



Head Teacher's Welcome



As we race towards the end of a long and busy term, schools face the double whammy of tiredness and the fast approaching celebrations! We always look to enjoy the season as best as possible but also ensure that the focus on learning is also maintained! Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and every best wish for a happy and peaceful 2020.

Richard Culham

Our Birchfield 'Rubbish' Tree



We entered a competition run by Mole Valley Farmers for the best decorated tree. The tree was donated by Mole Valley Farmers and our teaching staff chose a recycling theme – hence the title our 'Rubbish' tree. It is brilliant and if you haven't seen it please do pop into the office foyer.

Madrid - Erasmus



Recently 6 of our Y6 children visited the capital of Spain along with myself and Mrs Ryder. This was a part of our new Erasmus project called 'No Problems, Only Solutions'.

They spent time in a school taking part in problem solving technological lessons, visited the Town Hall, a recycling centre and historical and cultural sights. Along with our group there were children from France, Italy, Portugal, Sweden and of course Spain.

Our children were brilliant! They fully entered into the spirit of the event being sociable, communicative and great ambassadors for our school and country in this tremendous European opportunity.

What happens if Brexit goes ahead is unclear but in the meantime we will make the most of this opportunity. In early March some of our Year 5's will have the opportunity to visit Naples with Mrs Parker.

Children In Need



We had another great day raising money for such a worthy cause. We raised £446.24 – thank you to you all for your support.

International Award



Recently Mrs White and Miss Perry represented our school at an awards ceremony at the British Council in London. This award is to celebrate our work and commitment to International education within our curriculum.

We are the only school that I know of in recent years to get this award. *Well done everyone – brilliant!*

Thank You

We wish to thank M & J Bowers for the clothes collection bin that is at the top of the steps in the top car park. All clothes donated are recycled and sent to developing countries. If you wish to donate any good, unwanted clothes, shoes, bed linen etc please place them in this collection bin.

M & J Bowers also support the school by collecting our confidential waste. We wish to thank them for their support over the many years they have been connected to the school through past and current pupils.

Staff Changes

At the end of this term we say 'Au Revoir' to Mr McClelland and Miss Amos. Mr McClelland is relocating to County Durham with his family and Miss Amos is leaving to pursue further career opportunities.



We wish them both well and thank them for their work for the benefit of our children.

We have appointed **Mrs Carter** and **Miss Green** (as a job share) to teach in RSM and **Miss Lockyer** to teach in 1SA. They will all join us in January.

Achievement Assemblies



As you may have read, we have changed the format of these so that we are celebrating the children's work in achieving their teacher awards. This gives you the opportunity to spend time looking at the books and other work with your child as they tell you about their successes.

If you cannot make the assembly date then please let us know and we will try to re-arrange the date. If we don't hear from you then the assembly will go ahead for your child even if you are not there which can be very upsetting for them.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 12 Dec: Y1 & Y2 Christmas Nativity 9.30 am
Reception and Pre-School Christmas performance
2 pm

Y4 still have another swimming session – last swim on Thursday 19 December.

Fri 13 Dec: FOBS Doughnut sale after school

Mon 16 Dec: FOBS Christmas Gift Day – children can buy gifts for an adult - £1

Tue 17 Dec: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Wed 18 Dec: KS1 Christmas parties (pm)

Thurs 19 Dec: Y4 last swimming session
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

