

### Ready to Learn?

Parents and children new to the school are already beginning to become more involved in the school. We would ask all of you to be reminded of the key message of trying to enable your child to manage this big step in September. This short video explains what you can do to help...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlopcBDhqz8>



### Thank a Teacher Day

You can send a [free personalised e-card](#) to express your gratitude. It's a simple way to make someone's day and acknowledge the vital work happening in education across the country.



### SPORTS DAY DATES

Please contact school if you need a reminder when and where your child's class will be taking part in the annual Sports Day fun!

School is closed on Friday, **27th June for INSET** short for in-service training day in case you've ever wondered- a school day on which teaching sessions are not conducted and pupils do not attend school, but teachers are required to attend training sessions.

### Friendship Request

Often when children are unsettled in school it will be down to friendship issues. As children get older, they will have made choices and will have decided who they want to be with at breaktimes and strong friendships will develop that may last a lifetime. Throughout school this is gently monitored and modelled by the staff. By Year 6 it is rare for there still to be any unrest between the children. Whilst it can help sometimes for there to be cooling off periods and for children to be advised to stay away from each other during breaktime sessions, inevitably there will be times when children do clash. Sometimes this is fleeting, sometimes it lasts for a very long time but as I say, the dust generally settles quickly. What I am asking is that parents and guardians let us deal with the situations as they develop, especially in the Early Years and Infant classes but **please do not ask children to not play with certain children**. Please do inform us of any issues that concern you at home regarding what your children are saying to you. Sometimes we may not be aware of friendship issues so please do let us know and remember there are often more than two sides to every story. Please also refrain from telling your child to hit back. Provocation is a difficult concept but please encourage your child to speak to us when the red mist descends. An eye for an eye will make the whole world blind someone once said. It is rare for children to just go around hitting people but if they do, we will be dealing with it. Many of our children have a wide range of emotional needs and we are supporting all our children to be happy in school. Please encourage your child to be a friend to everyone but if that doesn't work...then it's best not to be an enemy. Ostracism hurts. It is wrong to prevent someone from being part of a group because you dislike the person or disapprove of something the person has done. This is not the Birkdale Primary way. Cool off and keep apart for older children—work on relationships for younger children is the key message here I think. Thanks for reading :O)

### GIRLS NETBALL

Good news just in from last night. Our netball team has won the league! With 30 goals scored against 3 teams last night with no goals conceded along with the points from their triumphant year, they are officially the best team around. Well done all you and all the staff who support the team—Mrs Eden, Mrs Harding and Mr Murphy!

### Wally Cain Dance Festival

As I speak the children are practicing for the last time in the hall with audiences from across the school. It really is a memorable performance and the crowds at Greenback are in for a treat tonight

All for now....thanks for reading admin.birkdaleprimary@schools.sefton.gov.uk 01704 567516