



# Birches Bulletin



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Spring term Birches Value: **Honesty** British Value: **Mutual Respect**

Dear Parents...

...welcome back to school! I would like to express my sincerest thanks to our parents and carers for your incredible patience and flexibility during our latest closure.

I understand the enormous responsibility and challenges that Remote Learning placed on parents, carers, and children as you had to create time, space, routine, and support for learning at home. I realise that many of our families are experiencing a difficult time and thank you so much for your support as we work through this crisis together.

Yesterday there was a wonderful buzz within school! All staff were delighted to have the children back, sharing stories, filling the school full of sound- chatting, fun and laughter! How we have missed a busy school!

The next four weeks and the following term are going to be very busy ones with lots going on in all classes. We have carefully planned our lessons to ensure our focus is on our children's well-being over the next couple of weeks, committing time to their personal, social and emotional development at the core of all we do.

I am busy planning the Summer Term with staff and am both excited and hopeful that events such as Sports Day will happen...details to follow!

Best wishes,

Miss Varricchione

## Comic Relief

We will be supporting Comic Relief on Friday 19th March. Donations of £1 are invited for Children to wear the colour **red** and wear their Comic Relief merchandise (Red Noses/T-Shirts etc.) if they have any via Parent Pay.

We are following the theme of 'Share a Smile' and are inviting the children to come to school with a joke to share with their class and friends at playtime.

### Y3/4 Football Club



From Monday 15th March Mrs Burkitt and Mrs Lawley will be running our school Football Club. Mrs Burkitt has a wealth of experience and is thoroughly looking forward to training, supporting and developing our footy superstars!

**Mondays until 4pm.**

Children to come to school in Birches Games Kit. They are invited to bring football boots and shin pads.

### Attendance

Please do remember to notify the school office if your child is absent from school. A reminder that planned absences can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and as such, these absences are marked as unauthorised.

### PFA Events



As you are aware the PFA are busy organising an Easter Egg Hunt around the village please support this family fun activity.



Saturday 3rd April 10am—3pm. £2 per child

### Summer Fayre

Sunday 27th June 12pm-4pm



Following our PFA Meeting last week I am delighted to announce that we have started to plan and prepare for our Summer Fayre! Hopefully this event will take place in line with the Government's Roadmap out of Lockdown.



If you have any ideas, or can help in any way we would really appreciate it.

Please see the office if you can help-even the smallest of jobs are SO appreciated-*many hands make light work!*

### Y4 Kingswood Visit

We are awaiting to hear if our residential to Kingswood will take place. We will do what we can to ensure this event does happen. Unfortunately, this decision may be enforced upon us due to availability and cost. We will keep you informed.

## School Fund and Nursery Fund

Thank you for your School Fund donations. These donations of £1 per week provide vital funding for the wide range of activities and events we are proud to be able to offer. School fund contributions can be paid termly through your child's ParentPay account.

## INSET DAYS

Please see below for our INSET Days 2021- 2022

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Nursery Reminder... Applications for September 2021—deadline 26th March.

Please see our website for details.

Applications should be made *direct* to the school office.



## March & April Diary Dates - (whole year is on our website)

8th March	Return to school
15th March	Y3/4 Football club starts
29th March	Parent Interviews- separate letter to follow
1st April	Break Up for Easter 2.15pm
3rd April	PFA Easter Egg Hunt
19th April	Return to School



### AMENDED DATES:

Sports Day Thursday 1st July

EYFS 9.30am

Y1-Y4 1.15pm

## Birches Values;

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