

# BIRCHFIELD NEWS

MARCH 2022

Hello to all and once again another month is ticked off the calendar and we are (pardon the poor pun) marching through 2022. The sun is starting to shine, mornings are getting lighter and everywhere feels hopeful and optimistic. Thank you for continued high attendance, we love seeing so many keen and eager Birchfielders bringing their special buzz to our school. We are increasingly using school spider messages for information sharing so newsletters are being replaced by more instant messages. If you do not receive spider messages please let a staff member know and we can address the situation.

Messages are sent as a smartphone/email to increase accessibility so please do check emails.

## Parent survey.

Thank you to those parents who gave us feedback via the survey. The returns we had were overwhelmingly positive about the work that we do but we always have areas to develop. The following suggestions were made:

## More newsletters:

We do send out newsletters as enough news arises with a minimum of monthly. Events and essential info is on our website and we are trying to utilise messages/emails more

## Forest school:

We will continue to look for providers for this moving into our summer term to allow all children to experience this. There has been a shortage of local providers with availability.

## Parents evenings/Progress updates:

We are hosting these this week. We ordinarily do only host them termly which we have kept up in Term 1. Pupil progress will be the focus of this meeting

## 30 hour funding reminders

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to update codes. Reminders are issued by the payments service however reminders are on every newsletter. We have no access to the payment system and cannot access individual accounts.

## More Observations

1754 observations have been posted since September. Despite a recent reduction this still equates to over 100 observations per week. Each observation takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete, sometimes much longer. Observations are compiled in staff personal time and Government guidance we follow is to note new and significant learning. We would love to post every moment of every child's day but it is not physically possible. We hope that you do appreciate the value of the observations you do receive. We have revised our approach to Tapestry to hopefully create a purposeful journal of your child's time with us.

## Visits

Restrictions on visits have been mostly lifted and we are planning some exciting experiences for the second half of the year..warning..we will need volunteers!!

## Morning drop-off

This can feel rushed for some children. We offer an extended flexible drop-off for this reason along with to ease parking at one short pinch point. We suggest waiting until nearer ten past nine if you would like a more relaxed entrance to the day.

## Parking

Thank you..thank you..thank you!!! The driveway has been free of vehicles which makes drop off and collection much safer for all. I appreciate the extra effort it takes but the impact is enormous

Upcoming events and diary dates can be found on the events page of our website at <http://birchfield.haltonschools.info/>  
Reminder to parents to check expiry dates of 30 hour codes regularly