BIRCHILLS CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY











FIRST FULL WEEK! FANTASTIC START

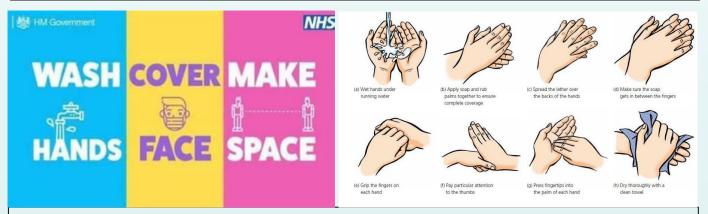
Welcome back to the second week of the new school year. It has been quite a while since we have seen all of our pupils, staff and parents/carers together and it has been great catching up with you in a socially distanced way of course! The return to school plan marks the beginning of a 'new normal' for us all.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we find our way with the new arrangements. We are continually tweaking and updating our plans to reflect the needs of our school, We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Please be reassured that we are doing our very best for your children and we are mindful of how challenging a return to school will have been for them.

If you have any concerns about your child please call us, we care and want to help.

Important dates on next page.



HANDS, FACE, SPACE

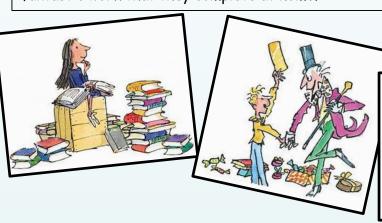
The government have announced a new initiative to help keep us safe called, 'Hands, Face, Space' and we will be discussing this with the children in lessons.

At home, please speak to your children about the importance of <u>washing their hands</u> correctly and discuss the guidance relating to <u>face coverings and social distancing</u>. Some parents have asked whether it is ok to send their children in with their own hand sanitiser and face covering, although we have hand sanitiser available in school we support children bringing in their own but we do encourage the children to use this at set times. Likewise with face coverings, some children are choosing to bring these into school and we respect this choice but do not enforce this as children are not expected to do this.

Please respect social distancing when you collect children at hometime. Only one parent per child is permitted on site, We also need adults to wear face coverings on our site. This is to keep everyone safe and help prevent the spread of the virus. Thank you.

ROALD DAHL DAY

On Sunday 13th September it is Roald Dahl Day. Next week, all children will be looking at some of the works of Roald Dahl and will be discussing their favourite Roald Dahl book. Can your children identify the characters on this newsletter? If your child wants to really impress their new teacher they could complete a piece of homework about their favourite Roald Dahl book or character. We really can't wait to see the fantastic work that they complete at home.





<u>INSET DAYS 2020/2021</u>

2nd November 2020 1st April 2021 12th May 2021

We may need to change/add to these dates as the year proceeds and will inform parents/carers immediately of any changes.

Pupil PE Days

Day	Year group
Monday	Year 4
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 2
Thursday	Nursery, Year 3 and Year 1
Friday	Reception and Year 6

TERM DATES 2020/2021

Autumn Term 2020:

Term starts: Tuesday 2 September 2020 Half Term: Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020 Term ends: Friday 18 December 2020

Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December 2020 to Friday 1 January 2021

Spring Term 2021:

Term starts: Monday 4 January 2021 Half Term: Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021 Term ends: Wednesday 1 April 2021

Easter holiday: Friday 2 April 2021 to

Friday 16 April 2021

Summer Term 2021:

Term starts: Monday 19 April 2021 Bank Holiday - Monday 3 May 2021 Half Term: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday

4 June 2021

Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2021 Summer holiday begins: Thursday 22 July