

BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome Back!

I hope that you had a good and restful summer. Certainly the children have returned in very good spirits and we have had a lovely start to the year.

New Starters

As well as welcoming our new Reception children we also have many new children join across the school. As a result we are now a 13 class school and therefore have several new staff who have joined us. Miss Thyer and Miss Williams have joined us on the teaching staff, Mr London joining us as an ICT technician and Mrs Lackford joins our Admin team. There are also 6 new Learning Support Assistants – welcome to:-

Miss Armstrong, Mrs Brown, Mrs Dedman, Mrs Delahaye, Mrs Purchase, Miss Stevens.

If you have not yet met your child's new class teacher then please feel free to 'pop' in to see them. Information about your child's curriculum and other important information will be sent out next week.

Morning Arrangements



As before, the school gates are opened at 8.40 am. Members of staff are on duty from that time. Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 can come into their classes straight away. Children in Years 3 – 6 wait in the playground until the bell rings at 8.55 am. Can I please remind parents of younger children that I want lessons to start promptly at 8.55 am so can they please leave before that time.

Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart on their return. I am sorry that there were some delays with uniform getting to you but hopefully all of the backlog has now been cleared. There is still some old stock, from a different supplier, that is being sold off at a reduced price, so if you would be interested in this please complete an order form stating 'old stock'. Thanks again to Mrs Pointer who works so hard to provide this service.



Further improvements to our school

During the summer we had a lot of work completed. We now have 3 new sets of toilets, a new projector in the Hall, new courtyard windows and we are now a Wi-Fi school! (Our system remains very secure and so being Wi-Fi does not put our data or the children at any risk).

At the moment our new children, staff and systems are 'settling down' but we will continue to work hard to provide a high class education with ever improving resources and facilities.

I look forward to working closely with you all during the year. If you ever have any questions or comments then please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

"Other parents don't seem to get it as tough as you"

"Your child constantly misbehaves"

"He rarely does what you ask?"

Is this you??

We have been successfully running Triple P courses in and around the Yeovil area and feedback from those parents who took part has been really positive. The course is for parents of all children and builds on what already works for you as a family. We are planning to run other sessions during the Autumn and Spring terms and would like to gauge initial interest from parents. Places are limited so it is good to express your interest now as we already have a waiting list! If you would like to know more, please feel free to contact me at school:

Danielle Barter (Parent and Family Support Adviser)

“My son is now sleeping in his own bed for the first time after 8 years and he is as pleased about it and proud of himself as I am. Brilliant course ALL parents should attend.”

“Before the course I was warned that I would be criticized for my child’s behaviour. I soon realized that I was the one that needed help and was given nothing but praise and ideas to help me teach my children a better more positive way to live.”

Governors

We currently have 2 vacancies for Parent Governors on our Governing Body. The role is to support and challenge the school in our work and Parent Governors play a really important part in that team. If you are interested then please feel free to see myself or Mrs Claire McSevney, our Chair of Governors.

FoBS

As you will see below the FoBS AGM is on Wednesday at 3.30 pm. We have a wonderful bunch of hardworking, friendly and committed Friends of Birchfield School and we would be delighted if you were able to join up. New ideas and help with events is always appreciated. There are facilities available for your children during the meeting. I hope to see you there!

Breakfast Club and Hot School Meals Money



Could I ask that any money sent in for meals be placed in an envelope with your child’s name, class, the amount and days paid for please. Correct money would be very much appreciated.

Dates for the term

Wednesday	14 September	FoBS AGM at 3.30 pm in the school hall
Monday	26 September	Reception children start full time
Wednesday	12 October	Children’s individual photographs to be taken by school photographer
Mon – Fri	24 – 28 October	Half Term
Monday	31 October	School re-opens
Friday	16 December	Last day of term
Thursday	5 January 2012	First day of term

Yours sincerely

R. Culham
Head Teacher