

## Half Term is here!!!

Everyone has worked so hard over the last seven weeks in school and we are all extremely proud of how the children have settled into their new classes with their new teachers, new friends and new routines. The children are all ready for a well deserved half term break... we hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready for action when we return on **Monday 31st October.**

### SPORTS NEWSLETTER

Along with this newsletter we have now set up a designated SPORTS NEWSLETTER to enable parents and families to keep in touch with all of the school's sports achievements and events.

A link to the very first edition of our BPS Sports Newsletter can be found on our school website in the 'Latest News' section at [birkdaleprimary.com](http://birkdaleprimary.com)

### HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Also on our school website is a link to an information letter sent from Merseyside Police regarding the safety of children during Halloween and 'Trick or Treat' evenings. Please take a few minutes to have a look at their suggestions and recommendations to keep everyone safe and help to ensure that we all have a fun time!

### YEAR 4 TRIP TO CHESTER

On Monday this week our Year 4 children had a fantastic day out to Chester on their school visit, exploring the Roman walls, finding out what it was like to be a Roman soldier and how they lived their lives. The children had a great day of active learning and the staff all agreed that Year 4 were a model of great behaviour whilst out of school. We are all very proud of them for being such responsible individuals.

### DIWALI DAY

Today in school we have had 'Diwali Day' which has enabled children to find out about the fabulous festival of light, to explore who celebrates this and the reasons behind the event. We have had lots of lights all over school in celebration of the 'Festival of Light', along with art and craft activities to reinforce our learning. The children have had a great day finding out and investigating, helping them become aware of different cultures and more respectful of other's traditions.

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS...

We have made a fabulous start to our new school year and attendance across all years has been very pleasing; it is still important for everyone to understand the importance of attendance in school. Building up a routine of regular attendance and punctuality is crucial to developing good habits through primary school and beyond, into high school.

We are always available to work with parents and to offer support should there be any issues with attendance or punctuality.

If your child is absent from school...

**PLEASE REMEMBER...** to contact the school office on the first morning of absence. If we don't hear from you, we will contact you until we have a reason for absence. Repeated unauthorised absence without a reason could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued by Sefton Council.

**ALSO...** we are unable to authorise any holidays in term time.

Holidays taken in term time will be recorded as unauthorised and may also result in a fine.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents Evenings:	8th & 9th November
Children in Need Day:	18th November
School INSET Day:	25th November
Birkdale Village Christmas Fair:	27th November
School Christmas Concerts:	w/c 15th December (more news to follow)
Break up for Christmas:	20th December