



# Weekly Update

6th November 2020

Welcome back and I hope you were all able to have a relaxing half term. As we begin another national lockdown I would like to thank you all for your support during the pandemic. While there continues to be a significant number of staff and families being tested, so far, we have not had any positive cases amongst staff or children and have only one teacher self isolating. While there are still significant restrictions and guidance on how we run the school we are open and planning to give all the children the best provision possible, including some festive activities in the build up to Christmas .

**Can I please remind you all of a few COVID19 plans/ expectations .** When coming on site;

- Please wear a mask and keep to Social Distance rules
- When dropping off and collecting your child/ren, please arrive at your designated time
- When collecting children at the the end of the day, only go up when your child's class has been called

Others

- Self isolation if household having a test . If you are waiting for a test, the whole family need to self-isolate until you have the test results.
- Essential visitors only are allowed on site and there are no after school activities
- Please send any test results in via [COVIDtest@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:COVIDtest@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk)

## **Access to devices - Survey Summary**

Before the half term we asked parents for feedback on their access to technology. Many thanks to everyone who replied as this will help inform our Remote Learning Plan if we do need to close the school. Please find attached the summary results. 99% of children have access and 94% feel confident using technology.

## **Children in Need—Friday 13th November**

We will be participating with BBC Children in Need. Children can come to school in non- uniform and a £1 donation. If it's a PE day, then PE kits can be worn. Please ensure children wear appropriate footwear.

## **Reception & Nursery Assessment—Tapestry**

Please see the separate email and a Forms link for where you will be asked permission to access Tapestry.

## **Lunch**

Please remember to order lunch at home by midnight the day before and ensure all meals are 'checked out' even if it is a free school meal. If a meal is not ordered at home, children will only be able to have a grab bag. Please can parents discuss meal choices with their child to ensure they will eat the meal that you have ordered.

## **The Lexicon Christmas Art Competition**

Christmas is fast approaching and it's time to step into the Christmas spirit as The Lexicon launches its annual art competition! The competition is open to children aged between three and twelve and this year there will be ten winners. The winning designer will receive a £50 Gift Card and the second placed a £25 Gift Card from The Lexicon. In addition, both winners will also receive a fabulous pack of Giotto art products worth £200 for their school and a Giotto set including coloured pencils and felt pens for themselves, the remaining eight finalists will each receive a £10 Gift Card from The Lexicon.

The winning designs will form part of a bespoke Christmas Tree on Braccan Walk at The Lexicon from Thursday 26 November 2020.

As a school we are entering 8 designs from each year group including the nursery so fingers crossed and good luck to all!



## Friends

Please see the diary and information from Friends regarding their AGM meeting and Bingo Night (all taking place on ZOOM)

# A few reminders.....

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## Recording Absence

Please register any absence via the online form available on the website at <https://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Report+your+child+absent&pid=313>

## PE KIT

Can we please remind parents that children should wear plain t-shirts and jogging bottoms for PE.

# Dates

Friends Virtual Bingo	6:30pm Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Friends AGM (Virtual)	7pm Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need	Friday 13th November
Residential Year 6 Meeting (Virtual)	6.00-6.45pm Thursday 12th November
Y4 Residential Meeting (Virtual)	6.00-6.45pm Thursday 19th November
Scholastic Virtual Book Fair	Wednesday 11th November—Friday 20th November
Anti-Bullying Week	WB Monday 16th November
Y5 residential Meeting (Virtual)	4.30-5.15pm Thursday 26th November
Bikeability training Y6	Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th November
Christmas Bazaar	Friday 4th December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 16th December
End of Term	Friday 18th December