



Birstwith C. E. School

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## Last Week of Term!

**Wednesday 19th July:** School Production in Church 2.15pm. Please could all children be picked up from Church at 3.30pm. Children in Fun Club will be brought back to school. Children will bring their costumes home.

**Thursday 20th July:** School Production in Church 6.30pm. Children should be brought to Church by 6.15pm ready dressed in their costumes for the play. Every child in school has a part in the play and it will last less than an hour

**Friday 21st July:** Leavers Assembly—9.30am in the school hall—everyone is invited. There will be coffee served afterwards.

Please return all costumes to school

2.00pm School closes for the summer holiday

## School Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools—June 2017

Please find attached on this email, a copy of the SIAMs Inspection report from the inspection conducted on 16th June 2017. We are delighted that the Inspector found the school to be Good in its effectiveness and distinctiveness as a Church of England school and commented on the 'long-standing, mutually supportive relationship' with our Church. His main points of finding included:

- The Christian character of the school is demonstrated through positive relationships at all levels and through children's exemplary attitudes and behaviour, and results from a focus on distinctively Christian values.
- Collective worship supports this distinctiveness, offering opportunities for children to participate, engage and develop spiritually.
- School leaders provide a nurturing environment based on Christian values such as forgiveness, thankfulness, humility and friendship. This is enabling all children to thrive personally, enjoy school life, achieve well and make very good progress academically.

Thank you to all those members of our school community who were involved in the Inspection process.

## Classes in September 2017

We are delighted that all our staff are staying with us in September and therefore the class structure will remain exactly the same as this year.

Class 1: Rec and Y1 Mrs Askew with Mrs Morris, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Plant (Mrs Graham on Monday afternoon)

Class 2: Y2 and Y3 Miss Horn with Mrs Holland and Mrs Plant

Class 3: Y4 Mrs Lacey—Tuesday to Friday

Monday morning—Mrs Graham

Monday afternoon—Mrs Bedford and Mrs Holland

Class 4: Y5 and Y6 Mr Roy with Mrs Paxton (Mrs Bedford and Mrs Holland on Monday afternoon)

## School Bags in September

We have been struggling over the past year to accommodate in the cloakroom the growing number of back packs that have been brought to school to carry reading books, reading records and homework. It has meant that the cloakroom is even more congested and children are having to spend lesson time travelling backwards and forwards to the cloakroom to collect various belongings. The reason that we advocate the use of school reading bags is that the children's books and work easily fit into them and that they fit into the drawers in the classroom.

PE bags should be drawstring bags that take up the least amount of cloakroom space.

For these reasons we therefore ask that from September the children don't bring back-packs to school but use appropriate school book bags and PE bags.

Thank you

## Reading Books

**Please note that ALL reading books will be taken in next week and will be issued again in September.**

**Please could all Y6 pupils ensure that they return any books, school sports kit and any other school property before the end of next week.**

**Thank you**