



Weekly Update

07 May 2021

MP Visit

On Friday 30th April the school council representatives met with our local MP James Sunderland. During his visit, the children asked James about his role and heard first hand what it is like to be an MP and work in the Houses of Parliament! The pupils came away very enthused from their meeting and were very motivated to feedback to their peers. The school council reps were a credit to Birch Hill presenting themselves maturely and taking responsibility in their role of speaking on behalf of the school.



School Photographs

School photos will take place on Wednesday 19th May. These will happen in the main school hall in the morning (rather than the studio). Mrs. Nicholson will coordinate each year class and will also arrange sibling photos.

Unfortunately, parents cannot come on site and there will not be any 'extended' family photos.

Parents Evening

For next week's Parents consultations, we will be using the Parents Evening Video system via Teachers2Parents. You will receive a link to your appointment three hours before. This is a new system, so please read the guidance attached. It is also on the school website under –

Parents – Parents Evening Info. We have trialled it this week and hope you find it easy to use and helpful. Please note this system operates a peer-to-peer style connection, which effectively means, device-to-device. This means that you cannot have more than two devices connected to a call at any given time.



Year Group Emails

Year group emails are still open and please use them. The focus for these emails is for Home Learning work. Please be aware they are not monitored daily. For any information related to other aspects of school life – attendance, after-school clubs, lunches or uniform, etc, please contact the school office:

secretary@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk

Please note that the Nursery@ email address is no longer accessible, please use the YearN@ email address to contact Nursery.

PSHE

Some children are beginning to have their Relationships & Sex (RSE) lessons this term. Please see the attached letter regarding this.

Please contact your class teacher (email via the office) if you have any questions. You can also see the school website for further information.

<https://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=PHSE%2C+Citizenship+and+RSE&pid=340>

Y6 Residential Trip (2022)

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the ZOOM meeting last night. We will publish the slides on our website shortly.

Gas Pipe Repair

The main gas pipe to the community centre is due to be fully dug up and repaired from Wednesday onward. There will be limited access to the car park and I would encourage parents to use other parking in the local area and South Hill Park.

Dates for the Diary

Parents' Evening	4pm-7pm Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th May
Year 6 Height and Weight Check	Tuesday 18th May
School Photographs	Wednesday 19th May
Year 4 & Year 6 Residential Zoom Meetings	4.30pm & 6.30pm Wednesday 20th May
Reception Height, Weight, Hearing and Vision Check	Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th May
Year 3 & 4 Performance (more details to follow)	Thursday 27th May
HALF TERM	Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June
National Sports Week	Monday 21st—Friday 25th June
Year 6 Secondary School Transition Days	Wednesday 30th June & Thursday 1st July
Year 4 Residential to Oakwood	Thursday 1st—Friday 2nd July
Year 6 Residential to Oakwood	Monday 5th—Wednesday 7th July
Annual Reports to go out	Friday 16th July
END OF TERM	Wednesday 21st July
START OF AUTUMN TERM	Thursday 2nd September