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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school for another year. We warmly welcome our new children into red class and those joining us from other schools and hope that you will be very happy with us in the years to come.

### **Isle of Wight**

Our Year 5 and 6 children had an amazing week at Kingswood on the Isle of Wight. If you are a regular follower of our Twitter feed, (over 300 photos and videos) you only have to see the smiles on their faces to know this. They are all more confident and standing a little taller this morning ready to face the challenges of the year to come.

### **Meet the Parents**

It is the final meet the teacher session this week for Blue class. We hope you found last week's useful, however if you were unable to make it, then the information can be found on the relevant class page of the website (click on the Classes pencil).

### **Parking**

A reminder please that parents should not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside our school when dropping off or picking up from school. It makes it incredibly difficult to see children crossing the drive if cars are parked there. Our JRSOs are outside in their orange hi-vis vests every morning (weather permitting) seeing children safely into our school.

### **School Website**



Our school website can be accessed from any device and is a great way of keeping up to date with what is on at school. We have a scrolling banner at the top which displays urgent messages and reminders, on the left are our menus and toward the bottom are real time updates of our Twitter feed and parents calendar. Included in some of the menus are English and maths videos filmed and narrated by some of our children. There may even be a voice you recognize!



# SEPTEMBER

## Twitter

If you are a regular Twitter user, please follow us (@birdhamschool) and our updates will appear on your home feed. For those who don't tweet regularly, you can see the information at the bottom of our home page.



## Parents Calendar



Last but not least, on the bottom of the home page of our website is our Parents calendar. If you have a compatible smartphone or tablet, please do subscribe and the events will be synced directly with your device!

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# 2018

## Easy Fundraising

Did you know that school is registered with Easy Fundraising? It is an affiliate program that companies sign up to which helps raise money for good causes. As a shopper, it doesn't cost you any more but the retailers donate a proportion of the profit towards your chosen cause – hopefully us! There are over 2,500 retailers including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Wilko, Clarks, Tesco and Sainsbury's.

All you need to do is to download the easy fundraising toolbar to your web browser (Mac users need to use Firefox) and follow the instructions. There is a link to the easyfundraising home page under the calendar at the bottom left of the school website home page.

## Clubs

There are still spaces on clubs available. Many aren't starting until after half term but please look at the website and see if there are any your child would like to take part in.

Kind regards

Mark McCadden  
HEADTEACHER

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**Dates For your Diary:**

**September 2018**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Meet the teacher (Blue Class) 3.30pm

**October 2018**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> FPTA Movie Night (details to follow)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Book Fair in school hall (after school daily until the 16<sup>th</sup>)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 1 of 2

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Individual School Photographs

Parents Evening 2 of 2

Last day of the book fair

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Assembly

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Half Term starts

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Inset day 2 of 5

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Back to school

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Blue/ Yellow Class Egyptian day

Orange class visit to Chichester Cathedral

**November 2018**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Assembly

**December 2018**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> FPTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> End of Term Service – St James' Church

**January 2019**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Back to school