

Welcome Back!

It's so good to be back and the sun was shining too...well, it was on Tuesday! The children old and new are settling in really well and all of the staff are ready for the year ahead. As with all large Primary schools the yard is super busy at home time, this will all settle down and run like clockwork as staff become familiar with new parents etc. All the staff who work at Birkdale primary are committed to providing you and your child with the very best of experiences, care and education. **Please support us in everything we do** and let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

IMPORTANT—hang on, this is a paper Newsletter?! -

We are concerned that we are still totally unable to contact a small number of you to send essential messages and so we are sending this one off paper copy out to remind you...we need an up to date **working email** so that you can download the **PARENTMAIL APP**. Thank you!

Please be aware of or reminded that..

The staff are professionals and are dedicated to their jobs, whilst we welcome being informed of any issues or concerns, please respect the many difficult decisions that we have to make and from time to time throughout the course of the year.

- If there is a problem that needs resolving. Come and see me...or speak to any adult who works here. There are 64 staff working in the school and all have a range of roles and responsibilities, however, for those of you who may be unaware, please make a note of the following: Mr Jessop (Deputy Headteacher/5J/S), Mrs Ramsden (Deputy Headteacher/1R), Mrs Grice (SEND), Mrs Eden (EYFS) and Mrs Corlett (KS2) are senior ports of call in case of any needs. All the office staff are led by Mrs Gillman, school bursar. Mr Brand is our Site Manager. Please ask to speak to Mrs Selby for all Breakfast and Afterschool Club matters and Mrs Hunt is our top chef in the Kitchen who caters for a very wide range of needs. Please see below for Safeguarding.
 - The children all looked incredibly smart on their return. Please check you have named all clothing.
 - Parents and guardians should not attempt to enter school other than through the Main Office.
- Please do not park across any residents driveways at pick up and drop off. Any abuse will likely be reported to us and/or the Police this year. Thank you.
 - You are responsible for your child before they enter and after they leave school.
 - Children must not ride bikes or scooters or climb on anything on the yard before and after school.

Website Update

Some aspects of our school website are continuously being updated. All the information related to your specific class will be completed shortly if it isn't already.

Dinners

If you pay, it's currently £12.65 and should be paid a week in advance (on the Monday) either at the office or through the **School Gateway**.

Building Work and Entrances

The contractors have now completed their work in this phase of the external refurbishments and will pick up additional roof work next Summer. Holiday breaks will now be used to complete as much internal refurbishment as possible. The paintwork in some places including classrooms is desperate and I can't wait to get the toilets upgraded! The scaffolding will be gone now in a matter of days and so the return of the additional gate will relieve the long walk around a little!

Thank you for your patience!

Whole School Reading Information

Our Reading Improvement Group (RIG) still needs YOU!!!

We have a fantastic army of readers coming into school to support our children with reading and it makes a real difference! Please get in touch with Mrs Corlett if you are interested in volunteering.

Staff Training and SAFEGUARDING —Our staff are annually trained in a variety of areas that help with the smooth running of the school—this includes Health and Safety and Fire Awareness training, asthma and diabetic training, paediatric first aid, a range of SEND support programmes and pastoral support etc. Some staff may not partake in all the training we provide but **ALL** staff are trained in Safeguarding. Whilst you may speak to any adult in school, **Mrs Brand** is our key member of staff to contact regarding any safeguarding matter—01704 567516. However, If you have **ANY** concerns at all about a child or family you can of course make your own referrals to Sefton's Council :

To report a safeguarding concern in Sefton, call 0345 140 0845 for concerns about *adults* at risk, or 0151 934 4481 (or 0151 934 4013) for children. For urgent concerns outside office hours, use the [Sefton Emergency Duty Team](#) number 0151 934 3555. For immediate danger, always dial 999.

Thank you for reading!