

**MOCCA, MUFFINS & MORE MORNING**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 8.30am-9.30am.

Drop in after drop off for a coffee/mocca and muffins/toast. Drop off your children and drop in for a break before you start your day!

**HOLY MONTH - LENT**

This week is the start of Lent, a Holy month for many Christians around the world. A time to think about what we have, and those less fortunate than ourselves. A time to remember that we are all God's children, we are all important and special. We will be preparing for Easter and celebrating the message of Easter over the next month. We look forward to seeing you at our Easter service next term.

**ST VALENTINE'S DISCO DAY**

Thank you all for supporting our fantastic Disco Day.

**OUR WORLD BOOK DAY**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Advance notice! Start to design, plan and prepare your book character costumes.

**DESIGN CHALLENGE!**

Make something to wear on your head. Decorate or make a hairband or scarf Easter and/or spring theme. Surprise and shock us! Prizes for all entries.

**Deadline: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**THE ONLINE WORLD**

**Q. Are you and your family safe online?**

See leaflets and links for more details. If you would like to know more information pop in and see us. Coffee mornings are best but we will see you whenever you need support.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

**WINTER OLYMPICS CHALLENGE**

Can you name all the countries that are taking part in the Winter Olympics? Can you name all the events? Surprise and shock us.

**HAPPY HALF TERM!**

See you all on

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**Be on time or you will miss out!**

**SOLAR ENERGY**

What do you know about solar energy? Find out and tell us after the break! Surprise and shock us! Prizes available.

DATE	EVENT
26 Feb	Back to School
1 Mar	St David's Day
2 Mar	World Book Day - Dressing up day
5 Mar	SATs Meeting for Y6 parents
7 Mar	World Math's Day
9-18 Mar	Science Week
12 Mar	Shakespeare Week
17 Mar	St Patrick's Day
19 Mar	Pupil progress reports meetings
21 Mar	World Poetry Day
22 Mar	World Water Day
27 Mar	Sports Relief Celebrations. £1 donation.
TBC	Easter Service
29 Mar	End of term - finish at 2.50pm
16 Apr	Back to school
23 Apr	St George's Day
w/c 14 May	Y6 SATS
15 May - 14 Jun	Month of Ramadan
23/24 May	Y6 Woodlands Trip
28 May - 1 June	Half term
4 June	Training Day - School closed to pupils
5 June	Back to school
17 July	End of term party/disco
19 July	Year 6 Leavers service
24 July	Last day of term - finish at 2.45pm

# **REMINDER**

**Did you know that you will lose your place at our academy, if you take your children out of school, in school time/term time, without our formal authorisation?**

**Did you know that attendance of less than 96% is serious? You are very likely to face court action, a fine, a prison sentence and lose your place at our academy.**

**There are 190 school days each year. Please work with us to improve your school. Attend everyday.**



# **\*\*STARS OF THE WEEK\*\***

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

**10am, Parents/Carers welcome**

Year 1 - Aliyah  
Year 2 - Lily-Mae/Zain  
Year 3 - Zahra/Shamus  
Year 4 - Merna/Jadeer  
Year 5 - Jaya/Henley  
Year 6 - Riya



## **SPORTS AWARDS**

KS1 - Year 1

KS2 - Year 4

Individual - Ryan, Year 1



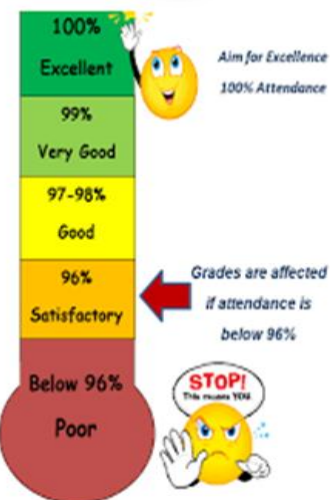
## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **\*\*PUPIL ABSENCE\*\***

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

**Thank you.**

## **ATTENDANCE**



## **THE LAW**



#schooleveryday

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 96.4% attendance last week.**



School Attendance Matters

## **CANCELLING SCHOOL LUNCH**

Please be aware that if your child is absent from school and you have paid for a school dinner, you must cancel the lunch or you will be charged. Please call the School Kitchen direct on 01922 725008.

## **OLD £10 NOTES**

**We can no longer accept the old style £10 notes.**



## **MANNERS MATTER MOST** at Birchills Church of England Community Academy



1. We will... make you feel welcome



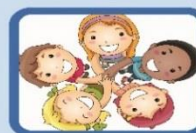
2. We will... make time to listen to you



3. We will... be polite and understanding



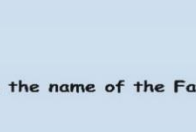
4. We will... keep you informed and explain what is happening



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

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.



# 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
92.6%	93.3%	95.9%	93.2%	96.3%	94.6%	96%	96.3%	94.8%	96.5%	96%	94.3%	95.9%	96%

## KEEP UP TO DATE

[www.birchills.walsall.sch.uk](http://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](mailto:postbox@birchills.walsall.sch.uk), ring 01922 721063 or pop in and see us.



## Training Days for 2017/2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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





**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**

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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

