



# Weekly Update

2nd October 2020

Again, it was lovely to see so many parents join our Welcome to Year Group Meetings for Y1/2 this week. We will put the presentations on the website as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has started wearing masks this week. We continue to have a number of children, staff (and their family) absent from school being tested. We have had no positive cases in school. I thank you for your patience as we manage staff absence during this time. Can I please remind you to send any test results to [COVIDtest@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:COVIDtest@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk)

## **Parent Consultation**

This term we will run virtual Parent Consultations via ZOOM. Parents will be able to book their slot(s) in the normal way via Teacher2Parents. We will open this on Monday 5th October. We will send **one** ZOOM invite per class for each session via email on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st. When parents join at their allocated time, you will wait in the waiting room and teachers will admit you. Please be aware that teachers will need to keep to the allocated 10min time slots, so parents are not waiting for too long. If you need to continue your conversation please arrange a phone call with the teacher.

## **Individual Photos**

We have postponed individual photos this term and will rearrange them for the spring term. When we have a confirmed date we will let you know.

## **Flu vaccination**

Please find attached electronic consent forms for flu vaccinations on 15th December. Please return the form directly to Berkshire Immunisation.

## **Free School Meals Entitlement**

If you are in receipt of benefits or tax credits, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals and free milk via COOL Milk. If you are eligible, this will also trigger additional government funding for school. While this funding is not allocated to individual children, it does help us fund a range of additional services and support such as; subsidised school uniforms, discounted school trips, Breakfast and After school provision and play therapy.

Please apply online directly via Bracknell Forest or pop into the office for help to make an application <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-meals/forms/apply-free-school-meals>

# A few reminders.....

**We have a Parent Governor Vacancy** . If you would like to express your interest, please email Jane, the Clerk to the governors on [Jhodgson@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:Jhodgson@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk) for a nomination form. Closing date is Monday 12th October. Please find attached a letter from the Clerk of Governors.

If you are waiting for a test—the whole family needs to self-isolate until you have the test results. Please send any test results in via [COVIDtest@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:COVIDtest@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk)

## 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>

# Dates

Diary Dates	
Reception Year Group Welcome Meeting	6:30 - 7:30 Tuesday 13th October (Live via ZOOM)
Parent Consultations	4-7pm—Tuesday 20th October (Via ZOOM ) 4-7pm—Thursday 22nd October (Via ZOOM)
Scholastic Virtual Book Fair	Friday 13th November (further details to follow)