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Dear Parents and Carers

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Where did February go?! Recently three of our classes have gone on trips and were blessed with great weather. Read about it below **or** on twitter ...

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Twitter



We have set up a school Twitter account! They say pictures speak 1000 words and we're hoping you can see what learning is happening in school from this twitter feed. Follow us **@birdhamschool** or view it on our web homepage.

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Compassion UK

Compassion is a charity that supports children in poverty in developing countries. Our *School Council* came up with the idea of sponsoring children as a way of showing compassion – friendship in action. So children will be writing to and receiving letters from Jhair from Peru and Dinushiak from Sri Lanka.



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So, on **Monday 21st March**, we are holding a "Compassion Colour" day to raise money for *Compassion*. On this day, children need to come into school wearing clothing/accessories in the colour of their class and bring in a donation of at least £1 per child please.

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Also, on **Wednesday 23rd March**, Yellow class are holding a Fairtrade cake sale to raise money for *Compassion*. This will take place after school and those children in Yellow class are asked to stay in school until 3:45pm on that day please. Any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated on this day, but please try to use as many Fairtrade ingredients as you can. Any questions about either of these events, speak to organiser Mr Wilcox.



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Could you be a Parent Governor?

One of our longstanding and very faithful parent governors, Mrs Barth, has decided to stand down as she needs to invest more time in a new venture. As such a vacancy has arisen and if you are interested please read a letter which will be coming out today and / or come and speak to me if you want to know more.

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East Head

Not sure we mentioned last half term, Yellow class - along with the Harbour Conservancy - travelled to East Head beach to complete a beach clean-up. Inspired by the short video, Ren Kyst Got a spare afternoon? (well worth viewing on YouTube!), the children and helpers cleared parts of the beach filling up loads of bags with rubbish. Some of the pictures of the day are on our school website.



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Paultons Park

On Friday the 11th March, Blue and Yellow class visited Paultons Park as part of their Fairground topic. Children took part in a talk about rollercoaster physics before exploring the park, going on as many rides and attractions as possible. Some children even pushed their boundaries by trying rides they never thought they could manage. Thank you to all the adult help who made the trip possible.



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Dance House v2 ~ 2016

Well done to 15 children from Blue class who danced superbly at the second annual Dance competition. Birdham CE Primary School were again asked to close the evening's performance of a dozen schools, with children from KS1 to secondary school participating. I was very proud of them and thank Ms Power for investing so much time into making it a brilliant performance!



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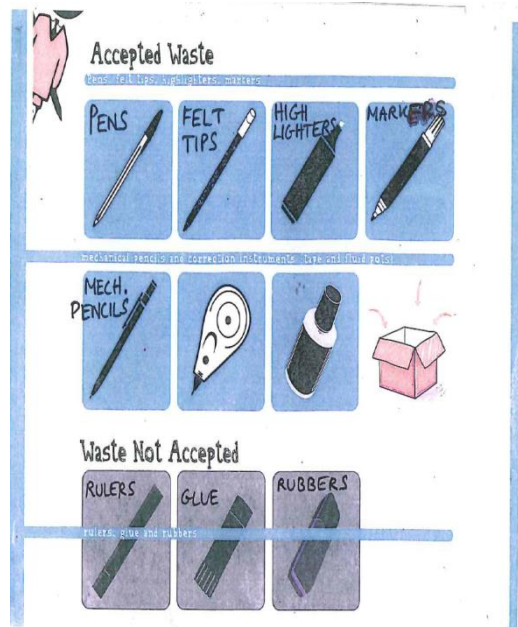
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Recycle recycle recycle

As part of our school recycling scheme the items shown below can be sent away and the school receives money. Also each month Captain Busta is awarded to the class who has recycled the most. Please support your child's class and the school! Thank you all.



Fairtrade fortnight

Once a year we like to remind ourselves about what it is to *fair-trade*. Mrs Quest has certainly motivated children to think deeply about some of the injustices around this issue. We encourage you to watch Sam Pendle's rather awesome animation he created to discuss what its all about! Wow! The link is on twitter and on our ECO webpage.



Magic Mikey

Yellow and Blue class were visited by local magician Mike Fairall, (also a parent), who performed his show for the children to link to their work on Fairgrounds. Children were amazed by his mindreading skills of Mrs Wright and Ms Power and the children loved a trick involving Mr Wilcox and a cup of water! Luckily, he didn't get too wet! Thank you Mr Fairall for a brilliant afternoon.



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Dates for your diaries

Monday 21st March Compassion colour day

Wednesday 23rd March Fairtrade cake sale – Yellow class

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Thursday 24th March 9.30 Easter Service at St James’ Church Birdham
All welcome
Break up for Easter Holidays

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Monday 11th April INSET Day – school closed (our last INSET day)

Tuesday 12th April Back to school

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Friday 15th April Author Day: David Fuller

9th to 13th May Y6 test week

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Wednesday 18th May Class photos

30th May to 3rd June Half Term


Friday 17th June Y6 leavers service at Chichester Cathedral

Friday 22nd July Last day!!!

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kindest regards

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