

Welcome Back!!!

A message from Mr Jessop:

I hope you have all had a fabulous summer holiday and enjoyed the break. The weather has been kind to us—generally—and it's given us all the chance to re-charge our batteries and begin our new term full of excitement and anticipation!

Welcome to all our parents but especially to our new Nursery and Reception parents who are joining our school 'family' for the first time. You are all very welcome and we hope your journey through Birkdale Primary will be everything that you hope for. Our school office is always the first point of contact for anything you should need.

The end of term, in July, was a bit of a rollercoaster for all of us, and not least for Mr Sheeran, but I'm happy to report that he is on the road to recovery and getting better and stronger by the day. He has been overwhelmed by the get-well messages and words of support throughout the summer—indeed, when I spoke to him last he said that the Birkdale Primary School 'family' had been his saviour over the holiday and he will never be able to repay everyone for their kindness.

We do not have a scheduled return date for Mr Sheeran, as yet, but as soon as we have more information we will let everyone know. We will, of course, continue to pass on all of the messages of good will and support.

I know I speak for everyone when we wish Mr Sheeran a full and speedy recovery—he'll be back in school before we know it, guitar in hand, ready for action!!

In his absence, I will lead our school with the assistance of Mrs Ramsden and the support of all of the staff. As such, any relevant communication can be directed to either me, Mrs Ramsden or the main school office at admin.birkdaleprimary@schools.sefton.gov.uk

INFORMATION ON OUR RETURN:

PE Kit days

The introduction of our new PE Kit last year has been a resounding success and we have had many compliments from parents and from other schools, too!

Let's work hard to maintain this and prove just how fabulous Birkdale Primary School is!

Please be reminded that children should come into school in their kits (including t-shirts, hoodies, tracksuit/jogging bottoms and trainers) on the following days :

Nursery: Tuesday & Friday
 Rec 1 & 2: Monday
 1L: Tuesday & Wednesday
 1R: Tuesday & Thursday
 Year 2: Monday & Tuesday
 Year 3: Monday & Thursday (Swimming kits on Thursday when necessary)
 Year 4: Tuesday & Thursday (Swimming kits on Thursday when necessary)
 Year 5: Wednesday & Friday
 Year 6: Tuesday & Wednesday

After School Clubs

There will be a wide range of after school clubs available to all children very soon. Watch out for more news in future newsletters. Our favourites will be back—football and netball—but there are going to be a few new clubs too!!!

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be visiting school between 14th & 21st September. Come along, after school, and have a look at the amazing titles available. Every penny spent raises valuable funds for our school!!!

RIG (Reading Improvement Group)

If you are interested in volunteering to support reading throughout our school please contact the school office—we'd love to have you on board...the more the merrier!

Art Shirts

If anyone has any old shirts that could be donated to use as 'art shirts' we'd be really grateful. We've found in the past that men's large shirts work best...as long as they're in reasonable condition! Thanks!

Arrival times from Monday, 5th September

Year Group	Arrival Time	Enter via
Nursery	9:00 am	Nursery gate
Reception	8:50 am	Reception doors
Year 1	8:50 am	Y1 door
Year 2	8:45 - 9:00 am	Junior Yard
Year 3	8:45 - 9:00 am	Junior Yard
Year 4	8:45 - 9:00 am	Junior Yard
Year 5	8:45 - 9:00 am	Junior Yard
Year 6	8:45 - 9:00 am	Junior Yard

Collection times from Monday, 5th September:

Year Group	Collection Time	Location
Nursery	3:00 pm	Nursery gate
Reception	3:10 pm	Reception doors
Year 1	3:00 pm	Junior Yard
Year 2	3:10 pm	Junior Yard
Year 3	3:15 pm	Junior Yard
Year 4	3:15 pm	Junior Yard
Year 5	3:20 pm	Junior Yard
Year 6	3:20 pm	Junior Yard

Attendance

It is vitally important that your child attends school regularly and on time and with this in mind, we will be working hard this year to ensure that attendance in school is the best it can be, following the difficult years of COVID

We aim for our school target to fall no lower than 97%.
Any individual child whose attendance drops below 90% is deemed a 'persistent absentee'; their subsequent attendance is tracked throughout the year.

Obviously children become ill and need time off school. If this is the case, please follow our absence procedures.

It is crucial that you contact school on the first day of absence; please speak to someone or leave a message. When your child is fit to return to school, please send them in with a note to explain their absence.

Un-authorized absences and absences without reason will be followed up and could trigger the involvement of an Education Welfare Officer or lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice.

**PLEASE SEE ABOVE FOR START TIMES AND END TIMES FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.
LET'S BE ON TIME EVERY DAY AND DEVELOP A ROUTINE OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE!!!**

Social Media

All of the teachers and support staff in school work extremely hard to make Birkdale Primary School the best place for your children every day. If, for any reason, there is something you are not happy about, please speak to us—either your child's class teacher, Mrs Ramsden or me. We can always sort out problems very quickly.
PLEASE DO NOT RESORT TO SOCIAL MEDIA—THIS ONLY EVER MAKES THE SITUATION WORSE.

Contacting Us

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