



Pudsey Power!!!



We've all had a great day in school today, celebrating BBC Children in Need. Our 'spotty' own-clothes day has proved a huge success with Pudsey ears, Pudsey onesies and all manner of spotty Pudsey t-shirts.

We were even lucky enough to have a visit from the superstar bear himself as Pudsey came to visit our assemblies this morning!!!

Thank you all for your hard work in getting the children ready for today and for your generosity in supporting such a great cause.

Thank you!!!

Birkdale—A Hive of Activity!!!

School has been a very busy place over the last few weeks with a huge number of exciting things going on:

- EYFS (Nursery & Reception) held a Nursery Rhyme Week—children and adults donned their very best nursery rhyme character costumes; the week has been full of fun and learning!
- Year 5 children have had the privilege of working with Dr Diane Davies a Maya Archaeologist supporting their history work this term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it and they have produced some outstanding work as a result.
 - Our 'Birkdale Buddies' Young Carers Group have been to the cinema.
 - Our Reception children have visited the theatre to see Room on the Broom.
 - We held a hugely successful Diwali Day recently, exploring other cultures and traditions.
- Our 'Odd Socks' day kicked-off Anti-Bullying Week this week, where we reinforced the national message 'Reach Out'.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all of you who were able to come to parents evening last week.

It was great to get back to our usual 'face-to-face' meetings and celebrate the successes of the children. Thank you, also, for the positive feedback that was received both verbally on the night and via the Parents' Questionnaires that were circulated during the evening.

If you haven't yet returned your questionnaire, it's not too late!

Just send it in with your child to their class teacher or take it to the school office.

Breakfast and After-School Club

Our ever-popular Breakfast and After School Club will be increasing their fees in the new year.

From January 2023 fees will increase by 25p per session.

This is the first increase that has occurred since 2018 and I know that, even with this increase, it is still a very competitive price for the provision on offer.

Please be reminded that Breakfast Club opens at 7:30am;

After School Club closes at 5:30pm.

If you need any further information about Breakfast or After School Club please contact Mrs Selby.

Mr Sheeran—An Update

Many of you have sent your best wishes and kind thoughts to Mr Sheeran over the last few weeks and months and I know that he has been touched by your personal messages.

I have spoken to Mr Sheeran this morning and he is in very good spirits!!

He is 'on the mend' and is getting better by the day and wishes to be remembered to you all.

We do not have a definite date for his return, as yet, but as each day sees him getting stronger and stronger, it sees his return to school getting closer and closer.

I know I speak for all of the staff who work in school when I say that we all wish him well and look forward to the day when he is fit and ready to return to us—he is sorely missed.

PTO for important dates for your diary

PTA—Christmas Discos/Cake Sale

Our PTA, who do an amazing job raising funds for our school, will be holding two Christmas Discos on 1st Dec.

KS1 3:15—4:15
KS2 4:30—5:45

KS1 children should come to school that day in their own clothes (sensible shoes, please). There will be no PE.
KS2 children will have time to go home to get changed, ready to return for the start of their disco at 4:30pm.

PTA are also going to be holding a Cake Sale on Friday 9th December.
All donations of cakes will be gratefully received on the day.
More information on both of these events will follow next week.

Dates for your Diary

This time of year is always very exciting (and very hectic!!)
Listed below are the important dates for your diary, so that you can plan ahead!!!
Please note the additional performance date for the KS1 Christmas Concert.
Further information and details will be sent out as the events get closer.

DECEMBER 2022

1st (Thursday)	KS1 Disco: 3:15—4:15 KS2 Disco: 4:30—4:45
8th (Thursday)	Whole School Flu Vaccines
9th (Friday)	PTA Cake Sale
12th (Monday)	KS2 Concert at St Peter's Church - 2pm
13th (Tuesday)	KS2 Concert at St Peter's Church—6pm
14th (Wednesday)	KS1 Concert in School—1:45pm & 6pm
15th (Thursday)	KS1 Concert in School—1:45pm (am) Reception Christmas Party
16th (Friday)	(am) Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party (pm) Year 5 Christmas Party
19th (Monday)	(am) Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party (pm) Year 6 Christmas Party
20th (Tuesday)	Finish for Christmas Holiday—2pm

Flu Vaccine

All children will be invited to take the flu vaccine in school on Thursday 8th December.
If you do/do not wish for your child to have the vaccine please ensure you 'opt-in/opt-out' by clicking on the following link: <https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/>

INSET DAY Reminder

School will be closed next Friday 25th November for Staff INSET (In Service Training)
School will re-open on Monday morning 28th November.

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