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Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome to everyone returning from their long summer holiday, I hope you are all ready to work hard! I would particularly like to welcome our littlest children who are very new to school and the six children who have joined us this week from other schools.

### 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!

### 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.



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### 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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### **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.

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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.

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### **Scooter Pods**

You may have noticed two blue and yellow mushrooms on the left hand side of the drive by the bike sheds. These are our new Scooter Pods! Our school council voted for them last term and they were installed over the summer so that they could be used when we started back to school.

They are designed to take 12 scooters each so let's see those scooters parked in there! Please also remind your children that they should not be climbed or jumped on!

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### **Clubs**

As always, we are fortunate to be able to offer a variety of after school and before school clubs operated both by external providers and by our school staff. Please look out for the list coming early next week asking you to sign up *online* for them.

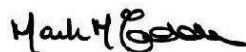
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### **Hot Lunches**

There has been some confusion over whether Key Stage One children are expecting to have a hot or packed lunch. To avoid unnecessary food waste and billing costs, we are asking parents to complete a simple form opting in or out of lunches please. These choices will remain in place until the end of term or when the menu changes, whichever will happen first. Please look out for it coming home with your child this afternoon.

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Kind regards



Mark McCadden  
HEADTEACHER

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**Dates For your Diary:**

**September 2017:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Back to school
- 11 – 15<sup>th</sup> Meet the teacher evenings
- 15<sup>th</sup> NO Sharing Assembly
- 18<sup>th</sup> Before/ After school clubs start

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**October 2017**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Flu vaccinations for all children in Reception to Y4 who have returned their forms
- 13<sup>th</sup> Harvest Assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> Individual Photographs (best smiles please)
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings (Provisional)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Wear it pink day (supporting Save the Children)

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**November 2017**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Blue & Yellow school trip (Provisional)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service
- 21<sup>st</sup> Blue & Yellow Class space museum

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**December 2017**

- 1<sup>st</sup> FPTA Christmas Fayre
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Play
- 14<sup>th</sup> KS2 Carols by Candlelight – Birdham Church
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch and jumper day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Last day and service in Birdham Church

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# 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@birdhampreschool.co.uk](mailto:office@birdhampreschool.co.uk)**

**to enquire and get a registration form**