



Head Teacher's Welcome



As this is the last day of the summer half term, I wanted to 'wrap up' an amazing half term and give some information for the next term.

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This half term both the Year 3 and Year 5 residential school journeys have taken place very successfully.

Year 3 visit Tregoyd in mid Wales for 3 days of adventurous activities. It is fantastic to hear of so many children overcoming fears and anxieties as they try something new.

Year 5 had an amazing time in London despite the heavy rain! There were many highlights mentioned by the children but enjoying watching Matilda in a West End theatre has come out on top.

My huge thanks to all of the staff who ensured that the children had such a brilliant time – in particular my thanks to Mrs White for organising both trips.

Birchfield Children Pleased – again!

We regularly get lovely positive feedback from the general public when we go out and about which is great as its behaviour that we expect from the children but it's lovely when it's noticed and reported.

Following the Y5 London trip, I received a lovely card from someone who travelled back on the same train on the Friday. She wrote that at first she was very worried that "noisy, sugar fuelled and tired children" would ruin the journey **BUT** far from it. The card concluded with "*I commend you and your staff on the exemplary way 40 young, happy but tired people behaved on a very full public train. They were a delight*".

Fantastic! Well done and thank you Year 5 and the amazing staff team.

Attendance

We understand that sometimes appointments have to be made during the school day, especially hospital appointments, however we ask that you do not take your child out of school for the whole day or session. If the appointment is at 11 am then we would ask that they are brought in for normal registration at 8.55 am you would then collect them perhaps 30 minutes before the appointment time. This would however be dependent on where the appointment is, we appreciate that sometimes there may be a travel element involved.

Following our latest meeting with our Education Welfare Officer, we have been advised that marking a child as poorly or ill is no longer sufficient. We would ask that when leaving a message on the answering machine, you clearly state the details of the illness ie cough, cold, headache or vomiting. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

E-Safety

A big 'thank you' to those that have returned the E-Safety survey. This has provided us with some really valuable information and will help us to support all of our children to the best of our ability. We are still collating the information so there is still time to return yours if you haven't already done so.

Many of you asked for support around how to report an online concern.

It is important to stay calm and consider the steps below:

Find out more: before doing anything, take a deep breath and try to remain calm. There's lots of information and advice on this site to help you keep your child safe and access support.

Talk to your child: having a calm and open conversation is one way for you and your child to explore what is happening in an honest and supportive way.

Take action: discuss your concerns with someone you trust eg a friend, partner or your child's school. You can also talk to a professional at the NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 5000.

Seeking support for yourself: whatever your situation it is likely that you will need support for yourself, as well as for your child. Talk to a friend or relative who you trust, who will listen and support you, or call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

For more information take a look at the following website: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

Do also come in and speak to our PFSA's Danielle Barter and Debbie Schroetter who are more than happy to support you where they can.

Birchfield Tournament

We held our annual Football and Netball tournament last night and I am delighted to report that it was a great success. Around 250 children from 15 different Yeovil primary schools had the chance to play sport in our event which is brilliant! Our Netball team came 2nd.

My thanks to all staff and FoBS who helped run the event – particularly Mrs Bleazard and Miss Loader who organised it all for us.



Year Group Activities

School has again been buzzing with a range of activities.

Year 5 – Inventors Day

Year 4 – Stone Age day

Year 1 – Garden Centre

Year R – trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park to name a few.

Thank you for your support in all of these events.

SATs

Well done to Year 6 and Year 2 on successfully completing their SATs. You have all worked hard and deserve great success.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 5 June:	School re-opens	Fri 7 July:	Non school uniform day – in lieu of bottles for school fete
Fri 16 June:	Y6 canoeing trip to Sutton Bingham		Pre-School Sports Morning
Sat 17 June:	Country Dance Festival at Wells 2 pm	Tues 11 July:	KS2 'reserve' sports morning
Mon 26 June:	New September Reception – Group 1 visit 2 pm	Thurs 13 July:	KS1 'reserve' sports morning
Tues 27 June:	KS2 Sports Morning (further details to follow)	Fri 14 July:	Pre-School 'reserve' sports morning School reports to be sent out Non school uniform day – in lieu of luxury items for school fete
Wed 28 June:	Pre-School INSET day New September Reception - Group 2 visit 2 pm	Sat 15 July:	School Fete: 12 noon – 2.30 pm
Thurs 29 June:	Swimming Gala @ Goldenstones	Mon 17 –	Y6 Production ' Pirates of the Curry
Fri 30 June:	School Discos: KS1 6 – 7 pm / KS2 7.15 pm – 8.30 pm	Tues 18 July:	Bean'
Mon 3 July:	New September Reception – Group 1 visit 2 pm (children only)	Thurs 20 July:	Y6 trip to Crealy
Wed 5 July:	KS1 Sports Morning (further details to follow) Y6 Transition Day – visiting new senior schools New September Reception – Group 2 visit 2 pm (children only)	Fri 21 July:	Y6 leavers assembly (am) Y6 BBQ (pm) Last day of term
		Mon 4 and	INSET days
		Tues 5 Sept:	
		Wed 6 Sept:	School starts for the Autumn term