

Birchfield Community Primary School & Pre-School

Newsletter: October 2017



Head Teacher's Welcome



Welcome to our October newsletter which I hope you will find useful and informative.

Richard Culham

Open Day - we would love to see you!

On **11 October** we are holding an open morning for prospective parents for September 2018.

We have decided that this would be a great opportunity to invite all parents / carers and friends in to the school during the morning. We will be holding an **Erasmus** morning celebrating our joint work with 9 other European countries. Each year group have chosen a different country and are busy planning a range of activities.

It would be fantastic if you could 'pop in' and join in with your child's activities but also to get a whole school perspective.

Birchfield Two/Too!

Following the success of our current Pre-School we have been asked by County to take over the management of the old Bucklers Mead Pre-School. This is a great opportunity for us and one I know we can make a success. An advert for a new manager has just been placed and once that appointment is made we can organise the re-opening for early in 2018.

Questionnaire



In all we had 104 replies which is brilliant, more than most schools I know get when Ofsted visit! The headlines are:-

95% of children like school

100% responded that children behave well

99% responded that children make good progress

100% responded that children work hard and achieve their best

99% responded that the school is well led and managed

Parent Consultation Meetings

On Tuesday 17 – Thursday 19 October we are holding our Parent Consultation meetings from 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm. Bookings can be made online and further information will be sent out shortly letting you know when this is 'live'.



Attendance

Our school attendance figure for last year was 94.82%. This is slightly below the Government set target for schools which is 96%. We did have a heavy absence rate mid year with flu and colds and then a chicken pox outbreak but can I please remind you that good attendance is essential for children's future success.

School Start Time

Be on time



at five to nine

Just to remind parents that the school day starts at 8.55 am. Teachers are available to speak to parents on the playground before school starts or after school. You can always contact the school office to make an appointment.

Bicycles and Scooters

We are very happy for children to ride their bicycles or scooters to school as long as they are riding them responsibly and wearing a helmet when riding their bicycle. The school cannot be held responsible for the security of them whilst on site so please ensure that your child's bicycle is locked with a padlock and parked in the designated area. There is a scooter park on the playground at the bottom of the drive. If your child would like to cycle to school then please ask at the office for a 'permission to ride to school' letter.

Your help in this is much appreciated.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 11 Oct	Open Morning (9 am – 12 noon)	Thurs 23 Nov:	Reception vision screening (further details to follow)
Thurs 12 Oct	Open Evening (6 pm – 7 pm)	Fri 1 Dec:	School Discos (further details to follow)
Tues 17 –	Parent Consultation meetings	Mon 11 –	KS1 Nativity (further details to follow)
Thurs 19 Oct:	(further details to follow)	Wed 13 Dec:	KS1 trip to the pantomime (am)
Fri 20 Oct:	Harvest Festival	Wed 20 Dec:	KS2 Carol Service (pm)
Mon 23 –			Last day of term
Fri 27 Oct:	Half Term	Thur 21 Dec:	INSET Day
Mon 30 Oct:	School re-opens		
Tues 14 Nov:	Y4 Egyptian Day		
Wed 15 Nov:	Y2 trip to SS Great Britain		

As ever, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.





Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2017/2018 Academic Year

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Key:

	School holiday
	Bank holiday
	Term time
	INSET Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 04 September – 20 October 2017 (35 days)
 Term 2: 30 October – 21 December 2017 (39 days)
 Term 3: 08 January – 09 February 2018 (25 days)
 Term 4: 19 February – 23 March 2018 (25 days)
 Term 5: 09 April – 25 May 2018 (34 days)
 Term 6: 04 June – 24 July 2018 (37 days)

TOTAL =

Bank and public holidays 2017/2018

Christmas Day Bank Holiday 2017	25 December	Easter Monday	02 April 2018
Boxing Day Bank Holiday 2017	26 December	May Day Bank Holiday	07 May 2018
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2018	Spring Bank Holiday	28 May 2018
Good Friday	30 March 2018	Summer Bank Holiday	27 August 2018

