



# Lydgate Junior School

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November 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear Year 5 Parents,

## Christmas Science Lecture Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>

Once again, we have been invited to attend the Sheffield University Schools' Christmastime Lecture. The inspirational Prof Tim Birkhead will present an interactive talk entitled 'The Life of Birds' at **11am on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of November in the Octagon Centre**. Tim is a Fellow of the Royal Society and in 2017 was awarded UK Bioscience Teacher of the Year by the UK Society of Biology, in honour of his inspirational teaching and longstanding passion for research in the field. You may have seen him on the recent David Attenborough programme 'The Wonder of Eggs'!

The event will involve exciting demonstrations, experiments, incredible images and audience participation. Following the lecture the children will have a chance to look at specimens and demonstrations up close and to talk to some of Sheffield University's students and staff about science and what it's like to be a scientist.

As always, the aim of this event is to inspire the children of Sheffield by introducing them to scientific research, showing them how fascinating life on earth is and demonstrating how much fun learning can be. The university also hope to demystify the University and provide the children with learning aspirations.

We will be setting off from school on foot at about 9.45 am and returning by about 1.45 pm. Your child will need to wear full school uniform, a coat and sensible shoes for walking in. They will also require **a packed lunch** on that day.

We will need a maximum of three parents per class to accompany this trip and would really appreciate it if you could support us in escorting so many children as they walk to the Octagon. Please indicate if you are able to help on the slip below.

Sheffield University have asked if they are able to photograph the children taking part in demonstrations. These photographs may be used on their website and in promotional material. In addition, some photographers from local papers may be present. Please indicate on the slip below if you do **NOT** want your child to be photographed.

You only need to return the slip if you can help on the trip or if you DO NOT want your child to be photographed.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Year 5 Team

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Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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- I can help on the trip. Name of Helper: \_\_\_\_\_
- I **DO NOT** want my child to be photographed.



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