



Building Dreams for Birkdale Primary

Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme has been centred around 'My Voice Matters'. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. Sessions have been taking place with the children all week and culminate this Friday with the children choosing their favourite colours to wear - so it's 'own clothes' day this Friday, 9th February, 2024.

10th Anniversary—14th February

It is ten years ago this month that Dame Lorna Muirhead DBE, the then Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside officially opened the new school facilities at the school. I'm looking forward to the next couple of years as I'm assured a number of building issues which really need updating will finally be attended to. It is hoped I will have new roof news after half term.

Parking—Drop Off and Pick Up times

Following a number of complaints in recent weeks, you may have noticed an increase in traffic wardens in the area with a number of fines imposed. The thing is, it shouldn't really take a traffic warden to put you off stopping and dropping near the school. Over the years we have had a number of very near misses. With over 400 children, most with adults accompanying them, it just isn't safe to be around school with cars at the peak times before and after school. Every time you walk in or if you are parked safely away from school you deserve to be a Star of the Week! Thank you to all of you who do this. We have built up a good relationship with our residents over time and we would like to keep it that way so it is also very important that driveways are not blocked at any time. Hopefully soon, we will be placing reminders not to park or even pull up on the zig zags. Thank you for reading.

Lates

I have to say, our attendance is generally very good despite a number of winter bugs going round. However, lates are becoming a growing concern. It is not so much the 33 lates this morning that worries me, it is the number of children within this number that are regularly late. It is rarely, if ever, the children's fault despite them sometimes being challenging on occasion! I can vouch for this with my three! If your child is regularly late though, please build additional time into your morning routine to allow for this. Thank you.

Love My Community Day—23rd February

We will be joining with all the schools in Southport to help raise funds for Compassion Acts who have many aims including providing food for those struggling in our community. The LMC days for the Southport schools are always around mid February close to Valentine's Day. **Our event this year will be on Friday, 23rd February. This will be a mufti event with a recommended donation of £1 per family—all children can wear their own clothes on this day.**

Comic Relief

Red Nose day 2024 is a way off yet but will be on Friday, March 15th. I'm sure the School Council will be letting us know their plans for this day soon.

Half Way Through!—We finish at the normal times tomorrow and are back on 19/02/24

We have made it to half way through the academic year already. Well done to all the children for their achievements so far...you're doing a great job. All the staff and Governors hope that everyone has a safe and happy half term. See you soon!

Thank you all for your continued support!
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