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**BIRKLANDS**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happening this week

## **SHAKESPEARE WEEK**

*The week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March is national Shakespeare Week - an event being celebrated by Birklands and over 10,000 other schools across the country. This year is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare and Shakespeare Week introduces primary aged children to Shakespeare's life, works and times in a fun and engaging way. All pupils will be finding out about William Shakespeare through an assembly and the Y3/4 performance of 'Shakespeare Rocks!' and will also be given a 'Passport to Shakespeare' to bring home with them.*

*Tickets are still available at the school office for the performances to be held on Tuesday at 1.30pm and Wednesday at 5.30pm.*

## **School Meal Increase**

*We have been advised by Nottinghamshire County Council that the price of a school meal will increase with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> April (after the Easter holidays) to £2.25. If you pay through your sQuid account, this will be adjusted automatically and you don't need to do anything. If you think you may qualify for Free School meals then please see the information at the end of the newsletter on how to apply and other ways this may help Birklands.*

## **Polling Station**

*We have been notified by Mansfield District Council that Birklands will no longer be required as a polling station on 5<sup>th</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> June. School will therefore be open as usual on both of these days. We are very pleased that this decision has been made and that the learning of our children can continue uninterrupted.*

## **Spare Wellies**

*If you have any old wellies that your children have grown out of then we would be grateful if you could bring them in to school. Children in our Nursery and Reception classes often go outside when the ground is wet and wellies save shoes getting wet.*

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Phonics 3-4pm

'Shakespeare Rocks!' dress rehearsal

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Phonics 3-4pm

KS1 to Warsop Church – Easter Experience

1.30pm 'Shakespeare Rocks!' performance

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Multi-Skills after school sports club – Key Stage One

5.30pm 'Shakespeare Rocks!' performance

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Please note there will be no Maths club until after the Easter holiday

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Reception to Warsop Library 11am  
Corporal Butcher after school club  
3-4pm

## **Easter Bake Sale**

*The PTFA are organising an Easter Bake Sale on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March to raise funds for the school. They have recently purchased books for the Foundation Unit and are looking at other projects where they can help. There will be lots of delicious cakes to buy and as ever, any donations of cakes will be gratefully received! Please come along and join us in supporting our PTFA at this yummy event!*

## **Lost Property**

*The lost property box in reception is overflowing! If you think that your child may have lost an item of clothing, please feel free to check as anything still left in there at the start of the Easter holidays will be removed.*

## **School Playground**

*We have had several parents complaining about the behaviour and language of some people whilst waiting in the school playground and around the school gates. Can we please remind you that swearing, smoking and aggression is not acceptable on or next to our school grounds. We would not expect our children to behave in this way so ask that you set an example to them whilst in and around school.*

## **Maths Games**

*These take place on a Tuesday morning from 8.30am. Please come along and see the methods used by your children to complete maths problems. It may help you to help them with tricky homework questions!*

*Please note also that there will be **no** Maths Club for Year 6 until after the Easter holidays.*

## **Family First Aid**

*Attached is a flyer from Warsop Children's Centre about a free Family First Aid course taking place in April/May which may be of interest to you.*

## **Funding for School**

*As you know, all of the children in Key Stage 1 now qualify for Universal Infant Free School Meals. This has meant that many parents who may qualify for Free School Meals do not apply as they already receive a free meal for their child. However, many funding streams that we can access as a school use the Free School Meal indicator as a way to allocate funding. As fewer parents now apply, this means we are able to access less funding. We are keen to keep our current staffing ratios for classes but as costs increase, we need to tap into as much funding as we can.*

*If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals then please apply to Nottinghamshire County Council. To find out if you are eligible, please visit our website where you will be able to find out more information and online forms. Alternatively you can ring the FSM team on 01623 433009 who will ask you some qualification questions and give you an immediate answer.*

## **More Important News**



**Stars of the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> March were:**

*Reception – Jodie Hobson & Peyton Hornblow*

*Year 1 – Regan Crawford & Nikayla Lowe*

*Year 2 – Shannon Parry & Tj Hargreaves*

*Year 3/4 L - Kirstey Coppin & Sophie McRell*

*Year 3/4 P – Lucas Rayner & Elisha Staniforth*

*Year 5 – Ajay Smith & Isabelle Oxley*

*Year 6 – Ebony Bush & Tyrone Insley*

*Best behaved classes were the Goldcrests in Year 6 and the Siskins in Year 3/4L – well done!*

*Attendance last week was 97.82% which is an improvement on last week. Thank you to all parents and carers for helping in this extremely important subject.*

## **Planning ahead!**

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

## **We would love you to...**

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

Reading every Friday 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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