



Birches First School

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

Key Dates for March 2025

Dear Parents,

In response to the survey, I am trying not to overwhelm you with information! We were delighted that Birches First School won the Tag Rugby Tournament! In addition, Birches did marvellously at Aldersley Leisure Centre on the 5th! Thank you to Mrs Burkitt and Mr Barbe for taking the children! A huge thank you to the parents for being a 'taxi-service' we couldn't attend without your help, so I am very appreciative. WELL DONE BIRCHES!!



Diary Dates for March:

Friday 7th March: Y4 Wolseley Centre Trip

Friday 7th March: Y1 Parent Lunch

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day

Wednesday 12th March: Book Fare Arrives in School

Friday 14th March: Y1 Art Gallery

Wednesday 19th March: Y4 Laches Wood

Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day

Wednesday 26th March: Y3 Cardmill Valley

Wednesday 26th March: Y4 Parent Lunch

Thursday 27th March: Y2 Multi-Sports

Monday 31st March: Easter Bonnets into School

April

Friday 4th April: School Council's School Disco! Details to Follow

Tuesday 8th April: **YN/R** Easter Bonnet Parade/Special Awards **2pm**

Wednesday 9th April: **Y1/2** Easter Bonnet Parade/Special Awards **2pm**

Thursday 10th April: **Y3/4** Easter Bonnet Parade/Special Awards **2pm**

Friday 11th April: Y4 Bikeability **BREAK UP-NORMAL TIME**

Monday 28th April: Return to School

Key Notices and Reminders:

Summer Uniform

Children are invited to wear their Summer Uniform on return from the Easter Holidays. Please note **Jumpsuits** and **Culottes** are not part of our school uniform. Girls are welcomed to wear grey shorts if they wish. For more details, please see our website. <http://www.birches.staffs.sch.uk/uniform/>

Litter

Could I please remind parents to pass on the message to anyone who also picks up, that we ask that you are completely off the school premises before opening any after-school goodies! We have seen an increased amount of litter on the path, which makes the school look unsightly and is certainly not the message we want visitors to gain when coming to our school! Thank you.

Mobile Phones

Please ensure that phones remain in bags and pockets during drop off and collection, we do this to keep in line with Safeguarding our children. Please again pass this message to anyone who collects.

Asda Cashpot

Thank you to everyone who helped with this cash initiative, I have received an email to congratulate us that we have raised **£250!** Thank you to everyone who has shopped at Asda to help us raise this amount of money.

First Aid

All staff received a First Aid renewal during our INSET Day, this is a measure we pride ourselves with, that all staff have First Aid Training alongside relevant staff with Paediatric First Aid training and First Aid at Work held by myself and Outdoor First Aid held by Mrs Burkitt.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Children are invited to bring an Easter Bonnet into school from **Monday 31st March – Friday 4th April**. Spring Special Award Certificates will be presented during the parade, and Easter winners will be announced....G O O D L U CK!

Nursery morning children are warmly invited to return to school for the parade -please come to the school office at 1.50pm.

All children participating will be able to go home straight after the parade.

I hope that you all enjoyed coming into school and viewing your child's work last half term and speaking to class teachers during parents' evening. The teachers and I really value our partnership with you. Can you believe we are halfway through another year...here's to a fun packed Spring/Summer!

Best wishes

S Varricchione, Headteacher