



Attainment through Caring, Challenge and Creativity

## Farewell

It won't be long before we will be talking to the children about classes for next year and this becomes hard when we know that some staff are leaving us soon...

First off, Mrs Spalding has been at the school for a 'good while' now and will be known to you as one of our office staff. She will be leaving us on the 25th May and we would like to thank her and wish her all the best for the future.

Leaving us on the last day of the Summer Term will be Mrs Menary who has been with us for 13 years and is well known to our community for her support of the children through various choir and music events. We are very grateful for all the care and support she has given to the school. We will miss her very much and wish her every success in her new career.

Mrs Ellis, who you may remember has gradually stepped back from a full timetable in recent years will be calling time too. We are very lucky to have had such a caring, hardworking young lady with us through thick and thin. Thankyou!

## OUTSTANDING SCHOOL OF THE YEAR 2023

Yes, that's us, the listeners of Smooth Radio across the North of the UK nominated us and the Panel for Educate North have awarded our school this honour alongside Lancaster University who are University of the Year 2023.

Myself and Mrs Jessop attended a prestigious event in Manchester recently with lots of very nice people saying some very nice things!—Look out for our banner outside school soon. We are very proud of our school team! Well done everyone!

## Highly Commended

You may have seen in the local press and media that our very own Mrs Jessop, Mrs Szabo and Miss Williams attended the Pride of Sefton Awards recently. Well deserved recognition, what can I say? They saved my life!

## Minibus

The rusty old gates at the old entrance to the school will be replaced over the Summer which should provide enough space for a minibus. Wouldn't it be great if we had one? We could take half of our classes to places regularly in the mornings and swap over in the afternoons which would save a fortune on educational visits and increase the number of visits for each class each year. Our increasing number of teams and sporting events could be transported in style and well, wouldn't it be great to turn up to all kinds of events. The trouble is, we haven't got the £20,000 we need though to get one

So...

We think there are a number of ways we could fundraise for this and it will be entirely up to you if you want to contribute or not :

- 1) Our Sportsday events will be sponsored this year. The last time we did this, we raised money for de-fibs and look how that turned out! Forms will come out to home soon.
- 2) Our PTA fundraising will be turned over to this project until we get the money needed (fairs, discos etc).
- 3) We would welcome any families who want to fundraise separately doing anything they want to! Perhaps you could check out sites such as GoFundMe and maybe do a family walk and let your friends and relatives know what it is for.
- 4) Let me know about any donations you may wish to make, either privately or from any businesses and I'll thank you on here (almost 1000 people read this Newsletter within minutes of it going out!).

C'mon Birkdale Primary Family! We can do this!!!

## **Sportsday Events (keep an**

These will be held on the mornings of the following days. Precise timings (and sponsor sheets) to follow.

Nursery—4th July—Main Yard

Reception—10th July—Main Yard

Year 3 and 4 -11th July- Bedford Park

Year 5 and 6—12th July—Bedford Park

Year 2- 13th July—Main Yard

Year 1- 10th July—Main Yard—the only afternoon event

**Please note, we are closed for staff training (Inset) on Friday, 23rd June.**

**Stop Press—Little bits and pieces of news...**

- Well done Year 6 and all our children for all their work in SAT's and other assessments!
- Good Luck to the Year 6 children who are off to Robin Wood in Wales next Wednesday...lots of pictures for us on Twitter please.
- Don't forget to follow us on Twitter : @birkdaleprimary
- Please avoid parking in front of the residents driveways at hometimes. Please be aware the property adjacent to the school on Bury Road is private property and so please do not stand in the driveway waiting for children.
- Please continue to not tie dogs up on railings close to the school.
- We let parents and children know which classes they are in at the same time as when the end of year school reports go out which is usually around the 11th of July.

Thanks for reading!

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