



# Bird's Bush News



Autumn 1, Week 2

14th September 2018

## Welcome Back to the New School Year

### Class Champions

R1	Dylan
R2	Lacey
2	Elizaveta
3	Mia W
4	Jessica
5	Tia
6	Dillon
7	Jensen
8	Bethany
9	Casey
10	Phoenix

### Read it! Winners

R	Casey-Rae
Y1	Ashton
Y2	Reece
Y3	Rebecca
Y4	Lydia
Y5	Jasmine
Y6	Megan

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year! The summer holiday seems like a long time ago already and everyone has been busy settling in and getting down to some fantastic learning.

During the summer holidays the building work was completed, you can't see any difference as it was within the internal walls but we are delighted that it has finally been sorted. We also had an upgrade to our computer systems which will allow us to access faster and better resources for learning and teaching.

The children have come back to school with lovely smiles (well, most of them!) and we have enjoyed listening to their holiday stories and adventures. The new Reception children are fantastic and have settled in brilliantly. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families, we hope that your children will be very happy at Bird's Bush and enjoy all of the exciting activities the school year brings.

Our newsletter will be available every Friday. As this is the first edition of the year I have sent out paper copies but from next week the newsletter will be electronic and we will send you the link by text, put it on the App and website and send by email if you let us have your email address. Paper copies will still be available from the office. This helps us by reducing the amount of paper we send you and saves us money.

We look forward to the year ahead and working in partnership with our families ensuring the children reach their potential and get the most out of their time in school. As always, if you have any concerns about your child or school matters please contact us directly.

Mrs Barnes



Newsletters will be available via the App, on the website, by clicking the text link or we will send it by email - if you give us your email address!



# School finishes at 1.15pm on Fridays

## Free School Meals—Information for all families

I am urging everyone who thinks they may be entitled to free school meals to apply. This greatly benefits the school and all of the children as it brings extra money into our budget. As I have previously notified you, all children in reception, year one and year two can have a school meal every day free of charge under a government scheme. This offer does not depend on your household income or whether you receive any benefits – every child in these classes is eligible to have a free school meal every day. Older children of families on certain benefits may also be eligible too.

### What do I need to do for my child to take up the offer of free school meals?

All children of infant age (years Reception to year 2) will be offered a school meal every day free of charge. However, if you already claim free school meals for older children (because you claim certain benefits) or think you may be eligible, you should still claim for them by applying on line on the Staffordshire County Council homepage ; click on Apply and then Free School Meals. This way the school will receive additional funding to spend on your child's education. This amounts to over £1300 per child so as you can imagine this makes a great deal of difference to the school. For more information call in and have a chat or look at the Staffordshire County Council homepage ; Education and Learning ; Apply for Free School Meals box.

We will be holding a coffee morning in school on Friday 28th September between 8.45 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. and would like you to come along and enjoy a cuppa and a cake to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We would really appreciate any cake donations which can be brought into school on Thursday (27th) as well as any contributions towards this cause-thank you.

Denese Hill (our Family Support Worker) will also be holding a coffee morning in school once a month for our current parents on 19th October, 30th November and 14th December 8.45 a.m.—10.00 a.m.

Denese is also available throughout the week to discuss any issues, problems or concerns you may have.



## Health and Safety Reminders

**NO SMOKING** - Our school grounds are 'Smoke Free' zones. This means that SMOKING, including 'vaping' and 'e-cigarettes' are NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON SCHOOL PREMISES BY LAW. If you do smoke or 'vape' please not do so on school grounds Also -please be considerate not to smoke right outside the gates. It is not healthy for children to walk through plumes of smoke to get into school.

**NO DOGS** - Dogs are not allowed on the school site - this includes if you are carrying them. Many of our children have anxieties or allergies and we don't want anyone to be worried.

**NO SWEARING** - Please refrain from using unacceptable language whilst waiting on the playground. We do not allow swearing in school and ask you to follow this while you are on our site.



Thank you for your co-operation on these matters.