Weekly Newsletter - 25th September 2015

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BIRKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL Upcoming Events

Monday 28th September

Homework Club for all children. Key stage One in Jay room and Key stage Two in Goldcrest room. Times are 3.10 – 4.10.

Wednesday 30th September

After school Football Club for upper Key Stage Two

Thursday 1st October

Swimming for year five children. (Nightingale class)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Birklands Primary School will be holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan on Friday 2^{nd} October.

The PTFA will be serving drinks and coffee between 9 and 11.30, so please join us in raising money by buying a cake.

We will also be holding a non-uniform day with a voluntary contribution of £1.00. As part of this all children will get a cake at break time.

If you would like to donate a cake then please feel free to do so.

Information

This school year National Curriculum levels cease to exist. Many of you will know and understand these levels. The Department for Education has enabled schools to decide how to assess. Birklands Primary School is using assessment materials devised by STAT Sheffield. Children will now be assessed using the following terms:

- Beginning to and Entering the Curriculum
- Progressing and Developing
- Embedded and Secure

We will be sending out a booklet to explain these terms next week. In the meantime we enclose a guide for parents showing expectations in the National Curriculum.

Planning ahead!

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

Parents' Evening Dates

Tuesday 13th October 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 14th October 3pm – 5pm

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Parking

Please do not park on the yellow zig zags outside of school. They are there to protect your children and parking on them can endanger lives.

Workshops

We have a number of workshops coming up for parents:

- Year 6 SATs 8th October at 5pm
- Year 1/2 Phonics 20th October at 3pm
- Reception Phonics (this is a repeat of the previous session) 6th October at 3pm

We will be holding workshops on the following subjects after half term:

- Year 1 Phonics check
- Year 2 SATS information

Upcoming Events

PCSO Dee Eyre will be visiting assembly to present certificates linked to 'Cool to be Kind' and 'most improved learner'.

Years 3 and 4 will be visiting the Galleries of Justice in November – more details to follow

Year 5 will be visiting the National Space Centre in Leicester before Christmas – again more details to follow.

School Dinners

We will soon be moving to a cashless system, sQuid, where all dinner money can be paid for online. This will remove the need to find dinner money every week and can be easily monitored online. We will keep you posted as to when the 'live' date will be.

Sports

Pupils have been enjoying their sessions with Mitch Slawson and Jack Hawkins from Next Level Sports. Photo below of a hockey session!



More Important News



Stars of the Week for this week were:

Reception – Charliann Preston & Alexander Wilson

Year 1 – Jaycee Hobson & Jacob Jones

Year 2 – Lexie Henson & Pauliasi Dau

Year 3/4 L – Harry Dallison & Tamara Walters

Year 3/4P – Jessica Foster & Caidon Insley

Year 5 – Leo Kantowski & Ajay Smith

Year 6 – Ella Bettridge & Emily Sisson

Best behaved class were the Nightingales in Year 5.

These will be celebrated in next week's assembly.

Our 'Fine Diners' enjoyed their special table as a reward for good behavior throughout the week.

Attendance

Last week the Robins from Year 6 achieved the best attendance with 98.13%! Well Done!!

Attendance over 96% is considered good as a national average

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We would love you to...

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

Reading every Friday morning from 8.30am.

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





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