

Birchfield Community Primary School & Pre-School

Newsletter: March 2017



Head Teacher's Welcome



Welcome to the March Newsletter – daffodils are out around school so Spring must be here!

Richard Culham

Double Yellow Lines



Suddenly over the half term holiday the double yellow lines opposite the main school entrance appeared! This follows many requests and complaints from us and from parents/carers.

Given that they are there for the children's safety it amazes me to report that every day last week I am told somebody parked on them – some days 2 cars. **PLEASE DON'T!!**



Lates - after 8.55 am

Mrs White (who leads on attendance for me) and I carried out a 'late sweep' last Thursday. I am delighted to tell you that we only had 3 late children.

However, we know that this is unusual, so we will carry out another one soon, as well as chase regular offenders. Surely, there is no excuse for making your child regularly late for school.

Parent Consultation Bookings: 13 - 15 March

Just a quick reminder that the online booking system is now open.

I hope that you will take the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their learning.

If you are experiencing difficulties in booking then please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Pre-School

With Get Set funding being cut, our Children's Centre building became available so I grabbed it and our Pre-School now has a new venue. We are all absolutely delighted with the new setting – it's *fabulous*. Please feel free to visit.



Budget



Contrary to some media stories, school budgets are worse for the vast majority of schools than ever before.

I am currently working with our School Business Manager, Mrs Robbins, to ensure that we have a budget that will enable us to meet the learning needs of all of the children. It may well mean that some very difficult decisions about priorities will have to be made. If this is the case, then I will write to you again.

Breakfast and Tea Time Clubs

Recently we have had an increase in numbers attending both clubs, which is great. Unfortunately we have also had an increase in children arriving without being booked in. In the past it was easier for us to squeeze them in when numbers were less, but we are now getting close to capacity. This may mean that we will have to turn children away in the future if they are not booked in or cannot accept a booking 'on the day'. Please complete a booking form and payment at least 24 hours in advance to ensure your child has a place.

FoBS

Many thanks, once again, to the wonderful FoBS committee who work so hard for us. The number of recent trips have only happened because FoBS have subsidised them. We also have the extremely popular playground equipment which has provided great fun and new challenges!

Coming up soon are the Discos and a meeting to start planning the summer fete. New members / help is always appreciated. Please contact Vicky Powis (mum of Caitlin in 5CL) via the school office.

Our school needs the fantastic help that FoBS give us – please help them.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 13 – Wed 15 March: Parent Consultation meetings and Book Fair

Wed 15 March: Y5 trip to Taunton museum

Tue 21 March: YR and Y6 height and weight check

Fri 24 March: Red Nose Day (sorry had wrong date in previous newsletter)

School Discos: KS1 6 – 7 pm / KS2 7.15 pm – 8.30 pm

Mon 27 March: RLB trip to Gore farm

Tues 28 March: RLM trip to Gore farm

Thurs 30 March: Last day of term

Fri 31 March: INSET Day

Mon 3 April – Mon 17 April: School closed for Easter

Tues 18 April: School re-opens

Wed 19 – Fri 21 April: Y3 residential trip to Tregoyd