

# Birches Bulletin

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Summer Term Birches Value: **Success**

British Value: **All Topics**

(Individual Liberty/Rule of Law/Democracy/Mutual Respect)

Dear Parents

As I am writing this, the rain is falling heavily on our new roof...one thing we can be certain of is that there are no leaks now ...what a way to test the new roof out with all the rain we've had! Hopefully, the weather will improve and we will have some sunshine soon, more importantly the children can enjoy being outdoors during half term!

A new Senior Leadership Team...

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Hulme was appointed by the Governors and CEO as Assistant Headteacher with SEND responsibility on Friday. Miss Hulme will be working closely with Mrs Ferretti and I over the next half term in preparation for her new role in September.

Mrs Mogey has taken over the role as Early Years Leader for the school and will be leading the Early Years Team (Nursery/Reception Classes and Staff) into an exciting phase implementing the new Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. I am delighted that both Miss Hulme and Mrs Mogey are continuing their professional development at Birches.

Preparations are well underway for September as you can see, further to this I will be writing to you later in the month informing parents of our staffing structure for September 2021.

The PFA are also busy with their preparations for the Summer Fayre, currently as it stands we are going to proceed. There may be some forms of restrictions depending upon the new variant and if any further government guidance is released. We will ensure our Risk Assessments are in place and that the safety and well-being of everyone attending is our priority. We currently are raising funds for a replacement to our canopy on the playground, new library books and a set of ipads...every penny counts!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term, stay safe and we'll see on **Monday 7th June** for our last half term of 2020/2021.

## Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 1st July**

**Early Years Sports** (Nursery & Reception)- 9.30-11.00am

**Y1-4 Sports**- 1.15-3.00pm

Further details will be communicated to you following the possible lifting of final restrictions. If final restrictions are not lifted, Sports Day **WILL** take place but within Key Stage bubbles.



I am very keen for the children to have this opportunity after missing last year's Sports Day.

## Kingswood Y4 Residential 23rd-25th June

I am delighted that our residential to Kingswood is going ahead! The Year 4s are so excited! The visit will be part of their final memories of their time at Birches, I know they will look back at this experience fondly and reminisce for years to come!

A Teams Meeting has been organised to inform parents of the residential. We will be so sad to see our Y4s leave, they're a remarkable class who have ALWAYS made Birches proud!

### Clubs



Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Football</u>	<u>Multi-Skills</u>	<u>Keyboards</u>	<u>Keyboards</u>
Y3/4	Y1/2	Y1/2	Y3/4
3.15-4pm	3.15-4pm	7.50am-8.30am	7.50am - 8.30am
Mrs. Burkitt	Mrs. Burkitt	Mrs. Leister-Hand	Mrs. Leister-Hand
Mrs. Lawley	Miss Hulme		
Miss. Lawley	Mrs. Lawley		

It has been wonderful to see the children on the field all enjoying Football Club and Multi-Skills. A HUGE 'Shout Out' to Mrs. Burkitt, Mrs. Lawley, Miss. Lawley and Miss. Hulme for giving up their own time to make this happen.

I know the children are having the best time ever from the laughter and smiles I am seeing!

### Hot Dinner Menu Changes

Mrs. Blakeway is excited to cook up our new Birches Bites Menu from Monday 7th June.

The menu is very difficult to prepare as Mrs. Blakeway prides herself in cooking most dishes from scratch and following the food agencies standards with precision ensuring school lunches fulfil the requirements and are appealing to the children.

Please take a look at the menus that will be uploaded to our website shortly, we hope that the children find the changes appealing and we will be receiving their feedback.

### Summer Fayre and PFA News

Plans are now well under way!! This year's fayre will be held on **Sunday 27th June 12pm**. Raffle tickets and requests for volunteers will be sent home shortly; please return as soon as possible.

I am delighted to announce we have some wonderful stalls and some fabulous prizes including a signed Wolverhampton Wanderers 'Neves No 8' shirt!

We are hoping that this will be the start of our Birches Family coming to together for the first time since March 2020.

## INSET DATES FOR 2021/2022

Please note the 5 INSET days below, school will be closed for children in addition to the Holidays listed below in the Term Dates.

Wednesday 1st September

Friday 22nd October

Tuesday 4th January

Monday 28th February

Monday 6th June

### Term Dates:

#### Autumn Term (2021)

Term Starts: Thursday 2nd September

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Term ends: Friday 17 December

Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

#### Spring Term (2022)

Term Starts: Wednesday 5th January

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Term ends: Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

#### Summer Term (2022)

Term starts: Monday 25 April

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Term starts: Tuesday 7 June

Term ends: Thursday 21 July

Holiday: Friday 22 July – Friday 2 September

Term starts: Tuesday 6 September

### Birches Values;

Belief Independence Resilience Curiosity Honesty Enthusiasm Success

Our Mission Statement;

Believe, Grow, Succeed