



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

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Reminder: INSET day closure

We will be closed for staff training tomorrow. We don't often share with you the focus of our staff training, however on reflection I am sure that this is something many of you as parents will be interested to know about. Staff will be attending training together with 9 other Gateshead schools who we work with closely on many school improvement matters as part of the Growth Cluster. The focus of the training tomorrow is on deepening our understanding of trauma informed and child centred practice. Staff will be listening to speakers who are both experienced and expert in supporting children and families who are experiencing adversity; Andi Brierley and Adele Brown.

Centenary Celebrations

It is a very exciting year for us here at Birtley East, as we are celebrating the school being open for 100 years! We are organising events for the time around May Day, later this year. We have some lovely ideas to commemorate the occasion which we will share once finalised. In the meantime, we are hoping to compile old photos and memories from former pupils throughout the years. We need your help to do this! If you have any family or friends who attended Birtley East in the past and have any photos or stories you would be willing to share, we would love to hear from you. They can be sent into the school

email: birtleyeastcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk for the attention of Mrs Ward. You can also bring photos in and we can scan them in school. Thank you!

Payments for Breakfast and After School Care

Miss Smith is now calculating charges on a **monthly** basis, if you have any queries about payments please get in touch with her via the main school office.

Newsletter Attachments

There are various attachments coming out with this week's newsletter about community activities you or your children might be interested in.

World Book Day: Friday 6th March

We have moved our celebration of World Book Day to the Friday due to year 5 going swimming on a Thursday and us wanting to celebrate the day together.

On the day after World Book Day we will be celebrating as follows:

- Early Years (nursery and reception) can come to school dressed for a bedtime story, all other children (Years 1-6) can come dressed for a bedtime story **or** in book character costume.
- Library visits are being looked at for the time around World Book Day
- We are going to pair up classes to share books.
- Teachers will be choosing age appropriate book themed activities to do on the day with their class.

Childcare Provision: Children can now be in school from 7.45am to 6pm each day.

To register for **Breakfast Club** please email birtleyeastcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk

To register for **Wrap Around Provision after school** please complete this form: [After School Wrap Around Provision Registration Form - Fill in form](#)

Contact number for Wrap Around Provision after school office hours: **07734-569973**

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