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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the last half of the summer term. We have some fantastic activities planned for the children during this half so please check the dates at the end of the diary. In the last month we have tweeted over 40 times so please join the other 140 followers on Twitter to see what we are up to! Alternatively, you can view the twitter feed on our website home page.

Dog Safety Assembly

It is fantastic to see so many dogs tied up outside school during the morning drop off and afternoon pickup as it means that lots of you walk to and from school.

One of our parents does puppy training so she came in to assembly to talk to the children about safety around dogs that you don't know.

Thank you very much to the parent involved for giving up your time!



Plant Sale

Once again thank you to our FPTA for organising a brilliant plant sale & family fun morning. Approximately £1,000 was raised for school. Thank you also to the parents & staff who gave up their time to help.

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Outdoor Learning Day

We really had fun with maths outdoors counting slabs in our maze & looking at patterns of planting in our orchard and greenhouse.



There are 200 slabs, how many years did each one represent for the millennium?



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Art in the Aisles



Art in the Aisles took place in the village hall this year – and again Birdham children did us proud. There were chicks & butterflies from Orange & Red classes, pop art from Blue Class, weaving from Yellow Class and Green class had done a mosaic of the old school buildings from the other end of Crooked Lane.

Miss Napper leaving

On the last Friday of half term, sadly we said goodbye to Miss Napper. She had been at Birdham for 11 years, joining us when she was just 17 years old! There were a few tears when the children presented her with their cards and flowers during assembly.

Miss Napper goes to become a full time care team leader for her niece with cerebral palsy and we wish her well in her new role.



Maths Afternoon

Last week we had a maths afternoon – a way to bring some extra creativity back into learning maths. Red class had puzzles, Orange class had snakes & ladders, Green Class played battleships, Yellow Class had Top Trumps and Blue class had to decipher tangrams! All the classes got the opportunity to take part in more than one activity which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

We have now added a series of multiplying & dividing videos to the addition and subtraction ones our website which you can find here:

<http://www.birdhamprimary.co.uk/Resources/Maths.html>



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RNLI Assembly



Another assembly we really enjoyed last month was one given to us by the RNLI. Given that we live so close to some beautiful beaches, it is a good idea to teach the children some safety in and around the water.

We had lifeguards, sailors, people messing around in inflatable boats, and even some children who were flagpoles!

Even though the assembly was great fun, there is a serious message – have fun, but stay safe please!

Upgraded Nature & Pond Area

You may have noticed that our pond area has been upgraded, re dug and the bridge and steps repaired recently.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Woodger Trust, we were able to get this work done. This area supports our Eco Curriculum within which the children get to pond dip for insects and observe wildlife. We will be asking the children to vote soon on a new name for this area. I wonder what the new name will be ...

Next time you are in the playground, have a peep over the fence – you might be surprised by what you see!

Kind regards

Mark McCadden
HEADTEACHER



Dates For your Diary:

June 2017:

12 th – 16 th	Y1 Phonics Week
14 th	200 th Anniversary assembly for former staff
22 nd	Y5 / Y6 Triathlon (weather permitting of course)
23 rd	Y6 Leavers' service at Chichester Cathedral
29 th	Triathlon backup date (weather still permitting of course!)
30 th	Save the Children Den Day

July 2017:

3 rd – 7 th	Home visits for new children entering Reception
4 th	Sports Day (weather permitting of course)
5 th	Transition Day
	Yellow Class visit to <i>Ford Recycling Centre</i>
12 th	Reception children transition morning and <i>New Parents</i> welcome evening at 7.00pm
13 th	Orange & Red Class visit to Arundel Castle
14 th	Annual Pupil Reports to go home
17 th – 19 th	KS2 production week
21 st	Book look and celebration of children's work afternoon
25 th	Last Day (school finishes at 3.10pm)
	Leavers Service at St James' Church, Birdham 9.30am
	Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm



Breakfast Club

Available from 8am at Birdham Pre-School!

Birdham School children will be able to join us for breakfast before being dropped off at school for the start of each day

£4.50 per session including breakfast to be booked in advance.

Open now!

Please pop in, call 01243 514 562 or email office@birdham-preschool.co.uk

to enquire and get a registration form