

Everyone
smiles in
the same
language

BIRCHILLS CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

FRIDAY
3rd
November
2017

ChildLine
0800 1111

We are all God's Children

Spot mistakes!
Earn house points

WELCOME BACK!

A busy half term ahead of us!
See planner for dates

PARENTS/CARERS MEETING

Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th

November 2017, 3.00 - 4.30pm

Teachers are looking forward to meeting parents/carers to discuss progress. Please speak to the class teacher to book an appointment.



SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday

The Mayor of Walsall has invited our school to bring a group of families and staff to join the official Walsall remembrance parade and lay a wreath at the cenotaph, Bradford Place, Walsall.

HOMEWORK/SUPPORT CLUBS

Homework/support clubs, to help pupils with reading, writing and maths, will be available soon. See letter that came home this week.



SPORTS AWARD

KS1 - Year 2

KS2 - Year 5

Individual - Farhan, Year 6



SPORTS NEWS

Well done to our Football Team who played really well in their matches this week. We are very proud of you and behaviour was excellent.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is very important that you notify the school by 1.30pm if someone else is collecting your child(ren) at the end of the day. If we have not received notification, we may not release your child into their care until we receive this information. Please respect our commitment to keeping your children safe? Thank you.

EVENTS

7, 8 & 9 Nov	Parents/Carers Meetings with class teachers 3 - 4.30pm
7 Nov	Skipping Day Reception Classes to Year 6 - All pupils to wear PE Kit
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
7 - 16 Nov	PACT WORKSHOPS
17 th Nov	BBC Children in Need Day - Dress up for £1 donation
13 Dec	Christmas Lunch Day - Menu out soon. Carol Concert 3pm-4.15pm School Hall
15 Dec	Christmas Food Fayre
18 Dec	Nursery AM, Reception & 1AB Christmas Church Service. Parents welcome - 10am
19 Dec	Nursery PM, 1ES and Year 2 Christmas Church Service. Parents welcome - 2pm
20 Dec	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Church Service. Parents welcome - 9.30am
21 Dec	Disco & Party Day. Food welcome.
22 Dec	Last Day of Term 1.00pm finish for all pupils. Happy holidays!
9 Jan 2018	BACK TO SCHOOL

KEEPING WARM!

The weather has changed and winter is on the way! Pupils need to be wearing our autumn/winter uniform now. Thermals keep you warm too. PE Kit days should be black jogging bottoms and fleeces, not leggings, they are not suitable in this weather.



BONFIRE NIGHT

5th November. Stay safe and have fun!

****STARS OF THE WEEK****

Friday 10th November, 10.00am,
parents/carers welcome

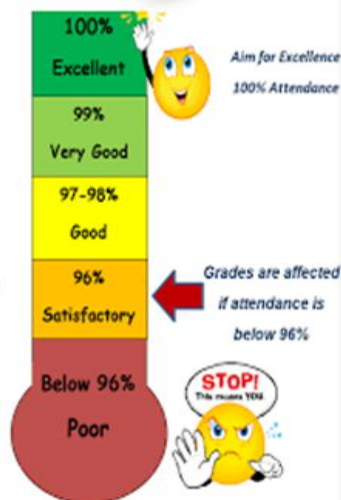
YEAR 1 - Zaakir/Amina
YEAR 2 - Ksymema
YEAR 3 - Aminah/Harisa
YEAR 4 - Kenzie/Bismah
YEAR 5 - Tirell/Aleysha
YEAR 6 - Sareem/Samiul



BIRCHILLS STREET UPDATE

The council have been monitoring Birchills Street traffic, a 7-day traffic surveys, and they show that the flashing lights and reduced speed signs scheme has been successful in reducing the average speed of vehicles along Birchills St from 26.5mph to 21.0mph (this was recorded over a 7 day period). The average number of vehicles using Birchills St on a weekday has also reduced by over 350 vehicles per day following the implementation of the scheme (from 3982 to 3623). There has only been one recorded personal injury collision in the last 3 years and this was not speed related.

ATTENDANCE



THE LAW



Did you know, if attendance is less than 96% you are at risk of being fined and/or receiving a prison sentence? Please respect the law.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done to
2CB who had
100%
attendance
the last week
of term.



MANNERS MATTER MOST at Birchills Church of England Community Academy



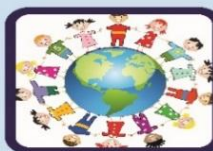
1. We will...
make you feel
welcome



2. We will...
make time to
listen to you



3. We will...
be polite and
understanding



4. We will...
keep you
informed and
explain what is
happening



5. We will...
admit to mistakes
and do all we can
to put them right



6. We will...
value your point
of view

7. We will...
be caring and
kind

8. We will...
keep you involved

9. We will...
go the extra mile

10. We will...
treat everyone
equally



In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Amen



REMEMBRANCE POPPIES



Poppies will be available from next half term during break time. Donations welcome.



