



Birches First School *Believe, Grow, Succeed*

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Spring Term. Birches Value: **Curiosity** British Value: **Democracy**

Dear Parents,

The children settled back into school sensibly and quickly after the Christmas holidays and the school is a buzz with activity and learning which is lovely to see. I think we are all pleased to see February approaching as those little signs that Spring is on it's way will start to appear here and there. It is a lovely time of year as we see the world around us begin to burst into life again. Please do visit our school website where you will find a range of information about life at Birches. Your feedback is important to us; if there is something you would like more information about please let us know and we will try our best to assist!

Please see below for further information and dates for your diary.

Best wishes,

Mrs. J Ferretti.



A polite reminder to all parents to please supervise their children closely and ensure that children keep to footpaths at all times when walking through the carpark.

Kingswood Parents Meeting

On **Wednesday 5th February at 6pm** we will be holding a meeting for Year 4 children and parents to share information about the arrangements for the upcoming residential to Kingswood. We would ask for all children to attend with at least one parent please. If you are unable to attend please notify Mrs Ferretti or Mrs Cain.

Book Week/World Book Day/Book Fair

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a Nursery Rhyme character or character from their favourite book. Please could children bring a copy of the book in to school with them to share with their classes. Our Book Fair will be open after school from **Thurs 5th to Tues 10th March**.

School Fund

Thank you for your School Fund donations. We invite families to donate £1 per week to our School Fund—these donations are vital in helping to support the wide range of resources and extra-curricular activities we offer. Donations can be paid via ParentPay.

After School Clubs...

Monday: **Miss Hulme's Writers**
Parents notified

Monday: **Coding Club (Y3/4)**
(starting Spring 2) Cost: £5.50 3.15-4.30pm

Tuesday: **Be Active Football (Y3/Y4)**
Cost: £3.50



Tuesday: **Miss Wenlock's Dance Club**
(Rec/Y1) 3.15-4.00pm

Thursday/Friday: **Keyboards (Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4)**
7.50am/8.20am

Thursday: **Multi Sports (Y3/Y4)**
Cost: £3.50

Thursday: **Mrs Stubb's Phonics Club**
Parents notified

Thurs/Fri: **Miss Hulme's Maths club**
Parents notified

Friday: **Club El Cactus Spanish (YR/1/2/3/4)**
Cost: £8.00



Friday: **Choir (Y3/4)**
3.15-4.00pm

Returning soon...Theatre Club!

Dismissal arrangements.

Thank you to all parents for your patience over the last few weeks with dismissal arrangements. The poor weather and congestion with 3 classes collecting from the back of school led to some extremely muddy areas which made the walk to and from these classes to collect difficult.

Last week we began our trial of Reception and Nursery children exiting via the field gate, following the route back onto the footpath by the front office. This system seems to be working well and will hopefully continue to ease the congestion around the site.

Our partnership between parents and school is very important to us and we are very proud to have established such positive links. Our open door policy remains in place so please do ask to speak to a member of staff should you feel the need to discuss anything.

Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance as they are likely to be best placed to respond/answer your questions. Staff will be happy to speak with you at the end of the day when possible or give you a call back at their earliest convenience—I'm sure you will appreciate that staff are very busy during the day! Whilst some conversations can be had on the playground, please do ask if you feel you would like to discuss something more privately. Likewise, a member of staff may request for you to join them in school to enable you to speak in private.

I will continue to be available on the gate in the mornings and at the end of the day whenever possible and will be happy to receive and pass on quick messages and answer any day to day questions you may have.

Birches Values;

Believe Independence Respect Curiosity Honesty Enthusiasm Success
Our Mission Statement;
Believe, Grow, Succeed

February Diary Dates -

3rd - Year 1 Sparkle Day

5th - Young Shakespeare workshop Y3/4

10th—Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm

11th— Cross Country Event St Nics 2pm

14th—School Council Fundraising Day / PFA Donut sale

17th - 21st Half term holiday.

3rd—FGB meeting 6pm

5th—Y4 Kingswood meeting 6.00pm

11th—Safer Internet Day

12th—Parents Evening 5.30-8.00pm

March Diary Dates -

2nd - Year 2 trip to ThinkTank

5th-10th—Book Fair

19th—Football match at CHS 4pm

27th— Y4 Class Assembly 2pm

Sunday 29th—PFA Easter egg Hunt 10.30-1.30pm

3rd April—Easter assembly / End of term

20th April—School opens for the Summer term.

5th —World Book Day

11th-13th—Y4 Kingswood residential

26th—Tag Rugby at PFS

6th-17th April—Easter Holidays.



(Please see Diary Dates on our school website for whole year—subject to change).