

Unfortunately with COVID19 outbreaks in local schools, we have been reviewing our safety procedures and will no longer be able to invite volunteers into school after half term. Please continue to let us know if you are interested and we will let you know once it is safe.

We have also decided not to hold a Harvest Assembly this year. Children will still learn about harvest in classes and in year group assemblies. I appreciate children and parents will be disappointed, and we will do our utmost to get back to normal as soon as possible, but I must try to keep staff and children as safe as possible.

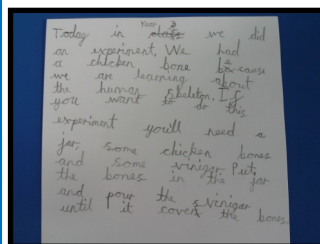
Year 4 PE

We have been learning to use our BLP muscle of perseverance to help ourselves when it feels difficult. Together, we have become great encouragers during our indoor PE sessions when learning how to balance and transfer our weight from one foot to another. In our outdoor PE sessions we have been focusing on tag rugby. The photos show how we have been moving in a line, passing the ball sideways. This week we progressed to a slow jog whilst staying in a line and throwing the ball. This has been even better because we have been able to work together as a whole class team.



Year 3—Chicken Bones experiment

As part of our topic on the Digestive System, Year 3 have had a great time learning all about the human skeleton using chicken bones—everyone had a great time!



Dyslexia Week

For dyslexia week, next week, Birch Hill library are promoting Barrington Stoke books. You may be aware of the publisher; their books are designed for children with dyslexia, visual stress or who struggle with reading. They have a wide stock of these books on their shelves. If you need any help with locating them then the staff will be happy to help you as they are located with the other fiction titles.

Good to Grow

We are pleased to announce that we are taking part in the Morrisons' Good to Grow scheme, which aims to educate children about food production and provide schools with gardening equipment to help this. Please see the attached flyer. This point-based scheme is simple to sign up to on the 'MyMorrisons' app where you can select Birch Hill as your chosen school. Our aim is to raise 2,500 points before 24th October - please help us!

Secondary School Applications

Please ensure you apply for your child's secondary school place by 31st October. For further information go to the Bracknell Forest Council website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/when-apply>

Friends Upcoming Events

🎄 Christmas Cards 🎄 - packs have already been ordered and are being delivered today. The children will do their designs with their teachers next week and the forms will come home next Friday 8th October. Deadline for back at school is the following Friday 15th October with payment please. We are accepting bank transfers mainly but cash if this isn't possible. All details are on the form. Thank you. This will enable us to have the packs all delivered back for the last week of November.

🎃 Halloween sale 🎃 - this will be on the 15th October outside the library from 3pm. We would love more donations please. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

👤 Halloween dress up day 👤 - this is on the 22nd of October (the last day of the half term). Please send your child in with a £1 for dress up. Mainly cash on the day to the teachers please. But we can accept bank transfer into our account with reference HALLOWEENDD and child's initials and class code eg. FP6HHALLOWEENDD

🎅 Christmas Fair 🎄 - this will be on the 4th of December. We are currently booking up lots of lovely crafts stalls and Christmas stalls. Please get in touch if you would like to book a stall. We would love to showcase our school families and their businesses especially. Tables are £12 for one or £18 for two. We are able to have a great set up with plenty of room for people to move around and be safe. There should also be a surprise guest 😊. If you can't make it please let us have some leaflets or cards. We will be having a table for these.

As ever we welcome volunteers to help on the day or day before. So if you think you can help with any of the above events please get in touch with us or collar us in the playground. Best wishes 😊



Dates for the Diary

Welcome to Reception Meeting (virtual)	Tuesday 12th October @ 6.30pm
Friends Halloween Costume Sale	Friday 15th October from 3pm.
Parents Evening (virtual)	Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st October 4pm-7pm
Halloween Dress Up Day	Friday 22nd October
HALF TERM	MONDAY 25TH—FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER
INSET DAY	MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
Year 6 Height & Weight Check—School	Tuesday 2nd November
Flu Immunisations - Reception-Year 6	Thursday 4th 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
Friends Christmas Fair	Saturday 4th December

Letters/Attachments coming home this week:

Parent Workshop Flyer

Morrisons Good to Grow Flyer