

BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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15 November 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

Children in Need – 18 November 2011 – BBC Radio Somerset

We are once more supporting this important charity. We have decided (with lots of ideas from our School Councillors) to have a theme of Pudsey's Pyjama parade (the spottier the better – please make them, not buy them). Any donations from the children on the day will be very much appreciated.

We are also holding an acrostic poetry competition which we hope you will complete at home. There are different acrostics for KS1 and KS2. YR will have their own competition. Fantastic prizes are on offer!

We are also delighted that BBC Radio Somerset are coming along on the morning to record live into Emma Britton's show which runs from 9 am – 12 noon. We envisage our live input will be around 10.30 am. Apparently there is a possibility that a certain bear may also be attending!

Birchfield Stars

We have been planning a further reward system that is aimed at congratulating children who achieve exceptionally. There will be 3 new stars – bronze, silver and gold. Your child will be given a sticker for their exceptional work or attitude. 5 stickers will equal a bronze star, 5 more stickers will equal a silver star etc.



The teachers have discussed this at length and agree that these stars need to be really deserved and therefore not quickly or easily given. All staff can highlight exceptional work or attitude to the class teacher and this will contribute towards future awards.

We are planning a ceremony for when the stars are awarded.

I hope that through this scheme we will inspire children to be more successful and will reward those who are always exceptional.

Your feedback / thoughts are very much welcomed on this.

Tea Time Club

We currently run a very successful Breakfast Club and if there is a need then I would love to run a 'tea time club' that would run from 3.15/3.20 pm to 5.30/6 pm starting possibly in January. This would be very similar to our Breakfast Club with an hourly charge, organised activities and light refreshments. At the moment we are planning around a figure of £2 per hour. To help us plan for this we need to know level of interest. Please complete the form attached and return it to the office by **Friday 18 November**.

If your child attends an 'after school club' and then joins our 'Tea Time club' then the cost starts once the after school club finishes and they join the Tea Time club.

Christmas Lunch

Just to remind you that orders for Christmas lunch **must** be in by 9.30 am **Tuesday 29 November** at the latest. Order forms and menus can be obtained from the school office.

Dates for the Term

Friday	18 November	School Discos: KS1 6 – 7 pm / KS2 7.15 – 8.45 pm
Tuesday	22 November	Open Morning: 9 am – 12 noon
Tuesday	29 November	Last day to order your child's Christmas lunch
Tue – Wed	6 and 7 December	Reception and KS1 Nativity 2 pm
Thursday	8 December	Reception and KS1 Nativity 9.30 am
Friday	9 December	FoBS – Celebrate Christmas at Birchfield – an evening of singing carols around the Christmas tree with mulled wine and mince pies - further details to follow
Tuesday	13 December	KS2 Carol Service at St Michaels Church – 7.15 pm
Thursday	15 December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday	16 December	Last day of term
Wednesday	4 January 2012	INSET Day
Thursday	5 January	First day of term

Yours sincerely

R. Culham
Head Teacher

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Tea Time Club

I may use the Tea Time club on these days:

	3.15 – 4.15 pm	4.15 – 5.30 pm
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Please indicate the number of children per session

Signed:

Date: