



Weekly Update

9th October 2020

School Lunch Menu

Please see attached our updated lunch menu which starts after half term. Remember to order by mid-night for the next day using your Eduspot login.

School Tours—Virtual

Due to the current restrictions we are not able to run our normal face to face school tours. We have produced several welcome videos and presentations. We will also host virtual (via ZOOM) Q&A sessions over the next term with myself and some members of the Senior Leadership Team. Please see the school website for further information.

<https://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Virtual+Tours+%26amp%3B+New+Parents+Information&pid=161>

Welcome Meeting Presentations

We have uploaded our Welcome to Year Group Meeting presentations to the school website. You will also find additional information about your child's specific year here

<https://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Year+Group&pid=103>

Secondary School Applications

Please remember that Secondary School applications need to be completed by 31st October. All the information is available online. <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/how-do-i-apply>

Friends Update

Please find attached minutes from the last Friends meeting and a flyer for a number of exciting events over the next term including; Christmas Card design, Fancy Dress Day, and a virtual Family Bingo.



Internet Safety Information

Parent Zone offer a broad range of information for parents about internet safety and digital parenting
<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk>

There is further information on our school website <https://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=e%3D2Dsafety&pid=72&action=saved>



A few reminders.....

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>

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 opened 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.

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

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 for your Diary

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)
INSET DAY	MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
Scholastic Virtual Book Fair	Friday 13th November (further details to follow)
Year 6 Residential Meeting	6.00-6.45pm Thursday 12th November
Year 4 Residential Meeting (Oakwood)	6.00-6.45pm Thursday 19th November
Year 5 Residential Meeting (Oakwood)	4.30-5.15pm Thursday 26th November