

It has been lovely to see all the children settle back in over the last two weeks and I would like to say a special welcome to all of our new families and especially our new nursery and reception children and families.

We are all very much looking forward to our new school year and have many exciting things planned. Please check the diary below. We start the 'Welcome to year group' meetings next week (ZOOM invites will be email out) and will hold Parents Consultation Evenings just before half term.

A Message from Mr Hughes-White



To the Parents, Children and Staff at Birch Hill,
Thank you for a wonderful send off and the fantastic gifts. I feel very blessed to have been a part of the Birch Hill family and will miss you all.
Many thanks and good luck going forward into the new year. Mr Hughes-White x

Specialist Resource Provision (official name and photos to come!)

We are so excited to have our SRP up and running with Mrs Blackford as the lead Teacher, Miss King as lead TA and Mrs Thomas as TA in the mornings. The children have settled in very well and some of the children are starting to access the mainstream provision as well. We are currently in a temporary classroom, however, building work is underway and we hope to move in to our permanent classroom after half term, if everything goes to

Home Learning - Years 2—6

Your child will be coming home today with their home learning for the half term. We hope that you will be able to support them in completing it - whilst having some fun! As always, we would love to see what you are getting up to, but as we are still in a pandemic, we would like to encourage you to email pictures and videos to your year group's emails.

Parent Volunteers

We are now able to invite parent volunteers into school again from after half term (subject to restrictions). If you are interested, please email the school office . You will then need to have a DBS check and attend induction training.

Smart Watches

We have noticed that some children are wearing Smart Watches or Smart gadgets in school. These devices allow children to take photos and play games and as a result, they have already become a safeguarding concern and distraction. Can we please ask you to not let your child bring them come into school. If they need to, we will collect these in (similar to mobile phones), store them in the office and return them at the end of the day.

Dates for the Diary

Welcome to Year 5 Meeting (virtual)	Tuesday 21st September @ 6.30pm
Welcome to Year 6 Meeting (virtual)	Tuesday 21st September @ 6.30pm
Welcome to Year 3 Meeting (virtual)	Thursday 23rd September @ 6.30pm
Welcome to Year 4 Meeting (virtual)	Thursday 23rd September @ 6.30pm
Second hand Uniform Sale	Thursday 23rd September from 3.00pm
Welcome to Year 1 Meeting (virtual)	Thursday 30th September @ 6.30pm
Welcome to Year 2 Meeting (virtual)	Thursday 30th September @ 6.30pm
Welcome to Reception Meeting (virtual)	Tuesday 12th October @ 6.30pm
Parents Evening (virtual)	Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st October 4pm-7pm
HALF TERM	MONDAY 25TH—FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER
INSET DAY	MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
Reception Family Learning Workshop	Tuesday 16 th November (RW) & Thursday 18 th November (RR) see attached flyer
Parent Workshop	Wednesday 24 th November 9-11am

Letters/Attachments coming home this week:

Friends Meeting Minutes
Bounce Back Fit Flyer
Reception Family Learning Workshop Flyer
Parent Workshop Flyer
Y4 Bikeability Letter
Y5 Bikeability Letter
Y6 Bikeability Letter
Y6 Height & Weight Letter
Y6 School Admissions Letter
Y5 & 6 Youth Club Flyer