



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

2024-25 | 24th January 2025

Weather Conditions

Thankfully the majority of children have attended school today despite the weather conditions. The children were allowed in a little early this morning as the wind began to strengthen and have been kept inside today for the whole day. They will not be out at lunchtime or this afternoon. We have got some tiles dislodged from our roof and there is some flying debris. Our bins are secured and being monitored. **If the weather conditions continue like this for the remainder of the afternoon (which they are expected to do so), ALL children will be dismissed from the main entrance on Highfield.** Gates to the site at the south (Selkirk) end will remain locked and there will be no access along the front of the school building for everyone's safety. Children will be dismissed at 3.20pm in the following order:

Reception & Y1
Year 1 & 2
Year 3 & 4
Year 5 & 6

Staff will call out the year groups being dismissed so those parents can come forwards. We will dismiss whole family groups with the youngest sibling in school.

Children may therefore come out a little later than usual. Nursery children will be dismissed at 3.30pm from the main door, if we are still dismissing the older children we will slot nursery in at their usual home time.

I hope this is understandable as the conditions at present mean that I do not consider it safe to dismiss children from their usual doors.

Children absent today due to the weather will receive an unauthorised absence mark as this is protocol when school is open.

It would be our preference that all children are collected by an adult today due to the **weather conditions**. Children who usually walk home themselves will be able to do so but we will hold them in school and dismiss them last so that any parents who would prefer to come and collect them can do so. We will only dismiss those older children when we are sure that no adult has come for them.

Forest School club is still on after school but all sessions are indoors today. If any parents would prefer to collect children in the club at their usual time rather than coming out later that

Aiming Higher, Achievement for All





will be fine those children will come up with their classes in any case whilst we are dismissing the rest of the school.

PE and Football Kits

Please remember to send children's full PE kits into school for their lessons. Footballers in football club should have their full, warm, kit, shin pads and gloves and hats.

Reception and Year 1 Visit

Please remember to make your contribution payment for the above visit, we are keeping visits under review and will be arranging less visits for those classes we are getting lower contributions from as we cannot subsidise visits from our school budget in the way that we could in the past.

Time Capsule

We had a fantastic assembly on Tuesday from Highways England who have put together a time capsule which the children helped to fill and which has been buried on our school site. It is due to be opened in 50 years. We are keeping the location of the time capsule marked on a map in school so that it does not become lost as has happened to a previous time capsule some of you may remember being buried if you attended Birtley East - no-one knows exactly where that one is!

[Birtley East Community Primary School - Time Capsule](#)

