



9th July 2024

Dear Families

...and here it is, the final newsletter of the year. Another year has flown by at Birdsedge First and I find myself once again reflecting on the successes we have had. This year saw our pupil numbers pick up significantly and our expected new starters in September are continuing this upward trajectory. The new school year will see our pupil numbers getting back into the 50s and an expansion of our staff team with Mrs Cotton joining us for our growing Early Years and Key Stage 1 numbers. Once again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the ongoing support from you all as families and thank you for being such champions of our little school. There is going to be one other small change in September to get used to, please check out the name change box below. We have a few more wonderful events to look forward to during these last few days and a very special goodbye and good luck to make to our Year 5 children. I wish you all the best Summer Holiday break when it gets here and already look forward to another super year with you all in the new term. Miss B 😊

Curriculum Updates

We have been doing lots of work in the background this term on how we share and involve you in our curriculum offer in school. Next week I will be sharing a booklet of the topics for the year ahead for each class and some important dates for how you can get involved if you wish. Some highlights to look out for:

- Regular Class Assemblies where children will present learning from that half term's topic
- Parent Workshops – including focus on Core Subjects and also support for those children with SEND
- Drop down themed weeks or days to enhance learning
- Improved approach to Homework

Name Change

In September I will be reverting back to my Maiden Name – Miss Barker. Don't worry if you forget or it takes some time to get used to...I just wanted to explain any changes to sign offs on letters and communications – it is still me! My new email will be dbarker@themast.co.uk

Thank you 😊

Communication

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<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>

<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdsedge>

Friends of Birdsedge

The funds FoB have raised over this year have been once again amazing and significant in improving the offer and opportunity for all our pupils. We have put together some dates for the year ahead for your information and planning and thank you in advance for any ways that you can support them. Some dates coming up in the short term and for longer term planning for big events are below:

Friday 4th October: Quiz Night 6:30–9pm here at school

Thursday 24th October: Children's Spooky Disco 3:30–5pm

Friday 13th December: Christmas Fair 3:30–6pm here at school

Friday 7th February: Break the Rules Day for children. Adult Singo Bingo here at school

Thursday 13th February: Children's Valentines Disco 3:30–5pm

Friday 9th May: Pamper Night here at school

Friday 23rd May: Maypole Celebration Afternoon – cream teas provided by Friends of Birdsedge

Colour Run: Wednesday 4th June

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 10th July: 2:30pm Year 5 Leavers Assembly in the hall

Wednesday 10th July: 3:30pm – 6pm Summer Fair

Friday 19th July: Special Final Celebration Assembly of the school year

Friday 19th July: Last Day of the school year, school then closes for the Summer Holiday.

Tuesday 3rd September: School Re-opens after the Summer Holiday

Look out for the Parent Calendar coming out next week for further dates for the new school year.

HD8 Network

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