



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed ...
...to be the best 'me' I can be.

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British Value: **All Fundamental British Values**

Birches Value: **Success (Belief)**

June Newsletter

Dear Parents...

What a busy time we have had. Firstly, I would like to say a HUGE congratulations to Year Two, who completed their SATs during May. They have performed incredibly well, and I am very proud of their progress and achievements since September well done all of you!



A huge thank you to staff, parents and the children for the effort that went into our Jubilee Celebrations. The Crown Competition was one of the most difficult competitions we have hosted, they were MAGNIFICENT! Thank you to Mrs Ash for being chief judge! The performance on Friday was delightful – the confidence of the children to speak and dance was incredible I was so proud of each and every one of them...it topped off an amazing week!



We hope that you enjoyed the Queen's Biscuits and Medals that were sent home along with the Jubilee badge which was funded by the PFA to mark the Platinum Jubilee. During Sports Day, please do venture over to see our 'Tree for the Jubilee' that was planted by our School Councillors! Thank you to **Codsall and Wergs Garden Centre** for the donation - it is stunning!

The commemorative piece of artwork that was the backdrop for our performance is truly magnificent and indeed special because all the Birches children made their own patchwork tile. It will be hung in the hall as a keepsake for many years to come to remind us of the momentous occasion.

We have an incredibly busy last half term ahead with many exciting activities planned and most importantly the opportunity for children to spend time in their new classes. Preparations will begin for our fabulous Year 4s who will fly the Birches nest- I am sure they will treat us to an amazing Leavers' Show!

June celebrates Father's day and we would like to mark this by inviting all Dads or Grandfathers or any special male adult to join the children for a Father's Day Lunch. Letters will be sent out this week, we hope as many Dads/Uncles/Grand/Grandfathers etc can make it!

Here's to a fantastic final half term!

S Varricchione

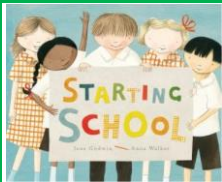
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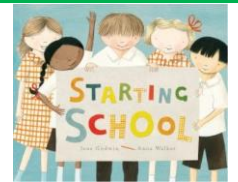
Staffing Arrangements 2022/2023 Class Details:

Nursery: Mrs Lloyd, **Reception:** Mrs Buckley, **Y1:** Mr Jones,
Y2: Miss Hulme and Mrs Petrylak **Y3:** Mrs Kandola and Mrs Hine **Y4:** Mrs Hill

We are delighted to welcome our new teaching staff to the Birches Team. We will be saying 'Good Bye and Good Luck' to Mrs Mogeey and Miss Owen who will be onto ventures new, Governors and staff wish them both all the best and thank them for their hard work at Birches.



PALS Visits



Induction visits for new Nursery children will take place on
Wednesday June 15th, 22nd, 29th and July 6th.

We also look forward to welcoming our new Reception children into school for the morning of **Wednesday 29th June** and **all day on Wednesday 6th July.**

Whole school transition will also take place on these days with children visiting their new classes and teachers. Children are to go directly to their new classrooms in the mornings.

Children will be dismissed from their **NORMAL** Class on Wednesday 29th June and dismissed from their **NEW** class on Wednesday 6th July i.e:-

Current CLASS	Collection
Reception	Year 1 (around the back by Nursery)
Year 1	Year 2 on the playground
Year 2	Year 3 on the playground
Year 3	Year 4 Mobile (back door by canopy)

Year 4 children going to Codsall Middle School will spend the day on BOTH of above days.

In the morning, to ease with transition Class Signs will be placed on the playground for children to line up and teachers will come to greet their new classes.



Sun Protection

As the weather becomes warmer, we are aware that some children may be particularly sensitive to exposure to the sun. Please apply an all-day sunscreen before your child comes to school.

Children should not bring sunscreen into school.

Please remember sun hats and water bottles every day.



PFA Summer Fayre

The PFA are also busy with their preparations for the Summer Fayre. We currently are raising funds for new library books, another set of iPads and hopefully to buy some books to support our Reading Scheme so that children receive a physical book every 6 weeks alongside their E Books (to buy this would cost school £18,000) so...every penny counts!

We hope it will be a sunny, wonderful family day out!

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 30th June** (weather permitting).

Early Years Sports (Nursery & Reception)- 9.00-10.00am
Y1-4 Sports- 10.30-12.00 pm

As Sports Day is split between EYFS and Main School we are permitted under our Health and Safety compliance to allow more spectators. We welcome all family members and pre-school siblings to attend. We are looking forward to a great morning!

