



Dear Parent/Carers

We might have guessed that this week was going to be glorious, as it would have been our Sports Week in school and we all know it's always hot during that week.

The year groups that we have welcomed back have really settled back into their learning, as have our key-worker children. We continue to be immensely proud of them. Next week we will be welcoming our Nursery children back- so excited.

Reading Books and 100 books to read by the end of year ...

We are very conscious of the fact that at least half of our reading books and the 100 books to read are currently not in school.

To ensure we have sufficient reading books for our growing school from September we would like all books returned prior to the end of term please. If you are able to drop these off at school in a carrier bag, we would really appreciate that.

Home Learning

All teaching staff continue to support our children, who are learning from home. This continues to be via our website and paper-based packs, if you requested one.

Every teacher updates their class web-pages daily with learning activities.

The paper-based packs continue the same work and should be accessed each day for two weeks.

The next set of paper based learning will be delivered week commencing 29th June. Please ensure you have notified school, if you require one of these.

Summer Closure

Within the media there has been much speculation on how schools are going to ensure children 'catch-up' on lost learning following the lockdown. I am also aware that there has been speculation about schools opening over the summer break. Birklands will **not** be open to any of our children over the summer break.

The CEO of our trust acknowledges how hard staff have worked not only during this health crisis but from the beginning of the year.

For their well-being it is important that staff at Birklands have the chance to pause and refresh so they are firing on all cylinders ready to support all of our children in September.

Free school Meal Vouchers

For those families entitled to benefit free school meal vouchers the next set of these will be available for collection from 10.00am Friday 26th June. If you choose not to collect them on Friday we will deliver these to you on Monday 29th June.

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Reports

All reports were delivered earlier this week. If, you have not received your child's report please contact school urgently.

Change of Address and/or phone numbers

A polite reminder that when you move house or change your contact details please inform school immediately.

Transition

A little reminder that all transition information will be available week commencing the 6th July. Further details on how to access this will be sent next week.

Key-worker Provision

This provision will continue.

A little reminder that all key-workers that access to this provision should be a last resort, if you are at work and there is no-one else to have your child/ren.

If you require your child/ren to access this provision please complete a booking request via our school website: it's the education provision register tab on our home page, that you need.

#Thankourchildren

A big thank you to the families that nominated their child/ren for the #thankourchildren Certificate of Achievement from the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottingham, Police and Fire service. A little reminder that it would be wonderful if all of our children received this certificate. So please keep emailing us to tell us why your child should receive one. For example not only are they doing what has been asked of them during this lockdown but are showing great resilience and determination with it too- still adhering to our mantra 'Work hard. Be Kind.' I promise to get one out to them as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Stay safe and positive.



Mrs Smith (Head of School)