



Birdwell Primary School

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CHRISTMAS

Dear parents and carers,

It feels like we are hurtling towards the Festive period with lots of things happening in school. The children's updated topic map is on the website so you can see the topic that they have planned out over the year. Mrs Addy and the children are working hard putting the Advent Calendar together ready for December. And the Christmas Nativity and school play is slowly coming together, ready for the celebrations.

EVENTS

November 2019	EVENTS
Friday 22 nd	Inter Sports Y5/6 Football West Meadows Primary School (pm) CANCELLED DUE TO POOR WEATHER
Monday 25 th	NSPCC assembly / Yr 5 Workshop / Yr 6 Workshop 'Speak out stay safe' 2:45-3:30 Parent Workshop 2:45-3:30 Keeping yourself safe on the online world. (tea & Coffee served by the parents group)
Monday 25 th	Parents' consultations 3:40:30 – details to be confirmed. Y1/Y5/Y3/Y4/Y6
Tuesday 26 th	Parents' consultations 3:40:30 – details to be confirmed. Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4
Wednesday 27 th	Parents' consultations 3:40-6:30 – details to be confirmed. Y2/Y5/Y6
Friday 29 th	Christmas Advent up in Hall. 3:30pm/ Football League 7 a side at Birdwell
December 2019	EVENTS
Monday 2 nd	Advent doors 1 & 2 opened in assembly follow on the school Blog or Website.
Wednesday 4 th	Open mornings 8:45-9:30 Y2 & Y4
Thursday 5 th	Open Mornings 8:45-9:30 Y5 & Y6
Friday 6 th	Open Morning 8:45-9:30 Y3
Monday 9 th & Tuesday 10 th	Christmas Presentation at the Birdwell Venue 6-7pm doors open at 5:30pm non-alcoholic refreshments will be served prior to the show. Parent's group Christmas Hamper Raffle. The Bar opens after the presentation with a disco. Further details to follow tickets will be on sale through November. Details and prices TBC nearer the event.
Friday 13 th	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmasjumperday £1 donation per jumper thankyou in advance for your support.
Friday 13 th	Whole School Traditional Birdwell Christmas Lunch with Christmas music.
Friday 13 th	Christmas Craft Fair at Birdwell Primary School – Hall and classrooms 2:00-3:30pm. Tables available for hire see Mrs D. Sykes in the office. Parent's & Carers invited.
Monday 16 th	Birdwell Academy Theatre Presents Cinderella. The James Brandon Company presents the greatest fairy-tale of them all. R/Y6/Y2/Y4 please collect the children at the end of the day from the school.
Tuesday 17 th	9-10 Musical Extravaganza- Birdwell Primary in the hall. Parents & Carers are invited to see how the children have progressed with the support of Barnsley music services.
Tuesday 17 th	Birdwell Academy Theatre Presents Cinderella. The James Brandon Company presents the greatest fairy-tale of them all. Y1/Y3/Y5 please collect the children at the end of the day from the school.
Wednesday 18 th	Reception class Nativity at the Birdwell Chapel 9-11 lights refreshments will be served after the event with a small Christmas raffle provided by the Parent's Group.
Thursday 19 th	Reception class Nativity at the Birdwell Chapel 9-11 lights refreshments will be served after the event with a small Christmas raffle provided by the Parents' Group.
Friday 20 th	Christmas coffee morning 9:00-10:30am classes singing various Christmas songs – refreshments served Parents & Carers invited. School closes for Christmas Holidays at 3:30pm and return January 6 th 2020. <i>Merry Christmas from Birdwell primary School.</i>



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SPORTS

We continue to support many sporting activities within the school. We have had some fantastic achievements even though the weather has not been too kind to us, where events have had to be cancelled. Most recently the children were engaged in the Barnsley ELF cup challenge. The children won every game in their rounds at Oakwell football ground and qualified for the next round to take place on the 12th December. This could give them a chance to go to the regional south Yorkshire finals. If they win this, there is the possibility of a trip to Wembley. Well done to the children, you have made us proud.

TESTING

The staff and the children have been busy carrying out test to see how successful they have been in their learning this last half term. The knowledge gathered from tests and teacher assessment will support the information shared during consultations.

CONSULTATIONS

Parents consultations will take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, **see the events list above for further details.**

Questionnaires will also be available to complete whilst you are looking at the childrens displays and learning in books. (this constructive feedback helps the school to continue to make changes and improve the experiences for yourselves and the child) Feel free to have a look around the new school learning environment with your child. The Library is now complete and the children love it.

YOUNG VOICES

Miss Rees is working hard, preparing the children ready for their performance at the Sheffield Arena in January.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

These continue to run throughout the week and give parents a mix of after school events to cater for different tastes **free of charge**, thanks to the staff at Birdwell Primary School for providing these. A private Dance club with Miss Sarah continues to run on Fridays at a cost of £2.50 per session per child. **All sessions run for one hour 3:30-4:30.**

BLOGS

Keep checking the school BLOGS to see your child's learning as it happens. Reception class use Tapestry to share much of their daily learning and there is also an updated phonics link so you can see what the children are accessing every day in those sessions.

READING

We are working hard to actively encourage daily reading throughout the school. We have re-arranged the timetable to enhance this and children have a timetable to visit the library once a week, supported by members of the Parents Group, who manage the library booking system and help the children to swap books and keep the library tidy. This ensures it remains an attractive safe and calm space to read. Miss Millington and Mrs Rooke continue to run reading events, the most recent challenge culminated in over 50 children being rewarded with a fun fitness session with Mr Crouch as their reward for taking part. Check out the 'CLASS BLOGS' for learning updates. We have updated the phonics section of the site to help parents understand a little better what the children are learning and there are a selection of activities and resources on the site to help you support us at home. We have also added a list of key reads for each year group which will help you and your child with ideas for reading books to access at home to enhance their love of reading.

PARKING

This continues to be an issue especially now the weather is deteriorating. Please ensure you make use of the car park **at the back of the club ONLY**. This is a fabulous resource we cannot do without and really alleviates the over use of Hay Green Lane as a temporary car park at peak times. Please park with care and don't park too near the entrance to Hay Green Lane as this causes blind spots and obstructions. Careful and considerate parking can avoid potential incidents and unnecessary upset. The PCSO's and Rockingham traffic warden patrols have been warned of the parking problems we continue to suffer.

Mr Bailey

Head Teacher

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