Friday 17th November

Non-Uniform Day
Donations welcome for this
wonderful charity.

P.E. UNIFORM REMINDER

From now on, PE days/After school sports clubs, pupils can come to school in their PE kits. If they are wearing T-shirt and shorts these may be worn under uniform or alternatively they may wear their black PE tracksuits.

We want to spend more time on actual PE and significantly reduce the time changing; this will also take any anxiety away for those pupils who feel uncomfortable about changing in school.



MONDAY - Year 2
TUESDAY - Year 5
WEDNESDAY - Year 3
THURSDAY - Reception & Year 6
FRIDAY - Years 1 & 4



The PE uniform:

- Black trainers or black pumps (no bright coloured trainers allowed)
- Plain white t-shirt & black shorts AND/OR
- Plain black tracksuit/jogging bottoms & black sweatshirt with white t-shirt underneath.
- **NO LEGGINGS. NO OTHER colours, logos, or writing allowed.**
- **Swimming kit should be plain navy or black. Swimming hats to be worn (sold in school). Goggles not allowed. Pupils require a towel.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Hairstyles should be sensible with no extreme styling or colours and long hair should be tied back with a bobble in the same colour as the hair.

The only jewellery items permitted are one pair of small stud earrings.

White shirt or white polo shirt

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Dark blue or black headscarf (no patterns or decoration)

Royal blue fleece or sweatshirt (preferably with school logo)

Royal blue fleece, sweatshirt or cardigan (preferably with school logo)

Royal blue Fleece, sweatshirt or cardigan (preferably with the school logo)

Grey trousers, skirt or Pinaföre dress

Grey skirt or Pinafore dress

Grey trousers

Grey tights or grey/black socks

Grey trousers or grey / white salwar

Grey tights or grey/black socks

Grey or black socks

Black school shoes (NOT trainers)

Smart black school shoes (NOT trainers)

Smart black school shoes



CLICK IT!

If you see anything on the internet that upsets you click this button on your device and tell an adult you trust.



Homework

1. Pupils must read everyday. Reading is very important; it enriches vocabulary and improves writing skill.
2. Learn multiplication facts.
3. Learn number bonds to 10. How many different ways can you make the number 10? Learn to tell the time.
4. How many different ways can you make: 50p, £1.00, £5.00, £10.00, £100?
5. Being tidy, clean and organised.
6. Being polite. Manners matter most.
7. Being kind and caring

URGENT!

Be safe ONLINE and when you are out and about!

NEVER talk or walk with people you don't know!

Always YELL & TELL if someone is trying to hurt you!

Call 999 in an emergency.

Tel: 01922 721063

postbox@birchills.walsall.sch.uk

www.birchills.walsall.sch.uk

HELPLINES

NSPCC 0800 800 5000

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Samaritans

01922 624000 or 08457 909090

Citizen Advice Bureau 01922 700600

Domestic Violence

0800 389 5790 / 0800 389 6990 / 0779 667 2053

01952 406 767

Addictions, Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs

Alcoholics Anonymous - 0845 769 7555

Addiction Walsall (Drug Intervention Programme)
- 01922 646262

Childline - 0800 1111

Police - 999 emergencies only or 101 for other.

If you are worried about anyone or anything tell someone; it may just save a life.



Walk with me

Walk with me in the golden sun
Walk with me in the rain
Walk with me in happiness
Walk with me in pain.

Walk with me at morning time
When the world is light
Walk with me when evening comes
Watch me through the night.

A Really Good School

Dear God,

Let us make our school a really good school:

let us be kind,

let us be fair,

let us be honest,

let us be respectful,

let us be friendly,

Let us be ready to forgive,

Help us to start each day by remembering these things.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE PER CLASS

RRB	RAM	1ES	1AB	2CB	2TM	3LB	3YA	4MB	4PS	5AG	5MW	6PP	6GP
94.1%	91.4%	96.3%	96.3%	97.1%	96.6%	96.6%	95.7%	96.4%	97.7%	96.5%	94%	95.6%	94.5%

KEEP UP TO DATE

www.birchills.walsall.sch.uk

We are pleased to inform you we are now virtually a paperless school, apart from pupils books and displays of course! We have no choice but to keep up to date with technological advances so you too will need to join us on our journey. Everything you need is on our website and also available to you via email and texts. If you would like more information please email postbox@birchills.walsall.sch.uk, ring 01922 721063 or pop in and see us.



