



Head Teacher's Welcome



Suddenly here we are at the end of the academic year. Let's hope that the current heat wave lasts through August!

Richard Culham

Parent / Carer Support

I would like to start by thanking you all for your support again this year. We are a busy school with many exciting opportunities throughout the year for the children and for you to join us. Recent examples include – Sports Days, Y2 Art Gallery, Y4 Stone Age day, Reception classes Pirate day, the Pre-School messy play morning and the brilliant Y6 play 'Rock Bottom'. There were many, many other examples throughout the year.

So, thank you for getting involved and supporting us as we try to make learning as much fun and as enjoyable as possible. The collaboration between us is so important for your children's future success and makes our jobs even more rewarding.

Sports Days



As I wrote above, your support for these was brilliant – despite the heat! Thank you.

A couple of people asked if it was possible to have both sports days on the same day. I won't rule it out but I would have thought that it would be unlikely as there is not enough time to easily fit them both in. But, I will think about it with the staff for next year.

FoBS and Summer Fete / Discos

We have had another brilliant year of fundraising and events organised by the Friends of Birchfield school this year. Our chair, *Vicky Powis*, steps down now as her daughter moves onto secondary school. An AGM will be held in September to elect the committee.

Can I take this opportunity to thank Vicky and her team for their hard work, loyalty and commitment again this year. Sometimes it can be frustrating being on the committee as not so many people come to the meetings, but then help at our events is usually amazing – the Summer Fete and the Disco's being brilliant recent examples.

So a huge **thank you** to everyone involved in our FoBS events this year – it really is very much appreciated.

Our Fete was a great success – it is a lovely event and it raised £4,300! **Amazing!** Many thanks to everyone.

In September I hope that we can begin the work to replace some of the old playground equipment. I should have the plans on my desk in the next few days.

Thank you Vicky and good luck!

Staff Changes



At this time of year it is not unusual to say 'Au Revoir' to staff who move on.

Mrs Gould leaves us after 6 years and is moving to Australia to try life there!

Miss Marsh is moving to a school in Wells which is much closer to home.

Miss Amos will be joining us in Year 1 in September.

Mrs Schroetter is leaving us to further her career in supporting children and families. She has been here for 16 years and her advice and support will be sorely missed. We are interviewing for a new PFSA who will join us in September.

Our student teacher *Mrs Sandiford* will finish her placement here and will be eagerly looking forward to starting her career in the Autumn.

In the Pre-School we say 'Au Revoir' to *Mrs Ring* who has worked in the Birchfield Pre-School for 13 years. It is hard to imagine the Pre-School without her but looking after her grandchildren will provide her with much excitement and fun I am sure!

We also welcome back *Mrs Hann* following maternity leave. Mrs Hann will be returning to teach in Y3.



Date for your Diary

Thurs 19 July: Y6 have another Young Enterprise sale after school at 3.20 pm

Mon 23 July: Y6 trip to Crealy

Tues 24 July: Last day of term

Y6 leavers assembly – 11 am

Y6 leavers BBQ – in the afternoon – parents are invited to join them from 3.20 pm

Mon 3 Sept: INSET

Tues 4 Sept: School re-opens after summer hols

Mon 10 Sept: Reception children start

Thurs 13 Sept: Y4 start swimming (further details to follow)