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**BIRKLANDS**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happening this week

## Easter Fair

Don't forget our Easter Fair taking place this Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

We have lots of exciting things in store for you including:



Tombola  
Raffle  
Crafts  
Bouncy Castle  
Cakes  
Enterprise Allowance Zone  
Guess the Easter Bunny Name  
Hook-a-Duck  
Face Painting



Children will be dismissed at 3pm as usual but our school choir will be outside to entertain you from 2.30pm with the PTFA serving drinks and luxury cakes.

Please come along and support our PTFA at this amazing event. The children will have a fabulous time with all the various things on offer!

Any raffle/tombola prizes will be gratefully received – please bring along to the school office as soon as possible.

After school clubs will be cancelled on Thursday.

### Easter Bonnet/Basket Competition



We have started to receive entries in for this competition. The judging takes place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March during the Easter Fair with the prizes being given out at the celebration assembly the next day. Please ensure your entries are in school by 9am on Thursday.

#### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Skipping Workshop

Phonics Club 3-4pm

Sport 4 Kidz lunch time activities

KS1 After School Club 3-4pm

Football Club 3 - 4.15pm

#### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Whole School Art Day

Phonics Club 3-4pm

Choir Club 3-4pm

Y6 English Booster 3-4pm

#### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

EYFS Stay & Play (Space Theme) 9am

Year 2 & Year 5 trip to Leicester Space Centre  
Lego Club – lunch time

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Easter Fair 2.30-4.30pm

**NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

#### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Corporal Butcher after school club 3-4pm

#### **PE Days**

Reception – Monday

Year 1 - Weds & Thurs

Year 2 – Mon & Weds

Year 3 – Thurs & Fri

Year 4 – Mon & Fri

Year 5 – Thurs (swim) & Fri

Year 6 – Weds & Fri

## Message from our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Duffy:

Thank you for all of your kind words following our recent 'Good' Ofsted inspection. It has been very much appreciated. All of the staff and pupils have worked incredibly hard during the two years that I have been involved in Birklands Primary School, our next stage in the journey is to become Outstanding!

### On another note.....

Please can I remind you that our members of staff are here to help both you and your child. Please treat ALL our staff with courtesy and respect at all times. Violence, foul language or aggression towards any members of our staff will not be tolerated and may result in further action being taken or phone calls being terminated. If you have a complaint, please follow our complaints policy which is available to view on the school website.

### Messages

Please do not call in to school with messages for your child unless this is a genuine emergency. If you know in advance about a change of plan then please inform the class teacher. Last week Mrs. Hughes received several messages at 2.55 for the end of the day regarding home time arrangement. This was un-manageable given the time and that Mrs Hughes works in the office alone! Thank you in advance for your support in this.

### Leicester Space Centre

Our Year 5 and Year 2 classes will be visiting Leicester Space Centre on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Children will need to be in school by 8.15am as the bus is leaving at 8.30am. We hope to be back at school for approximately 4pm. All children in Year 2 and those in Year 5 who are entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch but you can send one from home if you wish. Children should wear school uniform and appropriate footwear/coats as some of the visit will be outdoors. The trip costs £9; please send your permission slip and money to the school office as soon as possible.

### Breakfast Club

If you bring your child to Breakfast Club in the morning please remember to send them with the money to pay for it. The cost for each day is £1.20.

### Year 6 Holiday Club

This will run from 8.30 until 12 noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week of the holidays. Children will be given toast and juice ready to start work for 9am.

### Birklands News Attack

The school newspaper will be on sale every day this week priced at 25p. Don't forget to get your copy!

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers



Sainsbury's are again giving vouchers out for any shopping purchased until 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We will be collecting vouchers to hopefully get some more sports equipment for the school. If you have any vouchers please bring them in to the school office.

## School Dinners

Just a reminder that the cost of a school meal will increase after the Easter holiday to £2.30 per day.

Because of the availability of deliveries during the holidays, there will be a slight change to the menu on the first few days back. The menu will be as follows:

Tuesday 18/04/17

Quorn Dippers & Rice Pudding

Wednesday 19/04/17

Sausage, Chips & Beans & Raspberry Ripple Roll (ice cream)

Thursday 20/04/17

Roast Gammon & Flapjack

Friday 21/04/17

Fish Goujons & carrot cake

After the holidays there will be a new menu. Copies of this will be coming out during the next couple of days.

## More Important News



**Stars of the week ending 24<sup>th</sup> March were:**

Reception – Codey Insley & Harrison Willows

Year 1 – Kallisse Kennelly & Darius Petre

Year 2 – Krystal-Louise Hargreaves & Daria Otvos

Year 3 – Shannon Parry & Kady-Mae Hastings

Year 4 – Caitlin Farrell & Jamie Evans

Year 5 – Caidon Insley & Ryan Blockley

Year 6 – Madison-Dee Krokoszynska & Ilona Duda

The best behaved classes last week were the Robins in Reception and the Siskins in Year 4 – well done!

## 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



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## Attendance

The class with the best attendance last week were the Jays in year 1 with 99.31% - well done to them! 😊 Attendance throughout the rest of the school was 95.8% which is again below target. The class with the worst attendance were the Siskins in Year 4 with 91%. 😞

Please remember that children can come to school with minor illnesses such as headaches and coughs/colds – we will look after them! If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school office know as soon as possible and before 9am. A lot of children are coming into school late. Please remember that school starts at 8.45am.

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.

Just a reminder that we break up for the school holidays on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. We are back in school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope you have a relaxing break!