



Newsletter 11 - July 2013

Dates for July

- 1-2 - YN to Y4 Pottery with Paul Gooderham
- 1 - Governors' Meeting - 6.00pm
- 3 - Induction Day - all classes
- 5 - New Date for End of Year Reports
Y1 & Y2 Visit to CBSO
- 9 - OPEN EVENING (details with reports)
- 10 - SPLATS - Wind in the Willows
Parent Interviews - 3.30-5.30pm
- 12 - Y1 & Y2 visit to Telford Town Park
Y4 visit to the Wildside Centre
- 15 - Y2 Mexican Day
PFA Meeting - Bentlands 7.30pm
- 16 - Y4 Leavers' Evening - 7.00pm
- 18 - School Fun Day & SPLATS Circus Skills
- 19 - Leavers' Assembly/Achievement Awards 9.00am

School closes for summer holiday - opens Tuesday 3rd September 2013

Another last one...

This is my last Newsletter before leaving for retirement - 160 since becoming Acting Head in June 1998! I hope you have been kept well informed about school events over the years. The Newsletter archives show several recurring themes that have never been resolved - parking, naming uniform and walking through the car park for example. However, the history of wonderful Summer and Christmas Fayres, class events, new babies, parents' evenings, assemblies and Ofsted inspections, show how many good things we enjoy and celebrate. I hope the Newsletter tradition will continue to provide this communication between school and home, and that September 2013 brings another exciting year to look forward to. Best wishes to you all. Jude Willcox.

Summer Fayre

This is coming to you before the Summer Fayre on Sunday 30th June at 12.00pm. Thank you again to all the PFA members who have worked so hard to plan and prepare everything. Please come along and support this wonderful family event.

Library Books

Please return all library books to school by **Tuesday 2nd July**.

Induction Day

Induction Day helps children and teachers to prepare for September and relieve some of the difficulties that may otherwise arise. On Induction Day (Wednesday 3rd July) your child will go **directly** to the class or school that he/she will attend in September:

Year 4 to Codsall or Bilbrook Middle

Morning/Afternoon Nursery - whole day in Reception

Children moving to **other** schools can attend sessions at Birches as usual if necessary.

Leavers' Evening

Parents of Year 4 children are invited to our annual Leavers' Presentation and social evening on Tuesday 16th July at 7.00pm. Further information will follow shortly.

Leavers' Assembly

You are warmly invited to join us for our final assembly and special achievement awards on the last day of term at 9.00am.

School Uniform

Please remember to name **all** uniform for September - particularly sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces and PE kit.

Dinner Money

Next term the cost of a 'Birches Bites' school dinner will continue to be £2.10 (£10.50 for a full week). This is excellent value for a freshly prepared, nutritious meal.

Holiday dates

The school holiday dates for 2013-14 are attached. Please keep these in a safe place for next year. A full diary for the year will be with the September Newsletter.

Goodbye and Good Luck.....

We wish our Year 4 leavers every success at middle school and look forward to following their progress. We also wish Miss Wilson good luck in her new appointment and thank her for everything she has done in her time at Birches. A little bit of the Birches magic will go with them all!

Thank you...

... to everyone who has supported the school during the year!

Wishing you a safe and happy summer.



School Holidays 2013-14

Autumn Term 2013

Training Day	-	Monday 2 September
School opens	-	Tuesday 3 September
Half-Term	-	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November (inclusive)
Training Day	-	Monday 4 November
School Closes	-	Friday 20 December

Spring Term 2014

School opens	-	Monday 6 January
Training Day	-	Friday 14 th February
Half-Term	-	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February (inclusive)
School closes	-	Friday 11 April

Summer Term 2014

School opens	-	Monday 28 April
Bank Holiday	-	Monday 5 May
Half-term	-	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May (inclusive)
Training day	-	Monday 2 June
School closes	-	Friday 18 July
Training day	-	Monday 21 July

NB – school is closed for children on training days