If you can make/buy a cake for our refreshment stall they would greatly be received!

The PFA needs help with refreshments; Y1-Y4 parents in the morning 9-10 am and Nursery/Reception parents 10.20-12pm. Please volunteer if you can.

T H A N K Y O U !

Well done... Birches Cricket Team

Our cricket team took part in the South Staffs Dynamos Cricket event on Monday 23rd May and played superbly. So superbly that they have qualified for the final in Shrewsbury on 22nd June.

Well done Birches Cricket Club, I am SO proud of you all - SUPER STARS!
Go and give it your best on the 22nd and have fun!

Adult helpers

Do you have 10-20 minutes spare to help listen to readers-before the end of school or at drop off? Do you have a morning or afternoon free in which you could help in school?

If you can help in any way, we would love to welcome you in to school.

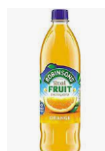
Please contact the school office and we can discuss arrangements.

Thank you.



PFA Chocolate/Bring a Bottle Donation Day

Children are invited to bring to school a chocolate bar and/or a bottle and wear their own clothes for the day on **Wednesday 15th June 2022**. These donations will be most welcomed for the Summer Fayre!



Thank you

Parking

Unfortunately, yet again I have received emails from residents in the street about parents' parking. Please note parking on yellow lines during the restricted times is not allowed nor is waiting allowed. I thank all of you who do park legally and considerately.

I have emailed and apologised to a resident as he was verbally assaulted by a parent. I plead for you to please remember when you are dropping off and picking up that children are around and we as adults are role models for our wonderful children and should be mindful of language and how we conduct ourselves. Parents did email in to say they had witnessed this, hence why I must address the situation.

Please do park safely and legally, thank you.

Birches Girls and Boys Football Team

We continue to participate in the local schools Summer Tournament. We have lost some and won some...HOWEVER the teams have played their very best, they have shown tremendous bravery, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and teamwork. I couldn't be prouder of them regardless of the outcome.

We have our final match on Thursday 23rd June at Perton First, I will be there as their Number 1 Fan supporting these fantastic sportsman/ladies.

Thank you to Mrs Burkitt and Mrs Lawley for coaching them and to Josh Burkitt who has been our referee without you this wouldn't have been possible!

GO BIRCHES GO!!

Dates for the Diary	
7 th June	Welcome back all!
7 th -10 th	Y1 Phonic Screening Check
7 th - 24 th	Y4 Multiplication Timetable Check
9 th	Perton Academy Vs Birches First (Away)
10 th	NSPCC Childhood Day
15 th	Nursery/Reception Visits Bring a Bottle/Chocolate Bar to school Day Nursery Father's Day Lunch
16 th	Reception Father's Day Lunch
17 th	Y1 Father's Day Lunch
20 th	Y4 Father's Day Lunch
21 st	Y3 Father's Day Lunch
22 nd	Y4 Cricket District Finals-Good luck! Y2 Father's Day Lunch
22 nd	Nursery/Reception Visits
23 rd	Football Match Perton First v Birches – Good luck
26 th	Summer Fayre
29 th	Induction morning for all classes Y4-Whole Day at Codsall Middle-Have fun!
30 th	Sports Day EYFS-9am Y1-4- 10.30am
JULY	
6 th	Induction Day-all children to their new class for the whole day.

Safeguarding

Please see below Birches Safeguarding Team. Safeguarding is all staff's responsibility and at Birches we have a strong Safeguarding Culture. All staff are Level 1 trained and everyone below has received Level 1/2/3 Safeguarding Training. (Miss Varricchione Level 4 in addition).

Miss S Varricchione Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead		Miss S Hulme Assistant Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Year 2)	
Mrs G Lloyd Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Year Nursery)		Mrs C Banks Club Manager/Y3 Teaching Assistant Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	



Protect and safeguard the welfare of all our children.



Please contact school if you have any concerns and outside of school hours, or on weekends and bank holidays, please contact Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Service Emergency Duty Team by phoning **0345 604 2886**.

Academic Year 2022- 2023

Please note the following Inset Days for your diaries:-

Monday 5th September 2022

Monday 31st October 2022

Friday 17th February 2023

Friday 26th April 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Inset day: Monday 5 September

Term starts: Tuesday 6 September

Holiday: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Holiday: Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 3 January

Holiday: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Term ends: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September

Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Birches Values:

Belief Independence Resilience Curiosity Honesty Enthusiasm Success

Our Mission Statement;

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