



Birstwith C. E. School

Friday 22nd September

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Mrs Pugh

Please could any final donations for Mrs Pugh's leaving present be brought into school by Tuesday 26th September

Thank you

Please be aware that we still do not have replacement staff for Mrs Pugh's roles in school. Please help in any way you can to spread the adverts far and wide! They are on the last page of the Link.

Open Day!

We are very keen that all parents looking for a school for their child in September 2018 have the opportunity to see our school and we are therefore holding an Open Day on Thursday 19th October starting at 9.30am. Please see the full advert attached and pass on to any prospective parents that you know. If you are able to distribute any paper copies, please contact school next week and we will ensure you have the appropriate number.

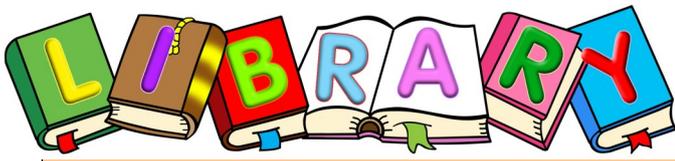
Thank you for your help with this.

Children's Safety

Many parents will be aware of the disturbing incident last night when an agricultural vehicle hit and demolished a section of the road safety barrier alongside our main entrance gate. It has brought keenly to our attention that we must ask you to always be particularly vigilant in ensuring your children's safe arrival and departure to and from School grounds.

Birstwith has become increasingly busy over the last few years with cars - and farming vehicles - often driven at alarming speeds along Wreaks Road.

In the same vein, we would ask for our parents' and their families consideration to please consider all users in School's adjoining car park and ensure that "casual, drop off" parking of vehicles by School's fence does not take place. Thank you.



The School Library

As part of our focus on reading in school this year, we are re-opening the school library to allow children to borrow non-fiction books to read at home.

These books will be in addition to the school's reading scheme and will not replace the coloured book bands.

Whilst any child in school may borrow a book, most of the books on the shelves require a very good level of reading and would probably be most suited to children in Classes 2,3 and 4.

The library will be open on Fridays after school after each Merit assembly. Parents/Carers may bring their children into the library and choose a book to borrow. Books can only be returned and borrowed on Fridays after school. If children are in Fun Club on Fridays, then they may choose or return a book with their parents when they are collected, and one of the adults at Fun Club will update their record.

Library will run every week that Merit assembly is on. If there is no Merit then there will also be no library that week.

Each child may borrow one book and may keep it until they have finished reading it. At the end of each term we will request that all books are returned to school. Mrs Lacey will keep a record of the books that have been borrowed.

If school library books are lost or damaged at home, then we will expect parents to replace them or reimburse school.

We would very much like a volunteer to help Mrs Lacey 'man' the new Library. This would involve committing to staying in school after Merit Assembly on a Friday to help out and would suit a parent/grandparent who usually comes to Merit. Another option would be that it could be shared on a rota between a group of parents. If you would be happy to help please have word with Mrs Lacey.

Dates for the Link this term:

22nd September

6th October

20th October

10th November

24th November

8th December

Gardening Club

For the last 4 Gardening Club sessions we are opening it up to any pupil in Y1—Y6. Please complete the pro-forma attached and return to school on Monday if your child is interested in taking part.





Gardening Club—Y1—Y6:

Each Tuesday this half term, 4 sessions at £2 each (£8)

I give permission for my child _____ to join Gardening Club

Name of child: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Any medical information _____

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.

Friday 15th September—Harvest Festival—in Church—2.30pm

Tuesday 26th September—Governing Body meeting—8.30am

Thursday 28th September—Tolly Richardson Swimming Gala—The Hydro

Wednesday 11th October—Reception children Parents Evening

Thursday 12th October—Open the Book visit for Collective Worship

Friday 20th October—Break up for half term

Monday 30th October—Back to School

Monday 6th November—Parents Evening (Classes 1, 2 and 4)

Thursday 9th November—Parents Evening (Classes 2, 3 and 4)

Friday 10th November—No Merit Assembly

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

Friday 17th November—Children in Need

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

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

Playworker for Birstwith Fun Club

We are seeking a Playworker for a vacant position at Birstwith Fun Club. Under the guidance of the Club's leader, the Playworker will have regard to the care and welfare of the children who attend the popular 'before and after school club' in providing safe and creative play opportunities for children between the ages of 4-11 years.

The position is permanent, school term-time only, and the required working hours are 4 afternoons a week, hours 3.00pm to 6.00pm, with the possibility of covering other staff if needed.

The hourly rate is £7.50 and experience of working with children is essential

Please contact Mrs Holland, Mrs Marlow or Mrs Bedford if you or anyone you know is interested, or for any further information.

Dining Room Assistant

We would welcome expressions of interest in a vacant Dining Room Assistant post we wish to fill on behalf of NYCC Catering Department.

The post is for 1 1/2 hours each day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11.30a m - 1p m to support our cook and Midday Supervisory Assistants in providing the lunch facility for our children. The remit involves setting up tables and chairs / serving food to the children / clearing the tables and chairs in preparation for School's afternoon. We will be delighted to hear from anyone interested in this post who might wish to become more involved in the School.

Please see Mrs Bedford or Mrs Marlow if you, or anyone you know, would like to take this further.