**Birtley East School Times**

22nd September 2023

**Macmillan coffee afternoon**

We will be holding our Macmillan coffee afternoon next Friday 29th September from 2:30pm in the hall. We hope you can join us for a cuppa and a cake!

We will be welcoming in any donations of cakes from Wednesday next week.

**Football Team News**

Our school football team played last night against St Joseph's Juniors and Kibblesworth Academy. We lost the first game against St Joseph's in a close match with a final score of 2-1 and won the second match against Kibblesworth with a score again of 2-1. The team played brilliantly, both games were exciting and full of quality football. Well done everyone!

Next week we will be playing at Kibblesworth Academy against Kibblesworth and Portobello Primary, 4-5pm, if anyone would like to come and support the team.

**Prizes for 20 house points**

This term, children gaining 20 house points will receive a token instead of a badge and these tokens can be exchanged in our new token shop which is being established over the next week by the school council with Mrs Ward. The shop will have a range of small to larger items and some privilege vouchers. The children can exchange either one token for something small or they can save their tokens for something bigger. Any children achieving 20 house points so far this term have been recorded and will be issued with tokens once the school council get the system in place.

**Dates for your diary**

*In addition to the dates below, we are arranging a meeting for year 4 parents about the multiplication tables check, the date for this is being finalised.*

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| Date | Details |
| 29-9-23 | Macmillan Coffee Morning – PM in school |
| 17-10-23 & 19-10-23 | Parents Evening and Halloween Swap Shop – send in your unwanted costumes to swap! |
| 26-10-23; 3.30pm | Phonics meeting for parents |
| 27-10-23 | Halloween dress up day (whole school), Early years Stay and Play (Nursery am, Reception pm) |
| **WB 30-10-23** | **Half term** |
| 10-11-23 | Be Bright Be Seen |
| 13-11-23 | Y1 Reading Workshop |
| 15-11-23 | Y5 Reading Workshop |
| 16-11-23 | Y6 Reading Workshop |
| 17-11-23 | Y4 Reading Workshop |
| 21-11-23 | Reception Reading Workshop |
| 24-11-23 | Y3 Reading Workshop |
| 27-11-23 | School photos |
| 28-11-23 | Y2 Reading Workshop |
| 29-11-23 | M&M Beauty and the Beast Panto in school (1pm) |
| 30-11-23 | Nursery Oracy/Reading Workshop |
| 7-12-23 | Santa Run\* and Christmas School Lunch \* Change of focus! (The children will also be able to wear a Christmas jumper if they want.) |
| WB 11-12-23 | Christmas performances |
| 15-12-23 | Nasal Flu Vaccines |
| WB 18-12-23 | Christmas parties |
| 22-12-23 | Carols in the hall (pm), end of term |
| **Tuesday** 9-1-24 | Start of spring term (8-1-24 is a staff INSET day) |

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