Newsletter - 17th October 2018

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Uniform/PE Kits

As we are encouraging our children to be the best version of themselves that they can be, we ask that all our pupils come to school every day wearing the correct school uniform. This includes black shoes NOT trainers. Full details of our school uniform can be found on the school website.

We also ask that the school policy with regards to PE kit is also followed. Any child wearing a top that we feel is inappropriate will be asked to go and collect one from our spare PE kit. We advise that your child brings their PE to school every Monday and keeps it in school all week, then take home on a Friday to be washed.

As you can imagine, we have a lot of the same items of clothing in school. Therefore, please ensure that all of your child's clothing has their name in it to avoid things going missing and/or going home with the wrong child. Please check that all clothing at home belongs to you and return anything that does not.

Lost property is situated in the reception area, opposite the school office.

PTFA Upcoming Events

Our PTFA work very hard to raise funds for our school by putting on exciting events for our children. Over the next few months they have the following events planned:

Pumpkin Carving Competition – 25th October 9am Halloween Disco – 25th October Bonfire Tuck Staff – 6th November Christmas Fair – 28th November Afternoon Tea with Santa – 12th December

Letters have been sent about the Pumpkin Carving Competition and Halloween Disco. Tickets for the Foundation/KS1 event are now available from the school office.



Happening this week

Monday 15th October

KS1 Sports Club 3-4pm Cooking Club 3-4pm Football Club 3-4.15pm

Tuesday 16th October

Chicken Club 3-4pm Film Club 3-4pm

Wednesday 17th October

Thursday 18th October

Yr 3 ballet demo at Manor Chicken Club 3-4pm Volleyball Club 3-4pm Maths Problem Solving 3-4pm Choir 3-4pm

Friday 19th October

Celebration Assembly – 9am Music Showcase – 9am Year 6 Reading Boosters 3-4pm Year 3 to Warsop Library



Admissions

We have had information through from two local secondary schools about changes to their admission policy for the 2020/21 academic year. If you wish to look and make any comments then please follow the following links.

The Brunts Academy –

http://www.brunts.evolvetrust.org/site-message/admissions-consultation-2020-21/

The Samworth Church Academy -

https://www.samworthchurchacademy.co.uk/admissions/admissions-consultation

Parish Council

The Parish Council and members of the public have been working on a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Warsop. The Plan has a large number of consultees that need to view it along with all the residents in the Parish. A copy of the Plan is available in the school office if you wish to view it.

Working Together

All of our staff work very hard to ensure that your children have the best experience whilst at Birklands Primary School. We welcome visitors and callers to our school. We will act to ensure it remains a safe place for pupils, staff and all other members of our community. If you have concerns we will always listen to them and seek to address them. Please be aware, however, that abusive, threatening or violent behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated in this school. This includes both in person and over the telephone.

Please also note that school office hours are 7.30am to 3.30pm. The office is especially busy between 8am and 9am so please be patient with us if we are not able to answer your call immediately.

Eggs

Our chickens are still busy laying eggs in their new home. These can still be purchased at a discount price of £1.00

School Meals

Please note that we have decided to make the following changes to the published school menu in response to feedback from our children.

Week 1, Wednesday – chicken pie instead of chicken pasta bake Week 2, Tuesday – sausages instead of porkies.

Free School Meals

We would encourage all parents to apply for Free School Meals if you think that you may qualify. This is very easy to do and an instant answer will be given. Parents can either register online via the County Council's website or they can telephone 0300 500 8080 to apply over the phone. All new applicants which are successful will receive a free school polo shirt. Please collect from the school office. If you would like assistance in making your application then please feel free to come into school. We would encourage everyone who thinks they may qualify to make an application. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, the school will receive extra funding which can be used to assist you in things such as school trips, uniform and enrichment activities.

Staffing

As you are probably aware, we said goodbye to Mrs Nelson last week after many years of working at Birklands. We're sure you will join us in wishing her all the best in her new career.

We are very lucky in that both Mrs Cogan and Mrs Lean have increased their working days to cover Mrs Nelson, ensuring that the children have the least possible disruption.

More Important News

Upcoming Dates

Ballet demonstration at Manor School for Year 3 – 18th October Music Showcase – 19th October Halloween Disco – 25th October Half term – 27th October – 4th November Year 3 & 4 trip to Creswell Crags – 13th November

PTFA

If you would like to be a part of our PTFA please speak to our Chair, Sam Willows, or any other member.

