

BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER

20 October 2011

Dear Parent/Carer



As we come to the end of the first half term of the year I thought it would be good to remind everyone of what has happened at Birchfield and some things that are coming up.

Harvest Festival

Many thanks for your generosity again this year. A large amount of food has been handed to The Lord's Larder and we have raised over £140 for Seeds for Africa.

We held 2 assemblies during the morning of our Harvest/Open Day on Tuesday and there were between 80 – 100 visitors. It was lovely to see our school so busy and vibrant.

We are having our next Open Morning on 22 November and I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to visit again.

Hot School Meals

The new Autumn term menu has been sent out to all parents/carers for the period w/b 31 October – w/b 12 December. Orders and money (KS1 £2.15 and KS2 £2.30) must be handed in by the Tuesday for the following week. Please note that if your child would like a Christmas lunch, which will be served on Thursday 15 December, then orders **must** be in by Tuesday 29 November.



Let Your Light Shine Party

Yeovil Community Church are holding a 'Let Your Light Shine Party' at The Gateway as an alternative to Halloween for children aged 3 – 11 years. There will be lots of fun and games, hotdogs and a fancy dress competition with a *Superhero* theme. Cost £2 and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is advisable – please contact The Gateway on 433146.

Dates for Next Half Term

Mon – Wed	7 – 9 November	Parent Consultation Evenings and Book Fair
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

We have had a great start to the year with some notable musical, sporting and academic successes. For example you may have seen in the Western Gazette that we had the Bulgarian Folk Music and Dance Company visit us for a fabulous performance.



All year groups will have been to the cinema as part of National Schools Film Week which was thoroughly enjoyed and, as ever, they were excellently behaved.

Year 6 are fully engaged in exploring World War 2, **Year 5** have been having some amazing adventures, **Year 3 and 4** have been exploring life and culture in India, **Year 2** are trying to find Alice who is trapped in a castle tower somewhere! **Year 1** have been meeting aliens and making underpants!

We have also welcomed our 2 classes of new Reception who have settled really well and will continue to thrive at Birchfield – they had a lovely photograph in this week's Western Gazette.

Our choir continue to impress us all with the quality of their singing. Tomorrow they will be performing at the opening of our Pre-School's new play area.

Our footballers, netballers and cross country runners have all taken part in matches and have had fantastic results against other local school teams.

A great half term – thank you **everyone!**

Yours sincerely

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