Training Days for 2017/2018

Monday 4th September 2017

Tuesday 5th September 2017

Monday 8th January 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>First day of term</u>	<u>Last day of term</u>
Autumn Term	Monday 4 th September 2017	Friday 20 th October 2017
Autumn Term	Monday 30 th October 2017	Friday 22 nd December 2017
Spring Term	Monday 8 th January 2018	Friday 16 th February 2018
Spring Term	Monday 26 th February 2018	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Summer Term	Monday 16 th April 2018	Friday 25 th May 2018
Summer Term	Monday 4 th June 2018	Tuesday 24 th July 2018

From time to time we may need to change a date, at very short notice, due to unforeseen circumstances, we apologise for any inconvenience.



YEAR 4 SWIMMING/PE LESSONS FOR 2017/2018

Date	Activity for 4PS (Mrs Schirinzi's class)	Activity for 4MB (Miss Brassington's class)
Friday 10 th November 2017	PE	Swimming
Friday 17 th November 2017	Swimming	PE
Friday 24 th November 2017	PE	Swimming
Friday 1 st December 2017	Swimming	PE
Friday 8 th December 2017	PE	Swimming
Friday 15 th December 2017	Swimming	PE
Friday 12 th January 2018	PE	Swimming
Friday 19 th January 2018	Swimming	PE
Friday 26 th January 2018	PE	Swimming
Friday 2 nd February 2018	Swimming	PE
Friday 9 th February 2018	PE	Swimming
Friday 16 th February 2018	Swimming	PE
Friday 2 nd March 2018	PE	Swimming
Friday 9 th March 2018	Swimming	PE
Friday 16 th March 2018	PE	Swimming
Friday 23 rd March 2018	Swimming	PE
Friday 20 th April 2018	PE	Swimming
Friday 27 th April 2018	Swimming	PE
Friday 4 th May 2018	PE	Swimming
Friday 11 th May 2018	Swimming	PE
Friday 18 th May 2018	PE	Swimming
Friday 25 th May 2018	Swimming	PE
Friday 8 th June 2018	PE	Swimming
Friday 15 th June 2018	Swimming	PE
Friday 22 nd June 2018	PE	Swimming
Friday 29 th June 2018	Swimming	PE
Friday 6 th July 2018	PE	Swimming
Friday 13 th July 2018	Swimming	PE

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

We would like to create a wall of ex-pupils' achievements after they have left secondary school. If you know anyone that might be interested in telling us about where they are now, for example working, university, training, self-employed, travelling, **please contact us at postbox@birchills.walsall.sch.uk or telephone 01922 721063.** We hope our community will help us spread this message near and far. We want to celebrate the achievements of our community and inspire our current pupils.

TALK

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AND STAY SAFE,
LIKE PANTOSAURUS

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NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

LEARN PANTOSAURUS' FIVE EASY RULES FOR STAYING SAFE

P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE

Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first. Remember, what's in your pants belongs only to you.



A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU

No one should ever make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If someone asks to see or tries to touch your underneath your underwear say 'NO' – and tell someone you trust and like to speak to.



N O MEANS NO

You always have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. You're in control of your body and the most important thing is how YOU feel. If you want to say 'No', it's your choice.



T ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU

There are good secrets and bad secrets. If a secret makes you feel sad or worried, it's bad – and you should tell an adult you trust about it straight away.



S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP

It's always good to talk about stuff that makes you upset. If you're worried, go and tell a grown up you trust – like a family member, teacher or one of your friend's parents. They'll say well done for speaking out and help make everything OK. You can also call Childline on 0800 1111 and someone will always be there to listen.



Remember all of these
rules and they'll help
you stay safe, just like
Pantosaurus



Your Invitation

Help us brand The Black Country Blue Network

The new Black Country Blue Network needs a brand and we would like your help creating it.

The Black Country Blue Network is an ERDF funded project that aims to improve the environment along the area's waterways. The project is being run by Wolverhampton City Council and has Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, Birmingham & Black Country Wildlife Trust, Environment Agency and Canals & River Trust as partners.

We would like to invite you to a branding evening to learn more about what you would expect from a Black Country Blue Network and to help us shape the brand for the new project.

This is a fun evening with a number of enjoyable activities that will help us understand your thoughts and feelings about the project and its people. There will be a great opportunity to meet new people and enjoy coffee/tea and biscuits.

The Black Country Blue Network Branding Evening

Bentley Moor Social Club, Bentley Drive, Walsall WS2 8RY

Monday 6th November 7:30pm to 9:30pm

RSVP

If you would like to attend please email Caroline Sycamore caroline@acercomms.co.uk or call 01952 221281, so we can reserve a space for you and ensure we have sufficient refreshments.

**The Black Country
Blue Network
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