



Birstwith C. E. School

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The Link

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Dates for the Link this term:

24th November

8th December

Individual and family group photos

The photographer will be visiting School again this Tuesday, 14th November, at 9am, when he will take individual photos of the children and also with their siblings. Pre-school children are very welcome to have their photo taken with their families: please arrive for 9am if this should be the case.

Theatre Trips for all the children

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Key Stage 2 will be going for their annual visit to the theatre on 7th December 2017 when they will be visiting the West Yorkshire Playhouse to see 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. They will be travelling by coach accompanied by the children of the same age from Bishop Thornton CE School.

The cost of this visit will be £14 per child which has been greatly subsidised by the Friends for which we are very grateful, as they have agreed to pay the whole of the coach costs. It will be payable through School Money, which will produce a permission slip once the payment is made. Payments will be set up on the system which will also generate a permission slip, and we would ask that payments are made by Friday 24th November.

The performance starts at 1.30pm so the children will have an early lunch before setting off. We will be returning after the end of the normal school day and the time will be confirmed with you before the event. They will have a drink and a biscuit at the interval.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Key Stage 1 will be going to the theatre on Wednesday 6th December 2017 when they will be visiting the West Yorkshire Playhouse to see 'Crumbles search for Christmas'. This will be a cost of £11.50 payable through School Money, and a permission slip will be produced once the payment is made. Again the Friends have agreed to subsidise the cost for parents.

Payments will be set up on the system which will also generate a permission slip, and we would ask that payments are made by Friday 24th November.

The performance starts at 10.30am and to make sure we arrive in time we will be leaving school at 9.00 promptly. Please ensure the children are not late to school that morning. They will also be returning to school for a slightly later than usual lunch.

Thank you, Mrs Walker!

Mr Roy and the children who attend Forest School have very much appreciated the support and help given by Mrs Walker during the children's weekly sessions. We would like to ask if any other parent / adult might also be able to give their time on a weekly or occasional basis - Mr Roy would be very pleased to hear if that was the case. Thank you for your consideration.

The Giving Machine comes to Birstwith School!

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Birstwith School have joined a shopping affiliate scheme called The Giving Machine which will enable us to raise considerable funds for our school without you donating a penny! How? – you ask!

The Giving Machine simply enables popular online companies to sign up to The Giving Machine to study invaluable shopping behaviour. The commission that is normally raised with this service goes directly to the school or charity by way of thanks. The commission varies from store to store but this is indicated on The Giving Machine website.

If you regularly use online stores such as Amazon, Argos, Sainsburys plus literally thousands more – then you might consider signing up. Simply find www.givingmachine.co.uk and select SUPPORT A CAUSE. Search for Birstwith primary school and select us to join and support and follow the simple instructions from there. So then whenever you do a shop online you can log on first through The Giving Machine and then select your store to shop and that's it! There's even an app you can download too!

The money will soon mount up and I'll keep you posted as to how much we've raised.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mel James



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Dates for the Term

Please find below an initial list of dates of events for this term. Further details will be published nearer the time.

Tuesday 14th November—School photos—Individuals and family groups

Friday 17th November—Children in Need—No Merit Assembly

Wednesday 6th December—Theatre Trip for Key Stage 1

Thursday 7th December—Governing Body meeting—8.30am

Thursday 7th December—Theatre Trip for Key Stage 2

Friday 8th December—Carols round the tree—2.30pm

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December—KS1 Nativity in School—2.15pm

Wednesday 20th December—Christmas Production in church—2.15pm

Thursday 21st December—Christmas Production in church—6.30pm

Friday 22nd December—Christmas parties

Friday 22nd December—Break up for Christmas—2.00pm

Book Fair

Arrives Tuesday 21st November when a range of attractive (Christmas presents?) books and stationery items will be on sale. This will take place at the end of each School day in the hall, the last afternoon being Monday 27th November. This is a fundraising opportunity for School in that cumulative book sales will produce some commission for School in addition to their books being attractive to children.