



Birdwell Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back. I hope you have had a restful summer break with your children and they are ready and raring to go. During the summer break, the staff have been working hard to get their new classrooms and learning spaces looking fantastic. We hope that you can see the difference. Please come and have a look if you get chance. Our starting topic is computing to capture the children's interests. Staff have been planning hard to create a topic that is both interesting and fun but also challenging. We would like to welcome our new staff: Miss Baldwin Year 2 (Assistant Head), Mr Mathieson Y4 and Miss Carter in Reception class. They are settling in well and have worked so hard along with the rest of the team to make Birdwell Primary School an amazing learning environment for your children. I am sure you will make every effort to give them a warm Birdwell welcome which I will thank you for in advance for.

Due to changes in the classroom layout we would like to ask the children who are now in Year 3 and 4 to come into their classrooms on their own, as this promotes independence and develops their confidence as they are now in KS2. If you have any concerns regarding your child's education, please continue to use these times to speak with the class teacher.

The children in Year 1 have already been assessed for their phonics and will be organised into groups ready for this Monday.

After School Clubs begin Monday 10th September, for 1 HOUR , 3:30 -4:30 at £2 per session. Please ensure you collect your children from the main entrance at 4:30pm PROMPT!

Thanks to staff for offering this selection of activities.

Monday - Art Club & I-Pad Club 3.30-4.30

Tuesday - Just Dance 3.30-4.30

Wednesday - Film Club 3.30-4.30

Thursday - Trampoline Club 3.30-4.30

Friday - Street Dance with Miss Sarah 3.30-4.30

Book Swap will be held at 8:30-8:55 in the Hall on Wed 26th September followed by a Parents group meeting. This is where parents have an opportunity to discuss and shape the way things are happening in school and discuss exciting and fun ways to assist the school in raising funds for the children. We do have established people in the group but we always get new faces and with that comes new ideas, which is just what we need. So please come along and have a natter and see if it is for you. You can really make a difference! 😊

We apologise for the lack of communication over the summer break, we are currently experiencing technical issues with the website and FB so we have been unable to log on and update information. The Blogs are still working so when uploaded you can still see what your children are up to in the class.

A Residential meeting for the up and coming Castleton trip will be on Monday 10th September. A booklet detailing required equipment needed will be given at this meeting. This will also be an opportunity to discuss or share any personal concerns with the staff that are staying with the children. If you are unable to meet, please don't worry as we will ensure you get the booklet and you can contact us during the day by phone email or drop in when convenient for you and have a chat.

If you have not managed to make it in to see the new classrooms feast your eyes on this lot.



Key Dates – I am aware that you are busy people and have lots of other engagements to manage. This is not an exhaustive list and will be subject to some small additions as it is going out so early but I hope it goes some way to help make your life a little easier and plan ahead. The dates will run up to Christmas 2018. (Only a small selection of children from selected classes will attend the sporting events. If your child is selected you will receive a letter prior to the event).

September 2018	
Monday 10 th September	Y5 Castleton meeting 3.30pm in the Hall
Tuesday 11 th September	Y4 start swimming lessons (weekly until Jan)
Friday 14 th September	Y5/6 Cross Country at Hoyland Common
Wednesday 19 th -Friday 21 st September	Y5 Castleton Residential
Friday 21 st September	Y3/4 Cross Country at Birdwell
Monday 24 th -Friday 28 th September	Y5 Bike-ability
Wednesday 26 th September	Book swap 8.30am in the Hall
Wednesday 26 th September	Parents group meeting 9am
October 2018	
Friday 5 th October	Y1/Y2 Cross Country Hoyland Springwood
Monday 8 th October	Y6 Kingswood meeting 3.30pm school hall
Friday 12 th October	Y4/5/6 Hi Fi Netball at Hoyland Common
Monday 15 th -Friday 19 th October	Y6 Kingswood Residential
Friday 19 th October	Y3/4 Hockey at Hoyland Springwood
Wednesday 24 th October	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 24 th October	R-Y5 Flu Immunisations (nasal spray)
November 2018	
Monday 29 th October-Friday 2 nd November	Half term
Monday 5 th November	Inset Day
Thursday 8 th November	Individual pupil school photos
Friday 9 th November	Y3/4 Football West Meadows
Monday 12 th November- Friday 16 th November	Parents Consultation week
Monday 12 th November	Y6 Crucial Crew
Friday 16 th November	Y5/6 Football West Meadows
December 2018	
Friday 7 th December	Christmas craft fair
Friday 7 th December	Y1& Y2 Gymnastics at West Meadows
Monday 10 th & Tuesday 11 th December	Y1-Y6 Christmas concert
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper day & Christmas lunch
Monday 17 th December	R dress rehearsal in church
Tuesday 18 th December	Music Concert in hall
Wednesday 19 th & Thursday 20 th December	R Nativity in Church
Wednesday 19 th December	Whole school Christmas party
Monday 24 st December – Friday 4 th January	School Christmas Holiday
January 2019	
Monday 7 th January	Whole school Freddy fit