Weekly Newsletter - 14th November 2016

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Children in Need

This is taking place this Friday 18th November. For a £1 donation, children can come into school wearing something spotty to keep with the 'Spotacular' theme of this year's appeal. Please help us to support this worthy cause!



Pantomime

This year we have managed to secure places for all of the children to visit the Mansfield Palace Theatre to see this year's panto, Peter Pan. Reception class will be going on Tuesday 13th December in the morning with years 1 to 6 visiting on Wednesday 30th November in the afternoon. Tickets cost £7 – letters with permission slips went out last Friday. If you don't have a letter, please collect one from the school office.



Happening this week

Monday 14th November

Sport 4 Kidz lunch time activities KS1 After School Club 3 – 4pm Computer Club 3 – 4pm

Tuesday 15th November

Phonics 3 – 4pm Choir Club 3 – 4pm

Wednesday 16th November

Lego Club – lunch time

Thursday 17th November

Phonics 3 – 4pm Newspaper Club 3 – 4pm Y6 Maths Club 3 – 4pm

Friday 18th November

Children in Need
Christmas cards on display –
2.30pm
Corporal Butcher After-School
Club 3 – 4pm

PE Days

Reception – Monday Year 1 - Weds & Thurs Year 2 – Mon & Weds Year 3 – Tues & Fri Year 4 – Mon & Fri

Christmas Cards

This year we are again taking part in the 'Design a Christmas Card' project. Every child will create a Christmas card in class which can then be professionally printed. The designs will then be sold in packs of 12 cards or 16 gift tags.

The children's work will be on display this Friday afternoon in the school hall from 2.30pm. You are invited to come along and see your child's design and examples of what the finished cards would look like.

Packs can be ordered by completing the order form attached to your child's artwork. Payment MUST be made when ordering otherwise they will not be sent for printing. Please ensure you have the correct money as change cannot be given. Alternatively, please send a cheque in payable to Birklands Primary School. A pack of 12 cards costs £5.50 for the first pack then £4.50 for any additional packs. Gift tags are £2.50 for a pack of 16.

Christmas Nativity Plays

Save a date in your diary for the Nativity plays being performed by Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. They will take place on the following days:

EYFS – Wednesday $14^{\rm th}$ & Thursday $15^{\rm th}$ December at 1.45pm KS1 – Thursday $8^{\rm th}$ & Friday $9^{\rm th}$ December at 1.45pm

Easyfundraising

Please don't forget this easy way to raise funds for the school. Just sign up with easyfundraising and register Birklands Primary School Warsop as your cause. Then, every time you wish to shop online, just visit the easyfundraising page first, find your retailer and carry on shopping as normal. Each retailer will donate various percentages of your final purchases to the school. More details are available in the flyer attached.

Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing! If you are missing any items of uniform please check the box. There are all sorts of things in there including a few winter coats! Can all parents and carers please check at home that the uniform you have belongs to your child. It is very easy for things to get mixed up and we have had a few incidents where cardigans and jumpers have gone missing. If you do have any items that don't belong to you, please return to school. Thank you.

School Gates

Please ensure that the school gates are closed behind you if you are entering/leaving school when they are locked. The safety of our pupils is of utmost importance to us and the gates help to provide us with a safe environment for the children. They should only be open between 8.30am and 8.45am and after 2.50pm.

Christmas Fair

Don't forget to mark a date in your diary for the Christmas Fair on 13th December. If you can help out on the day, please let Mrs Hughes know in the school office or see a member of the PTFA. If you have any donations of tombola/raffle prizes or teddies, these can be brought into the office at any time.

Sports for Champions

Unfortunately, this event has been postponed by Sports for Champions and will now take place on Monday 28th November.

Photos

Please be reminded that parents/carers are not allowed to take photos/videos during school events. If your child is taking part in a play/assembly then individual photos can be taken after the event. This is to protect children who we do not have parental permission from for photos to be taken or have chosen not to allow their children to be photographed.

Head Lice

We have had several cases of head lice reported in school recently. Please continue to check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Advice on this can be found on the NHS website at http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx

Mid-Morning Tuck Shop

The kitchen have decided not to increase prices for mid-morning tuck. Therefore, all items will remain at 20p.

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



More Important News



Stars of the week ending 11th November were:

Reception - Olly Warren & Emily Winterton

Year 1 – Lahni Mellors & Mason Pearce

Year 2 – Kayleigh Sefton & Isaac Smith

Year 3 – Caleb Hornblow & Regan Milnes

Year 4 – Jessica Foster & Lexi Stocking

Year 5 – Rhys Crawford & Faith Snuggs

Year 6 – Isabella Oxley & Bethany Lowe

The best behaved class last week were the Kittiwakes in Year 3 – well done!

Attendance

The class with the best attendance last week were the Kittiwakes in Year 3, finally toppling the mighty Robins from their perch! Attendance overall was improved with the whole school managing 96.1%, just slightly short of our target. Let's see if we can get there this week.

Please remember that children can come to school with minor illnesses such as headaches and coughs/colds – we will look after them!

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.