

# Weekly Parents Bulletin



## Autumn 1 Week 3 News

### A new way to communicate

Since losing access to Twitter, we have struggled to find a simple, straight-forward means of communicating with you all. This has especially been true when it comes to sharing updates of what your child's class have been learning about or special events they have participated in. We have decided to use Seesaw as our platform for regular, class-level communication and to share small or short notice updates, relevant to just your class. Class teachers have all now set up and posted to a seesaw blog for their class. The blog addresses are below.

<https://app.seesaw.me/blog/bpsreceptionclass>



<https://app.seesaw.me/blog/bpsyear1>



<https://app.seesaw.me/blog/bpsyear2>



<https://app.seesaw.me/blog/bpsyear3>



<https://app.seesaw.me/blog/bpsyear4>



<https://app.seesaw.me/blog/bpsyear5>



<https://app.seesaw.me/blog/bpsyear6>

Each child also has a Seesaw account set up and will be bringing home an individual log in over the next few weeks so you can see examples of work set just for your child. We will send these out as we get the blogs up and running so you are not taking on too much at the same time. Take a look this weekend and see what your child has been up to this week!

# Parent Forum

In previous years, we ran a parent forum at Birdwell Primary. This involves having a termly meeting with several parents who volunteer to be forum members so they can give feedback about what is working well or could improve about school. This is based upon them being members of parent Whatsapp groups and occasionally being available to listen to parent concerns on behalf of those parents who are not as comfortable approaching staff.

In the past, we have found this an invaluable way of picking up on things that we have missed or understanding frustrations from parents points of view. We have also found that it affords us the opportunity to help forum members better understand why some things in school are done a certain way and for them then to communicate this on to other parents. If you would like to volunteer to be a parent forum member, then please let Mrs Sykes or myself know and ask us more about the role.

Spring / Summer Term (Week 1)				
All our kitchens operate under a Nut-free environment				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Southern style burger with wedges (V)	Cheese burger pasta and crusty bread roll	Chicken fillet with Yorkshire pudding and mash potatoes	Traditional all day breakfast	Fish fingers or salmon fingers with chips
Rich pasta bolognaise with garlic bread (V)	Pizza pin wheel with diced potatoes (V)	Vegetable parcel and mash potatoes (V)	Hearty breakfast (V)	Crispy finger wrap with chips (V)
Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), or coleslaw (V)	Sandwich with a choice of cheese (V), jam (V) or tuna	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Sandwich with a choice of cheese (V), jam (V) or tuna	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise
Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with coleslaw and salad (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with beans, tomatoes and mushrooms (VE)	Served with a choice of Peas or beans (VE)
Chefs choice of homemade bake (V)	Yoghurts and fruit (V)	Fruit and Jelly (V)	Raspberry bun (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

Please be aware that we are unable to guarantee a completely allergen-free environment, as foods containing allergens are used in our kitchens

Weeks Commencing:  
 28th Apr / 19th May / 09th Jun /  
 30th Jun / 21st Jul / 1st Sep /  
 22nd Sep / 13th Oct / 03rd Nov

Available daily: Unlimited vegetables (VE)  
 Unlimited fresh water. Selection of fruit (VE).  
 Bread basket (V).  
**V indicates vegetarian and VE for vegan option**

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 BSC Barnsley Schools Catering

## After School Clubs

Mon	Forest School	Mrs Barrott
	Mindfulness	Mrs Millington
	Young Voices	Mrs Rees
Tue	Kids Fitness	Shawny
	Graphics Club	Mr Swallow
Thu	Dance	Shawny
	Yoga	Mrs Moody

Sign up for after-school clubs on the Arbor app now or contact Shawny directly for Fitness & Dance (poster attached)

## Attendance Matters!

Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Reception	98.5%
Year 1	98.9%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	92.7%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	88.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.9%</b>

Autumn 1	Events
1.9.25 2.9.25	<b>INSET days, school closed</b>
3.9.25	<b>Return to school</b>
Birdwell Geography subject focus- <u>"Understanding the UK"</u>	
8.9.25	<b>Freddie Fit</b> Whole school fitness event (Wear PE kits)
12.9.25	<b>Roald Dahl Day.</b> <i>Dress as your favourite character</i>
15.9.25	<i>International Day of Democracy- pupil leader elections</i>
26.9.25	<b>MacMillan coffee morning-</b> 9:00am onwards. <i>Baked donations welcomed</i>
26.9.25	<b>TT Rockstars day-</b> <i>dress as a rock star</i>
30.9.25	<b>Rise and shine Reading event.</b> <i>All parents are invited to read in class with their children</i>
1.10.25	<b>Year 1 parents Phonics workshop.</b>
2.10.25	<b>Year 2 library visit</b> (National libraries week)
3.10.25	<i>National Poetry Day- poetry themed activities in school</i>
8.10.25	<i>Birdwell Black History week begins</i>
14.10.25	<b>Open book evening-</b> <i>History &amp; Geography (3:30 all classes)</i>
17.10.25	<b>Black History Museum</b> <i>(8:30-9:00am and 3:30-4:00pm in hall)</i>
20.10.25	<i>Birdwell Sketching week begins</i>
<b>TBC</b>	<b>School Photos</b> (Individual & siblings)
<b>21.10.25</b>	<b>Open book evening-</b> <i>art sketching (3:30 all classes)</i> <i>Last day of term</i>
22.10.25	<b>Harvest Festival coffee morning-</b> <i>songs and performances in the hall 9:00am-10:30am</i>
23.10.25 & 24.10.25	<b>INSET day, school closed</b>

**Key events** Curriculum coverage In-school events