



# Weekly Update

09 July 2021

I can't believe we only have one full week left before the summer holidays! It's been another busy week; last week we took Y4 to Oakwood for one night, two days and this week we took the Y6 children; all of the children had a brilliant time, learning a whole range of important skills from abseiling to archery to becoming more independent and spending time with friends.



Early Monday morning, 52 excited Year 6's arrived at Oakwood Activity Centre, eager for what the next 3 days would bring. They experienced activities ranging from bouldering to high ropes and fire-building: all of which required perseverance and courage. They showed respect and gratitude to the instructors, who were very supportive of the children. Fuelled by fantastic food (and not so much sleep, thanks to the torrential rain), we all encouraged each other to attempt each activity, face fears and push ourselves out of our comfort zones. On top of this, the children were responsible, tidy and well-organised - which they proved, to the disbelief of all staff, during the infamous room inspections.! Their maturity shone through and they represented the school fantastically for the duration of the trip.

Well done Year 6 - it was a pleasure! - *Miss Garnham & Miss Hodge*

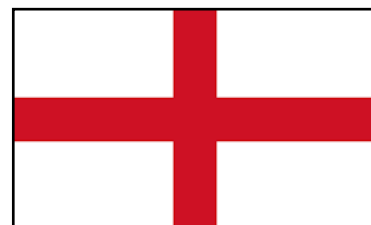


## **Euro 2020**

If you have missed the news, England are into the final of a major football tournament for the first time in 55 years! School will be open at normal time to welcome the children, however, if you decide to stay up late to watch it the game and need a lie in, you are welcome to bring your child in by 10:30.

Please bring them to the office. For parents who use KOOSA breakfast club, this will still be open as usual.

The children's home learning for the weekend could include learning all the words to the National Anthem ready to sing on Sunday! Good luck to Gareth Southgate and the England Team from everyone at Birch Hill Primary School!



### Staffing & Transition

This week we have welcomed our new staff for September, and children have started their transition sessions – it has been lovely to see them with their new classes and teachers.

### COVID Restrictions—Stage 4 Arrangements

Please see attached letter that outlines our plans from the expected changes from 19<sup>th</sup> July.

### Site Maintenance

You may see groundsmen on-site next week removing two large trees on Ringmead. The council has recommended that they are removed due to disease. We will look at replanting a new row of trees in the autumn term.

### Safeguarding

Please see the attached letter from the local authority regarding important information for parents and carers.

### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge from the Reading Agency takes place every year during the summer holidays. Children read 6 or more library books of their choice and receive incentives along the way to encourage them. There's a certificate for everyone who finishes the challenge.

This year the Summer Reading Challenge theme is 'Wild World Heroes'.

The challenge is:

- inclusive of all primary school aged children and all stages of reading development
- free to take part - simply visit your local library during the holidays to sign up, and children will receive fun materials to get them started

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries/library-events/summer-reading-challenge-2021?medium=email&source=GovDelivery>

## Dates for the Diary

Annual Reports to go out	Friday 16th July
Friends Non-Uniform Day (no football kits)	Friday 16th July
Year 6 Leaver Events	Please see letter sent out last week
<b>END OF TERM</b>	<b>Wednesday 21st July</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Wednesday 1st September</b>
<b>START OF AUTUMN TERM</b>	<b>Thursday 2nd September</b>

\*Please note there is an extra bank holiday, which has been added on to the May-June half term. See our website

<https://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=49>