



### Head Teacher's Welcome



Spring is nearly here – mild frost last Friday morning when I set off to school and blazing (warm) sunshine at lunchtime!

**Richard Culham**

### Car Parking



I'm kind of sorry to be a nag but some parents are seemingly happy to drive dangerously around the front school gates. Please **DO NOT** drop your children off by the gates and then either reverse down the road or turn around in the gateway – you never know whether there is a small child behind your vehicle.

### New Website and Phone App

I really like our current website and visitors – including Ofsted! often comment positively on it. However, it is a pain to upload photos and generally keep up to date, so a new website with a phone app attached is on its way! Fingers crossed for just after Easter.

### Contact Details



Please ensure that your details held at school are up to date. These days we do change phone numbers and email addresses regularly but it is important that we are informed so that we can contact you quickly in an emergency.

### Emails



On a similar theme, we are increasingly using emails (cheaper for school) and texting (more expensive for us) to contact you. I suspect that not everyone checks these regularly – I'm sad enough to have mine on my phone! Please do check – particularly for notification about your child receiving an award in assembly.

### Book Sale

At our recent FoBS book sale, we raised a wonderful £116. Thank you for your support



### Bucklers Pre-School

... or Birchfield too to give it the 'working title'! We finally have the 'green light'. Work on improving the outdoor environment is complete and we now start the internal re-decorating. We hope to open soon after Easter so if you are interested or know of anyone who might like a place, please contact our School Office.

## Sports Success

Over the last few years we have increased the amount of sports coaching available to our children. I love the fact that we have 3 – 4 clubs each afternoon and that we encourage everyone to ‘have a go’ but we also celebrate our regular success.



Our Netball team have gone through to the South Somerset qualifiers, they also won a silver medal at the Yeovil Large Schools tournament. Our Hockey team also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a recent tournament.

## Sports Relief



We are again supporting this great charitable event by selling the wristbands at our school gates and on Friday 13 March the children can come into school wearing funky shoes and socks. We would ask for a donation for this.

## Parent Consultation Evenings: 31 March – 2 April

Don't forget to book early so that you get your preferred slot! Bookings open on Thursday 19 March from 6 pm by logging onto <https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/birchfield>

## Coronavirus

I am sure that you at home are being even more vigilant around hygiene as we are at school. The children have always cleaned their hands before eating and are always reminded to wash their hands after going to the toilet – but the reminders are a lot more frequent now!

All Somerset schools receive a daily update from County as well as from Gov.uk

I will keep you informed if there is any news.

## Dates for your Diary

**Fri 13 March:** Red Nose Day – wrist bands £1 will be on sale at school gates

**Wed 25 – Fri 27 March:** Y3 residential trip

**Fri 27 March:** FOBS Disco (further details to follow)

**Tues 31 March, Wed 1 April, Thurs 2 April:**  
Parent Consultation evenings  
from 3.40 pm – 6.30 pm (further details to follow)

**Wed 1 April:** Y5 Viking Boat Day

**Thurs 2 April:** Y5 – last swimming lesson

**Fri 3 April:** INSET day – school closed

**Mon 6 – Fri 17 April:** Easter holidays

**Mon 20 April:** School re-opens

**Fri 24 April:** FOBS Bingo (further details to follow)

**Mon 27 & Tues 28 April:** Y4 trip to Gore Farm  
(further details to follow)

**Fri 8 May:** Bank Holiday – school closed