



### Head Teacher's Welcome

Welcome back to school after, what I hope, was a lovely summer. Certainly the children have returned looking very smart in their uniforms and ready for a busy year!

*Richard Culham*

### Welcome!



We have several new faces in school this year, staff and pupils. **Welcome to all!**

*Miss Amos* is teaching in Year 1.

*Ms Quast* joins us in Year 4 as a student teacher.

*Mrs Inskip* joins us as an LSA.

*Mrs Herbert, Ms Devine and Miss Bowring* all join us in our Pre-School.

*Miss Cox* joins us as our new PFSA working alongside Ms Barter. She will be in touch herself soon, but will be delighted to meet you if you would like to drop in.

Our School Business Manager, Mrs Robbins leaves at the end of September. Her replacement, *Mrs Bailey*, has already started to enable a good 'handover'.

Finally, welcome *Tilly* – our Birchfield School Dog. She has been in school for a couple of days now and many of the children have met her. It is early days in her training so she won't be fully active in school until Easter. Follow her adventures at 'Tilly the Birchfield School Dog' on Facebook.

### Reminders Please

**Term Time Absences** - our school attendance figures have fallen over the last 2 years. This means simply that there is too much absence. Unavoidable absence cannot be helped but please keep all the absences to an absolute minimum. **Being at school is the best thing for your child's learning!**

**Reading** - **At least** 3 times per week please. Good reading skills, and habits, are the key to future success. I have asked teachers to keep me informed of persistent non readers and I will be chasing!!

**KS1 Assembly** - we love to celebrate our children's great successes but some assemblies were too long! So this year we will be celebrating Rainbow Readers success in classes instead of Assembly except for the final big celebration of reading success with the handing out of the Pot of Gold award.

The weekly **Achievement Awards and the Birchfield 'achiever badges'** will still be given out in Assembly. I look forward to seeing you there!

## Contact Details

Please let us know ASAP of any changes that may have taken place recently so we can update our records.



## Welcome Back Pop Up Café!

**Friday 28 September 2018 9 am – 10.30 am**

**Macmillan Pop-Up Café** – all welcome – tea, coffee and cake (donations bought or homemade welcome).

Come along to the school hall to catch up after the summer break and support a great charity Macmillan Cancer Support. If you can bring a donation of cake/biscuits please let the office or PFSA know.



## PE Kits

Could you please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school from next Monday and is kept in school until each half term.

We would also appreciate that children staying for After School Sports Clubs have the correct kit appropriate for that club.

## Breakfast and Tea Time Club Bookings

Our clubs are getting very busy, which is great news for us, but it does mean that we may have to put a 'cap' on the number of children we can take. It is most important that bookings are made at least 24 hours beforehand. Please call into the school office for booking forms.

## Dates for your Diary

**Mon 10 Sept:** New Reception start

**Thurs 13 Sept:** Y4 swimming starts

**Thurs 27 Sept:** Y5 Greek Day (further info to follow)

**Thurs 27 and Fri 28 Sept:** Individual and Family photos

**Fri 19 Oct:** Harvest Assembly

**Tues 23 – Thurs 25 Oct:** Parent Consultation meetings

**Mon 29 Oct – Fri 2 Nov:** Half Term

**Mon 5 Nov:** First day back after half term