

Birchfield Community Primary School & Pre-School

Newsletter: June 2019



Head Teacher's Welcome



Welcome to our June newsletter. Often at this time of year I am writing reminders about sun cream, hats, water etc. We have also coined the phrase 'sweat' play when it is too hot to allow the children to stay out for too long at lunchtime! Sadly, at the moment, we are having too many 'wet' plays still.

Richard Culham

Email Communication

I still intend for us to go over to mostly electronic communication rather than paper. As it is a new system for us all to get used to, we will still be sending out a few paper letters. Please check your child's book bag, when you read with them, as there may be a paper letter in there!

Summer Fete



On that same note an important letter about our fete has just been sent out. Our fete is on **Saturday 29 June** 12 noon – 2.30 pm and we hope that you will be able to come along and support and perhaps help our wonderful FOBs team in the setting up and running of the event.

This is an important fund raising event for the school as well as a lovely event in itself. I look forward to seeing you there!

ParentPay



We now have over 80% of parents signed up which is fantastic. If you are one of the few who have not may I please ask you to do so as it is easy and straight forward for you and it makes things much easier for us at school.

We are also about to launch ParentPay in our Pre-School.

2019/2020 Term Dates

As you may know, the Government have moved the May Bank Holiday from Monday 4 May 2020 to **Friday 8 May 2020** to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day.

We will reprint our term dates and calendar to take this change into account!

Sports Day - 1 July 2019



In order to try to make things easier for everyone, we are trialling having both of the Sports Days on the same day – **Monday 1 July**. The KS2 sports will run from 9.30 am to 12.15 pm. The KS1 sports day will run from 1 pm to 2.45 pm. There will be the opportunity for you to have lunch with your child on the field if you wish.

We look forward to you joining us!

Packed Lunches

A few of our children are allergic to nuts and so I am asking if you do provide your child with a sandwich that it does not contain nuts ie peanut spread, this then helps prevent any child becoming in contact with anything that has nuts on or in it.

Your help in this is appreciated.

Parking at Birchfield Church

We have been informed that the charges for parking at Birchfield Church, following further consultation and feedback from users, has been reduced to £15 until the end of term. If you wish to know more about this please contact B Boyton on 471547/07707 857899

Welcome Back

We welcome back Ms Lilley who returns on Monday 24 June, following her maternity leave. She will return to Y5.

We say a temporary farewell to Ms Stringer who has been covering 5CL but she will be re-joining us in September.

Governors

We are looking for a new school Governor! Governors play a vital role in providing support and challenge to the school and helping set the strategic direction for future school improvements.

If you are interested, please contact Lesley Leighton, Chair of Governors, or Mr Culham via the school office.

Dates for your Diary

Tues 18 June: 3GS trip to Gore Farm

Wed 19 June: 3LH trip to Gore Farm and last day to place orders for class photos

Thurs 20 June: Fire Safety talk to Y2 and Y5 by Devon and Somerset Fire Service

Fri 21 June: Non school uniform day – donations for fete – gifts and food hamper items

Thurs 27 June and Fri 28 June: African Workshop

Fri 28 June: Non school uniform day – donations for fete – bottles (alcoholic drink to be handed in to the school office or to a member of staff)

Sat 29 June: School Fete 12 noon – 2.30 pm

Mon 1 July: KS2 Sports morning 9.30 am

Mon 1 July: KS1 Sports afternoon 1 pm

Tues 2 July: Y4 Stone Age Day

Wed 3 – Fri 5 July: Y5 London Residential trip

Mon 8 July: Y6 production (further info to follow)
Group 1 New Reception visit

Tue 9 July: Reserve Sports Day for KS2 (am) KS1 (pm)

Wed 10 July: Y5 trip to Taunton Museum
Y6 production (further info to follow)
Group 2 New Reception visit

Fri 12 July: School Disco (details to follow)

Mon 15 July: Y1 trip to Weymouth

Tues 16 July: Y6 trip to Crealy

Wed 17 July: Parents 'Meet your child's new teacher' 3.30 pm

Fri 19 July: Y6 leavers assembly 11 am
Y6 BBQ (after lunch)

Last day of term

Tues 3 Sept: First day back after summer holidays