



Weekly Update

27th November 2020

School Christmas Events

- * **Christmas Bazaar** - Year 5 & 6 children will run the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 4th December. This year we have decided to organise things a little differently, with the games being taken to the classrooms. The games are free to play so the children won't need to bring in any money. Unfortunately, there won't be prizes as usual, but some of the games may offer a sticker or a certificate for the winners!
- * **Children's Christmas cards** – can children please bring in their Christmas cards by **9th December**. We will not have the usual post box, instead, staff will sort them and send them out the following week.
- * **Christmas lunch**—please remember to order lunch by **9th December**.
- * **Nativity Show**—all year groups are working on a virtual Nativity show. We will share this with parents on the last week of term. More details to follow.
- * **Dress Up/PJ Day** Children will have a games day and some classroom Christmas activities and watch an online Panto on the last day of term.

Finally, Staff Gifts – We fully appreciate your continued support and understand it is traditional for parents to buy staff a gift at Christmas. However, in light of the challenges COVID19 has brought everyone I would encourage parents to either send a thank you to staff and/or make a donation to Guide Dogs for the Blind. This is our nominated charity for this school year. The link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dan-kelf>

Attendance

Many thanks for your continued support in sending children in over this term. We work closely with Education Welfare Service (EWS) to support all children to attend school.

Parent Governor Elections

Many thanks to everyone who voted in the Parent Governor elections. Governors will update in the next few weeks with the results.

Open Windows

With the weather getting colder and classroom doors and windows open—please encourage your child to wear an extra layer—this could be a thermal vest or a fleece.

Children in Need—Update

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Children in Need appeal on Friday 13th November. We raised an amazing £339!



Wall/Modular

Can I remind parents not to allow children walk to on the wall behind the modular. I know children love walking along it—but it is not safe.

Friends update

- Many thanks to Friends and everyone who joined the Virtual BINGO Fun - it was a huge success—raising £170 and everyone enjoyed themselves
- End of Term— dress up/PJ day, Class Christmas Activities and online Pantomime
- Tickets for Christmas raffle will be on sale from next week
- EasyFundraising is an easy way for Friends to raise money. Simply register Friends as your preferred charity.



A few reminders.....

COVID19 Test results

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>

PE KIT

Can we please remind parents that children should wear plain t-shirts, jogging bottoms and black trainers or plim-solls for PE.

Dates

Christmas Bazaar	Friday 4th December
Children's Christmas Card due in	Wednesday 9th December
Year 4 Christmas Unwrapped Church visit	Wednesday 9th December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 16th December
Friends Dress Up/PJ Day & Online Panto	Friday 18th December
End of Term	Friday 18th December
INSET day	Monday 4th January 2021
Start of Term	Tuesday 5th January 2021

* See school website for term dates