



Head Teacher's Welcome

Suddenly we are close to being allowed to use the 'C' word here at school. Ironically preparations do start about now, but I do prefer to keep the celebrations to the end of term!

Richard Culham

Our New Wall!



As I write this sat at my kitchen table, I hear that the wall is nearly finished. There is still plenty to do but hopefully we are nearly there. The skills involved in laying bricks has been amazing to see and very impressive.

Equally very impressive has been our children's very sensible behavior around the sections of the wall and the builders compound. There has been lots of healthy curiosity and interest but no more than that – which is what we expect but it's good to celebrate! Well done everyone.

ParentPay

We now have nearly 94% of parents/carers signed up which is great. This is proving to be an important initiative as it is much more efficient as well as saving a lot of office time and energy.

Please remember if you wish to book a school meal or Breakfast Club booking that these **must be made** by midnight the Monday the week before.

Emails



Hopefully you are reading this as an email. If you know anyone who is feeling out of the loop please ask them to check that we have an up to date email address or that they have checked their inbox!

More and more of school communication will be coming out as email as we move forwards.

Erasmus



The next step in our new Erasmus+ project is a week's visit to Madrid for 6 of our Year 6 children. From Monday 25 to Friday 29 November, Jessica, Amelia, Kacey, Thomas, Lewis and Thomas will be exploring the Spanish capital city and making friends from countries across Europe.

Later in the year (depending on the Brexit outcome) we hope to be taking other children to Italy and France – what an amazing opportunity!

International Award



Over the last few years, we have been involved in several International learning experiences as both part of our broad curriculum and as part of our extended curriculum. Our involvement in Erasmus has been the culmination of this work and as a result we have been awarded the very prestigious **International Schools Award** by the British Council.

This is a huge 'pat on the back' as I don't know many other schools with this award.

Mrs White and Miss Perry will be collecting the award at a glitzy award at the British Council Offices in London later in the month (ironically at the same time that we are in Spain!).

Harvest



Many thanks for the wonderful contributions both to our Harvest appeal on behalf of the Lord's Larder and to the Child.org charity.

£127.51 was raised for Child.org and 443 food items were donated by the school for the Lord's Larder. We have received a letter from the Lord's Larder thanking *Birchfield Primary School for donating a total of 443 food items to the Lord's Larder Food Bank, which is a truly outstanding donation, thank you.*

Bearded Dragons



As you may know, we have 2 new Bearded Dragons. We held a competition to name them recently and the winning names, will be

chosen later this week by Mrs Moseley, our Senior Midday Meals Supervisor and some School Councillors.

St Michaels Community Choir

Father David, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels is looking to form a community choir in time to sing at their Carol Service on Sunday 22 December at 6 pm. The choir is open to anyone aged 7 and above. The first 2 'taster' sessions are on: Friday 22 November at 7 pm and/or Saturday 23 November at 3.30 pm at St. Michael's Church on St Michaels Avenue. If you would like to come along and find out more then please turn up on the Friday or Saturday. Younger children need to be accompanied by an adult. For more information please contact Fr. David by email: fr.anderson.yeovil@gmail.com or phone / text on 07741 466507. He looks forward to seeing you there.

School Photographs



Tomorrow (Thursday 7 November) our School Photographer will be coming into school to take your child's individual photograph. We do have Friday as an additional day if we do not get through all the classes. On **Saturday 9 November** we are holding sessions in the morning for *Family Photographs* from 9 am – 12 noon. This is only for children not adults or pets. Please contact the school by Friday lunchtime to book a session.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 6 Nov: YR, Y1, Y2 trip to the cinema (am)

Thurs 7 Nov: Y5 & Y6 trip to the cinema (am)

Individual school photos

Fri 8 Nov: Y3 & Y4 trip to the cinema (am)

Individual school photos (additional day if required)

FOBS Doughnut sale after school

Sat 9 Nov: Family Photos (9 am – 12 noon) booking required

Mon 11 Nov: Flu Immunisation for the whole school

Tues 12 Nov: Y1 Great Fire of London day

Y3 trip to Museum of Somerset

Wed 13 Nov: Open Morning for all

parents/carers/visitors to see the school in action.

An additional morning to our Open Morning in October.

Y4 Egyptian Dressing Up Day

Fri 15 Nov: Children In Need day (further information to follow)

Tues 19 Nov: Y2 trip to SS Great Britain

Fri 29 Nov: Non school uniform day – donations of small gifts for children to buy as Christmas presents later in December

Fri 6 Dec: School Bingo – further details to follow

Tues 10 Dec: Reception and Pre-School Christmas performance (am – exact time to be confirmed)

Y1 & Y2 Christmas Nativity @ 2 pm

Thurs 12 Dec: Y1 & Y2 Christmas Nativity (am – time to be confirmed)

Reception and Pre-School Christmas performance 2 pm

Y4 last swimming session

Fri 13 Dec: FOBS Doughnut sale after school

Mon 16 Dec: FOBS Christmas Gift Day

Tue 17 Dec: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Wed 18 Dec: KS1 Christmas parties (pm)

Thurs 19 Dec: Last day of term

KS1 pantomime trip at the Octagon (am)

KS2 Carol service 2 pm @ **St John's Church**

Mon 6 Jan 2020: School reopens