



Head Teacher's Welcome



We can now use the 'C' word – it's December! Here is confirmation of our dates:

Mon 5 Dec: KS1 Nativity 2 pm

Tue 6 Dec: KS1 Nativity 9.30 am

Wed 7 Dec: KS1 Nativity 9.30 am

Thurs 8 Dec: KS1 Nativity 2 pm

Tues 13 Dec: KS1 trip to the pantomime - 1 pm to 4.30 pm

Wed 14 Dec: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thurs 15 Dec: KS1 Christmas parties

Fri 16 Dec: KS2 carol service at St Michaels Church 2 pm
Last day of term

Tues 3 Jan 2017: INSET Day

Wed 4 Jan: School re-opens

And finally, I hope that you can join us for some or all of these events but if not, may I take this opportunity to wish you seasons greetings and every best wish for 2017.

Richard Culham

FoBS Fund Raising

As you may recall, our focus this term has been to raise funds to further extend our playground equipment.

We also raised funds for **Children in Need** and I'm delighted to tell you that we raised £342.

Our wonderful FoBS committee organised the **Lands End to John O'Groats** sponsored walk and to date this has raised £1,661.25. Please send in any further sponsor money asap! It is hoped that Phase One of this project will start in the next couple of weeks.

The **Discos** raised £549.70 which all makes this a very successful term. Thank you to the FoBS committee and very well done!

The **Christmas Decoration competition** – these need to be returned to school by **Thursday 8 December** so that they can be judged on Friday.

The **tea towels** are due to be delivered to school next Monday so these should be sent home at the beginning of next week.

FoBS would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the recent disco and wish everyone a Happy Christmas.

Staff Changes



We recently welcomed Miss Boyce to the teaching team as maternity cover for Miss Shutler. In January we welcome Mr Tucker who will be maternity cover for Mrs Lock who begins her maternity on Monday 23 January 2017.

Parking in front of driveways

We have received complaints of cars being parked in front of local resident's driveways. Could you please ensure that care is taken if you park in front of houses in the local area.

Polite, Wonderful Children

This isn't really a surprise but perhaps something that gets overlooked!

I wanted to let our school community know that I have feedback from several different sources recently congratulating our children on their politeness, manners, friendliness and helpfulness.

Many members of FoBS congratulated our children for their cheerfulness (it was a long walk!) and on how many of them thanked them for what they do for school!

Kieran and Imo Sahi, who did the Diwali artwork (pictures are on our website), congratulated our school for the wonderfully positive attitudes, great manners and politeness of our children and congratulated the staff for the fantastic work that they do (I echo that!).

We have held several interviews recently and all of the candidates, without exception, congratulated our children and in particular our fantastic School Councillors who did the tours of the school.

Well done and thank you everyone – it makes Birchfield a great place to work and learn!

Sports Clubs

We will be sending out, before the end of term, a list of the new sports clubs for the Spring term. These will start week commencing 9 January 2017.

Breakfast and Tea Time Club bookings

It is really important that if you wish your child to attend either of these clubs that we have advance notice (at least 24 hours) and the appropriate booking form and payment has been received. Unfortunately some children have been turning up on the day and this does cause us many issues including ensuring we have sufficient staff and food. Your help with this is much appreciated.

Hungry Tree Meals

As a result of your valued feedback regarding **The Hungry Tree** meals I am delighted to inform you that we have made the following changes/incorporations to our menu:

We are varying roast days
Incorporated items suggested i.e. chicken and vegetable pie
Increasing Theme Days to approximately one a month.

Casual Midday Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a 'casual' midday lunchtime supervisor. If you would be interested in this position, please speak to Mrs Robbins, School Business Manager.