

BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER (3)

22 September 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

We are hopefully coming to the end of an ICT infested start to the term. We have not had to see an engineer for 2 days! As a result it has not been an easy start to the term and so apologies for some rushed information below.

Open Days

Many local schools now hold Open Days to allow parents to visit and make choices for their child's education. We have certainly had Open Days, Curriculum days, Themed days etc for many years. This year we have decided to hold a range of Open Days designed to both welcome new parents and to enable current parents to see us at work. We do not restrict where you can visit or when, we are genuinely 'open' for all visitors to see the high quality teaching and learning that is taking place. School Councillors will be on hand to show visitors around and answer questions, and I, of course, will also be available.

These first dates are an opportunity for you to see us as we are. The December date is an open day with a 'Christmas Crafts' theme.

I look forward to seeing you at one or all of the days. I am confident that you will enjoy seeing our children learning, busily involved and enjoying their school.

***27 September, 18 October, 22 November and 14 December 2011 – all from 9 am – 12 noon
18 October 2011 from 6 pm – 7 pm***

Harvest Festival



We are holding our Harvest Festival on **Tuesday 4 October** and we have again decided to support the Yeovil based charity 'The Lords Larder' as well as 'Seeds for Africa'. Donations of tins/packets of food will be appreciated for The Lords Larder and financial support for Seeds for Africa. Further information will be sent out nearer the time. If you know of any local OAPs or local care homes who would benefit from fresh produce then please let me know. **If you would like to come along we will be delighted to see you – our assembly is at 10.10am.**

Hot School Meals and Free School Meals

Just another reminder that hot school meals are provided here at Birchfield and can be ordered for your child. The menu is on a 3 weekly cycle and orders together with payment (KS1 children £2.15 / KS2 children £2.30) must be handed into the school office by 9.30 am on the Tuesday for the following week. Order forms and menus can be obtained from the school office.

If you believe your child is entitled to Free School Meals ie you are in receipt of either:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance

Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
Child Tax Credit – **not in receipt of Working Tax Credit and annual joint income of less than £16,190.**
Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please obtain an application form and menu from the school office.

Woolly Hat

Although winter is not yet upon us, we do have an addition to our school uniform order – we are able to purchase green woolly hats with the school logo on at a price of £3.50. We do have a sample in the school office if you would like to see one.

Yours sincerely

R. Culham
Head Teacher