



Pumpkintastic!

Special Mufti Day—31st October—Only £1 to join in!

To keep the ball rolling with events to fundraise for our much needed school mini-bus we will be holding a special day on the **31st October**. Children (and staff!) can come along dressed in whatever fancy dress they like—it doesn't have to be a spooky theme, so princesses, superheroes and wizards, ghostbusters, fairies and goblins are all welcome on this day. Even own clothes is ok. There will be a fine of £1 on this day which will include extra partying and fun during the school day. Please note that the £1 can be paid via the school gateway.

The PTA will be opening up the Tuck Inn for the whole of this week too—Monday, 30th October to Friday, 3rd November.

PARENT and GUARDIANS MEETINGS

A letter will be out to you shortly regarding opportunities to meet with class teachers and staff regarding your child/ren's progress so far. These will be on the following evenings for children in

Reception through to Year 6:

7th November—3.30pm—5.30pm and

8th November—4pm—6.30pm

Nursery meetings will be on the 7th November— 3.15pm—6pm

PTA Meetings

We really are in need of more support! The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 15th November at 2.30pm and as always all are welcome. We need to plan activities around our Christmas Fair which this year will be on Friday, 15th December.

We are collecting good quality raffle prizes NOW so please send these in to school whenever you can over the next few weeks—you can pass them in to the Main Office or to Mrs Selby in the Hive (Breakfast and After School Club).

It's a way off yet but there will be two muftis as usual for Christmas, one on the 8th December and again on the day of the fair itself.

Wheelie Walkie Wednesdays

After half term, our Eco Stars will be running our walk or wheel to school event every Wednesday.

We will be carefully recording all the children who take part and our ECO Stars will present each walker and wheeler with a sticker. If they take part more than 10 times during the school year, they will be invited to our Summer Breakfast event which will be held in the Summer term.

SEND Coffee Morning

There will be a chance for parents old and new to stay behind after drop off this Thursday, 19th October. Mrs Grice, our SEND lead for the school and Mrs McDermott, our Chair of Governors, will be available in the Hive building (where Breakfast and After School Club takes place) to chat with anyone who comes along.

New Website and Social Media

Hopefully, you'll be able to access as before with no change. We hope you like it!

On a separate note, Twitter seems to have become a bit trickier since it changed to X but we will continue to use it, don't forget to follow us : @birkdaleprimary

We are considering setting up an Instagram account soon...we'll let you know!

Half Term

I can't believe it's half term already. It was so nice to see the Nursery and Reception children enjoying their Autumn walks this week! We close at the normal time this Friday. Have a good week next week whatever you may be doing and we look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound on Monday, 30th October. Thankyou all for your support!



BPS SPORTING NEWS

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We pride ourselves at Birkdale Primary School on ensuring that we enable and provide the opportunity for every child in Key Stage 2 to be able to join an after school sports club and/or to participate in curriculum events, festivals and competitions.

At Birkdale Primary, alongside the many clubs we offer over the course of a school year, there are three after school clubs where children play and compete at league and tournament level. These three clubs are Netball and Football (boys and girls) and this is why we hold trials in these **three clubs only**. Yet again, this year was overwhelmingly popular (over 70 children for a club with a capacity of 20). This year we have entered three teams into the Sefton football league to allow us to give more children opportunity to represent the school. Therefore competing against other schools for trophies. We do not have the resources or the staff to facilitate anymore football teams. Mrs Eden, Mr Gallagher and Mr Murphy give up their own time to deliver these opportunities to our children voluntarily. Any clubs and matches that take place after school are always on a voluntary basis.

Our sports team work tirelessly throughout the school year, not just in delivering our sports curriculum for the children, but also to deliver as many sporting opportunities as we can. This has been recognised by the School Games Awards and has resulted in the Platinum Award 2023-24, the highest accolade in primary sporting education, being achieved. This award underlines all our efforts to be inclusive.

Given the size of our brilliant school, there are always going to be difficulties when selecting teams and clubs for various sports. We understand how disappointing it can be for your child if they are not chosen for what might be their favourite sport.

All staff throughout the school work together to select children for sporting events that are suitable to their sporting ability whether this be at a developing, inspire, league or tournament level. We understand your child may play a sport outside of school but there are children who do not have this opportunity and as staff we see that they shine in their sports curriculum.

Since returning to school in September, the sports team have received a number of complaints which go against everything the staff here stand for.

It should really go without saying, that all staff deliberate very carefully over these decisions together and dread having to let children down gently. Decisions are never taken lightly and are never with a disregard to their mental health and wellbeing. Unfortunately, we cannot always accommodate everyone for everything.

Please respect and understand the decisions that staff make as they are often a lot more complicated than meets the eye.

Thankyou for reading

Mr N Sheeran—Headteacher