

Weekly Parents Bulletin



Spring Term Week 1 News

Happy New Year Everyone

Hopefully, you will have all had a merry and restful Christmas break and are ready to get the kids back out of the house and into school! We are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Tuesday.



After School Clubs

Please see the flyer on the next page for upcoming NEW after school clubs in January.

There is an increased after school club offer from Shawny and a reduced offer from school next term. This is due to teaching staff support year 6 with after school booster lessons, ahead of their SATs tests in summer term. January is also when we open up after school clubs to our Reception class so available clubs will be eligible to sign up to for Reception pupils on Arbor when spaces are available

January After School Clubs

Mon	Forest School Young Voices	3:30- 4:30	<i>Mrs Barrott</i> <i>Mrs Rees</i>
Tue	Sports Club Graphics Club	3:30- 4:30 3:30- 4:30	<i>Shawny £18 for 6 weeks</i> <i>Mr Swallow</i>
Wed	Lego Club	3:30- 4:30	<i>Shawny £18 for 6 weeks</i>
Thu	Dance	3:30- 4:30	<i>Shawny £18 for 6 weeks</i>

Breakfast Club

We are pleased to announce that we now have an additional member of staff available for breakfast club. Mrs Rowland has done a fantastic job of offering breakfast club to pupils for the past year (and a bit) all by herself but she is usually so busy ensuring everyone is well fed and happy that she has not been able to spend time actually playing and socialising with the children who attend! Now we have 2 staff available, there will be an extended offer of activities and games available. Sign up for breakfast club is available via Arbor but Mrs Rowland also accepts drop ins from pupils who have not had chance to sign up and updates Mrs Sykes on attendance. The club is priced at £3 per session.

We find that breakfast club is a really great way of also supporting pupils who are finding school drop off or getting ready an issue. Pupils can arrive anytime between 8:00 and 8:30 and still be in time for toast or crumpets. This half an hour window removes some of the stress of arriving at an exact time for families and also avoids issues such as parking or dropping pupils off at a noisy or busy time of the day. If you would like to find out more about the benefits of a 'softer start' to school, please speak to myself or Mrs Atkinson-Swift during drop-off or collection times.

Staffing Update

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Hattersley to the teaching team at Birdwell Primary School. He already has a wealth of teaching experience in Year 2 and will bring some much appreciated knowledge, enthusiasm and stability to our Year 2 class.

I am also very pleased to share that Mr Bennett (our Year 6 teacher 2 days per week and HCAT Director of Teaching and Learning 3 days per week) has agreed to step into the role of Assistant Head Teacher at our school. I have had many conversations with parents recently around the frustrations I have found this year of struggling to reply to parent correspondence personally. We have not had a leadership team, other than myself, since I took the role as Head Teacher, last year and I have struggled to balance my contact role with the pupils and parents of Birdwell primary with the myriad of other duties that are required of my role. Mr Bennett will add some much needed capacity to our team and his wealth of experience as a teacher at Birdwell and as a Director across several HCAT schools will help ensure we can try and maintain the personal relationships with our families that make our school feel special.



Mr Bennett.



Mr Hattersley

Lunch Menu

Autumn / Winter Term (Week 3)

All our kitchens operate under a Nut-free environment



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mac and cheese (V)	BBQ Meat feast pizza	Chicken fillet with Yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes	Crispy chicken burger with diced potatoes	Fish fingers with chips or salmon fingers
Campfire chili and rice (V)	Classic Cheese and tomato pizza (V)	Seasonal vegetable parcel with roast potatoes (V)	Onepot cheese burger pasta and a crusty roll (V)	Crunchy Quorn dippers and chips (V)
Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE) or coleslaw (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	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 a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables or salad (VE)	Served with a choice of Peas or beans (VE)
Chefs choice of home bake (V)	Jam sponge and custard (V)	Fruit Jelly (V) or Yoghurt (V)	Raspberry buns (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

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

Weeks Commencing:
24th Nov / 15th Dec / 05th Jan /
28th Jan / 09th Mar

Available daily: Unlimited vegetables (VE)
Unlimited fresh water. Selection of fruit (VE).
Bread basket (V).



Snack Time

We had to discontinue our playtime tuck shop offer last term due to the fall in demand.

Pupils are still welcome to bring a healthy snack for morning break. However, these must be a healthy alternative such as cereal bar, fruit or a yoghurt. Last term, staff had to intervene when pupils brought out crisps, chocolate bars and sweets at breaktime.

These are not permitted at snack and pupils will be asked to take the items home should they bring them. Please take the opportunity to ensure that your child knows which items are snack and which are lunch in their packed lunches.

And finally...

One of the reasons that working with children is so much fun...you never know what to expect! One of our pupils decided that, of all things, he would come as ME to the Christmas party! I can't say much for his choice of fashion role model but I will say he certainly pulled the look off. He even brought a few alternative shirts to ensure he got one the same as me on the day! All of that effort needed rewarding. So, we decided to play a trick on Year3. Our pupil entered the room and the class thought he was me so they all said, "Good Morning Mr Swallow." He even got them lined up at their classroom door...I'd better watch out for my job!



We've decided that next year, he needs to shave a small bald spot at the back of his head and draw some thick eyebrows on to really nail the look!

Coming in January

Shawny-Leigh's after school clubs

**Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 Sports club
(different sport every week) 6 weeks £18.00**

**Wednesdays 3.30-4.30 Lego club
(classroom based club) 6 weeks £18.00**

**Thursdays 3.30-4.30 dance club
(choreographed routines with end of term performance) 6 weeks £18.00**

**THURSDAYS EXTENDED 3.30-6
dance club followed by arts and crafts 6 weeks £35.00**

All bookable directly with Shawny-Leigh on 07508984539