CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A TEAM POINT EVERY TIME THEY ATTEND!!

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



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