



Bierton Church of England Combined School

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good break over the Easter holidays, spending time with family and friends and enjoying some beautiful sunshine in the second half of the holidays.

We have come back to a change in the school site and we really appreciate your understanding and support as we iron out any small teething problems. In general, the children have come back and have experienced no impact on their lessons at all. The first day back was very exciting for the children as they got to see the new playground and the new corridor that runs round the outside of the hall. The new toilets were probably the highlight for a lot of children with the colourful panels and a hand dryer which caused lots of excitement.

We are extremely pleased with the new classrooms, kitchen and BOSC Room and I would like to thank all the staff who worked together to ensure they were ready for when the children arrived. Once things have settled, we will arrange a time for you to come in to school to see the new part of the building yourselves.

This half term is very short but jam packed with lots of events and opportunities.

We thank you again for your support and understanding with the changes.

Kind Regards,
Ms Martin
Headteacher

Key Dates in May

Wednesday 1st—Friday 3rd —Year 3/4 Residential Trip to Shenley Lane

Monday 6th—Bank Holiday—School Closed

Tuesday 7th—Class Photographs

Monday 13th—Thursday 16th—Year 6 SATS Tests

Thursday 16th—Year 5 Parents Secondary School Transfer Test and Skern Lodge Meeting

Monday 20th—Friday 24th Year 6 Skern Lodge Residential.

Tuesday 21st Cherry Class MultiSkills at Aylesbury Grammer School—Coach Provided.

Wednesday 22nd—Year 5—Fire Awareness Workshop in school.

Thursday 23rd—Year 5—School Games at the Grange School

Friday 24th—School closes at 3:20pm for half term.

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Community Spirit

During the half term holiday, two of our reception children missed being able to visit 'tuck shop'. They therefore decided to set up a tuck shop of their own. The girls baked some delicious biscuits and decorated them to sell to their friends and neighbours. The two girls designed a stall which they put outside the front of their house and stood outside for over three hours selling biscuits.

Although the girls live in a quiet area, they sold a massive 314 biscuits to their friends and neighbours. Both girls thoroughly enjoyed their enterprise experiencing and hope to do this again during the Summer Holidays. We are so impressed with the entrepreneurs and also their kind generosity as they have donated the money they made to the school.

Congratulations girls and what an excellent example of Community Spirit.



A reminder that we are now a **NUT FREE zone**. Thank you for ensuring that your children do not have any products with nuts in their school lunch boxes. It is very much appreciated.

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Christian Value

The Christian value for this half term is Honesty. Children should be able to understand the importance of telling the truth and the consequences that could occur if they were to tell a lie. Children at Bierton can show this value by being honest with their teachers, peers and adults around school. It is important that children recognise honesty as being true to themselves and to others.



Cycling and Walking to School



Now that the weather is warming up, it is great to see so many children and parents cycling, scooting and walking to school. Please keep this up! Not only is it a great way to wake up and get some fresh air and exercise in the morning but it also helps the environment.



If you do drive to school, please consider parking in the layby on the main road and walking the last bit down Parsons Lane to the school. If however, you have no choice but to drive down Parsons Lane please park considerately—not on corners of roads and not up on the pavements where children will be walking.

Thank you.

Attendance—March 2019

Attendance at school is vital to allow a child to progress in their learning and their social development. It is expected that a child's attendance should be above 95%.

Each month we are going to celebrate the class with the highest overall attendance by awarding the whole class with dojo points which add together to form rewards.

Attendance for March:

Ash = 93.9%

Alder = 97.1%

Beech = 96.6%

Birch = 96.4%

Cedar = 94.8%

Cherry = 98.1%

Chestnut = 90.7%

Holly = 96.3%

Hazel = 94.0%

Hawthorn = 96.2%



Congratulations!

Well done Cherry Class on having the highest attendance at 99.3% attendance for March.
5 DOJO points each!
Congratulations!

Online Safety – Monthly Top Tip!



Are you aware of what your child does online?
Does your child know that their online behaviour and conversations are traceable?
Are they creating a positive digital footprint and online reputation?

What is a digital footprint?

The internet keeps a record of everyone's online behaviour – the photos and videos we upload, the apps and website we use, the comments we make, what other people say about us and the things we buy. This information creates a digital footprint and contributes to our online reputation. It is important children understand how to manage their online reputation and the impacts for them of a negative online reputation.

How are online reputations formed?

Many parents nowadays post their baby's scan picture and photos of their newborn on social network pages. Children themselves start sharing information from a young age – the result is that by the time they are 18, a permanent and often substantial record will exist about them.

What happens if that information is inaccurate, or is the result of sexting or bullying? Once uploaded, such information is difficult to erase or change and could have a long-lasting impact especially if shared on social media. Although it may currently seem insignificant, a child's digital footprint and online reputation can affect their future education and employment prospects.

Facts and Statistics

1 in 5 children (8 - 17 years) said that someone has posted an image or video to bully them.

