



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Spot mistakes!
Earn house
points!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES & CONCERT

Thank you for attending our Christmas church services and concert. Pupils performed really well and we are so proud of them.

THANK YOU

Staff would like to **thank you** for the kind messages, cards and gifts, we are truly touched by your kindness.

IMPORTANT

Whether your child is an avid reader, a reluctant reader or somewhere in between, it is often useful to have an idea of books that are available and suitable for their age and stage of reading. The websites below, whilst not exhaustive, are easy to use and may provide you with books to encourage and excite your reader.

Book Trust

www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/booklists/ The School Reading List

www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-listsfor-ks1-school-pupils/ and

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/readinglists-for-ks2-school-pupils/>

Love reading 4 kids www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/

Children's Book Council

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/reading-lists/>

MATHS & SPELLINGS GAMES YEARS 1 - 6

We have launched a new Maths & Spellings game for Years 1 - 6 called **Mathletics & Spellodrome**. Both can be accessed at home on an ipad/computer/phone. Pupils have their own log-ins and can compete for points against friends and peers and gain certificates. This will help to improve their maths and spelling skills.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PUPIL ABSENCE

All pupil absences MUST be reported directly to the school office.

Thank you.

TRAINING DAY

Monday 8th January 2018 is a training day. Pupils will return on **Tuesday 9th January.**

CHRISTMAS FAIR

THANK YOU for supporting our fair.

We raised **£1200!**

We are very lucky to have such generous and committed families.

We will be using the money raised to reduce the cost of educational visits and special workshops/visitors.

| DATE | EVENT |
|-----------------|--|
| 9 Jan 2018 | BACK TO SCHOOL |
| 16 Feb | St Valentines Day Disco and Chinese New Year |
| 19-23 Feb | Half term |
| 26 Feb | Back to School |
| 1 Mar | St David's Day |
| 5 Mar | SATs Meeting for Y6 parents |
| 17 Mar | St Patrick's Day |
| 19 Mar | Pupil progress reports and meetings |
| TBC | Easter Service |
| 29 Mar | End of term - School closes at 1pm |
| 16 Apr | Back to school |
| 23 Apr | St George's Day |
| w/c 14 May | Y6 SATS |
| 15 May - 14 Jun | Month of Ramadan |
| 28 May - 1 June | Half term |
| 17 July | End of term party/disco |
| 19 July | Year 6 Leavers service |
| 24 July | Last day of term, school closes at 1pm |

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

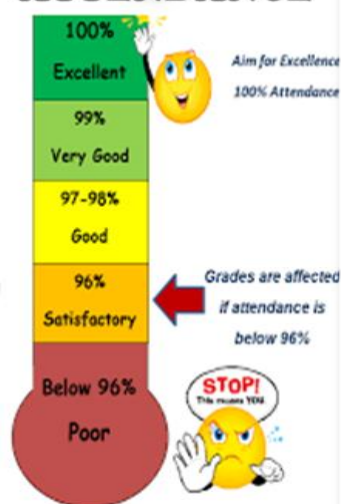


BACK NEXT TERM

BIRCHILLS STREET UPDATE

The council have been monitoring Birchills Street traffic with a 7-day traffic survey, and it shows 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
3YA who had
98.8%
attendance last
week.



MANNERS MATTER MOST at Birchills Church of England Community Academy



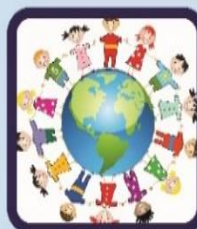
1. We will...
make you feel
welcome



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

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 Pinafore dress

Grey skirt or Pinafore dress

Grey tights or grey/black socks

Grey trousers or grey / white salwar

Grey tights or grey/black socks

Black school shoes (NOT trainers)

Smart black school shoes (NOT trainers)

Smart black school shoes

Grey trousers

Grey or black socks



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.



ChildLine

0800 1111



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 |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 92% | 92.5% | 96.2% | 94.1% | 96.3% | 94.5% | 96.2% | 95.7% | 94.9% | 96.8% | 96.5% | 94.6% | 95.7% | 95.9% |

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.



TALK PANTS AND STAY SAFE, LIKE PANTOSAURUS

- P** RIVATES ARE PRIVATE
- A** LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU
- N** O MEANS NO
- T** ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU
- S** PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP



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 you 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