Nearly a third of children (8 - 17 years) have shared a photo they wouldn't want their parents or carers to see. These statistics show that although we teach and remind children to 'think before they post' and be 'share aware' it can be hard for them to restrain from posting things which they may later regret. It's important to continue to talk to them about what they and others share about them so they can take back control about what people will learn about them.

How can you monitor your child's online reputation?

You can find out more about your child's online reputation by taking the following steps:

Search for your child online – use different search engines and check using your child's whole name and other identifying information such as town or nickname.

Search on Google image- what kind of information do these searches reveal? Are the comments, photos, links appropriate? Do they include private information like their school or address? If your child has a blog or vlog, what does it say?

If your child is a member of a **social networking site**, consider joining it yourself and ask to be your child's online connection, or get another trusted adult to do this. Be aware that some children may have two or more profiles, one they share with their parents, and one they use for talking to their friends put all the information together and see what it says about your child. Does the picture it portrays feel right to you?

Real-Life Examples

Although we continue to educate our children about safe and appropriate online behaviour, many of them can struggle to realise the impact on their own lives. Here are some real life examples that could be shared with your children to emphasise the importance of a positive online reputation:

In 2017, Jack Maynard (a YouTuber) was removed from ITV's *I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!* due to his online behaviour. Evidence had been found that he had previously posted inappropriate tweets and comments on Facebook.

This month, Shila Iqbal, an actress in *Emmerdale*, has been axed from her role in the ITV soap. She had used inappropriate language in tweets which she sent over 5 years ago and as a consequence her contract has not been renewed.

Both of these examples emphasise to children that a person's digital footprint is stored and as a result it can impact on their future life and opportunities.

Further information (including advisory videos) can be found on the Internet Matters website. Please visit: <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-reputation/learn-about-it/>

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Bierton Inter-House Gymnastics Competition

On Wednesday 27th March, Bierton School saw the return of our annual Inter-House Gymnastics Competition and an incredible afternoon of talent it was!

First up was the EYFS and KS1 gymnastics. The pairs showed an exhilarating display of movement, poise and precision whilst completing their routines. The participants were able to demonstrate great technical ability with cartwheels, jumps and rolls.

Next it was the turn of KS2, who were able to demonstrate great technical ability with cannon moves, counter balances and lifts. The teams were able to coordinate their movements in time with the music, which provided an amazing show!

They worked extremely hard during the preceding weeks and their perseverance had clearly paid off. It has been wonderful to see all the hard work and dedication the children had put into their routines as so many pairs had spent their lunchtimes practicing and perfecting their moves.

Whilst our judges had the incredibly difficult task of choosing a winning pair from each year group, our Honeycomb club performed a fantastic dance routine. After much deliberation, the judges decided on the following winners:

KS1: Sienna and Poppy

Lower KS2: Oliver and Ollie

Upper KS2: Alex and Katie

Congratulations to all our winners and to all the finalists for all their handwork leading up to the competition and on the day!

Thank you to our fantastic judges, parents and family members who gave up their time to help support the event. Thank you as well to our incredible Sports Ambassadors for helping to organising the competition and presenting on the day!



Beech and Birch Multi-Skills Festival

On the 28th of March, Beech and Birch classes had a fun morning of multi-skills at the Mandeville School.

During the festival, all the children experienced a variety of different games: obstacle course, kicking games, jumping and throwing at a target. The children developed their balance, coordination and social skills throughout the morning and had lots of fun!



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Honeycomb Festival

During the Easter Holidays, Bierton School were invited to take part in the Honeycomb Festival at the Aylesbury Theatre. This fantastic event was spread over three nights with different schools and dance groups showcasing their talents on the stage. Over the past term, children from Year 4, 5 and 6 have been members of our Honeycomb After School Club and have spent many dedicated hours learning and practicing their dance routine.

On the day, the children were incredible and showed off such energy and talent. They took part in a dance workshop, costume photos and a dress rehearsal. The children were always enthusiastic throughout the day. Their dance incorporated a variety of moves, as well as leapfrogs jumps, back flips and cartwheels!



The children performed a dance routine to 'Get Shakey' by Ian Carey. The song provided a great opportunity for the children to express their movements on the big stage. The children were in time and their moves matched the beats with perfect synchronicity.

Thank you to all the children, who took part! You were all incredible!



Fitter Future

Congratulations to April's most active children!

Mahnoor - Birch

Livy- Hawthorn

Henry - Alder

Leanne- Cherry

Flo O- Hawthorn



Please speak to your class teacher if your child needs to use another username and password.

May sporting dates for your diary!

Thursday 2nd May: Selected Year 5 children for the Athletics Competition at the Mandeville School: 10am -12pm

Tuesday 21st May: Cherry Class Multi-Skills Festival at The Aylesbury Grammar School: 9.30am -11am

Thursday 23rd May: Whole year 5 Games at The Grange School - 9.00am -2pm