



## BIRCHES PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Newsletter

May and June 2019

#### School Uniform

Please ensure children's names are on all sweatshirts and clothes which are removed to change for P.E. Girls wearing summer dresses are to bring in a polo shirt to add to their PE kit.

#### After School Activities

**Activities start on Tuesday 7 May 2019 for 6 weeks until the week beginning 10 June 2019.**

Monday	P7	Cycling Proficiency – Mrs Morrow	2.35pm 3.30pm
		(cycling starts on 29/04/19 and will probably finish on 20/06/19)	

#### **Tuesday and Wednesday sessions taken by Healthy Kidz coaches**

Tuesday	P2 - P3	Gym Buddies £10 for 6 weeks	1.30pm 2.30pm
	P4 - P7	Futsal £10 for 6 weeks	2.35pm 3.30pm
Wednesday	P2 - P3	Adventure Time	1.30pm 2.30pm
	P4 – P7	Dance £10 for 6 weeks	2.35pm 3.30pm
Thursday	P7	Cycling Proficiency – Mrs Morrow	2.35pm 3.30pm
	P5/P6	Gardening Club – Mrs Greer	2.35pm 3.30pm

#### **Planetarium – P5 – Monday 29 April**

Children from P5 will visit the planetarium in Armagh. Children need to bring a packed lunch.

#### **Elections – Thursday 2 May**

The school will be closed on Thursday 2 May as it is used as a polling station.

#### **Number Day – Friday 3 May – Non-Uniform Day £1.00 per child**

Children will be taking part in a range of fun maths activities today. Children can wear an item of clothing with a number on it.

#### **Swimming Gala Trials – Friday 3 May**

Trials will be held for children in classes P5 – P7 for the swimming gala.

#### **Bank Holiday – Monday 6 May**

The school will be closed on Monday 6 May.

#### **Disability Sport – Thursday 9 May**

On Thursday 9 May the SLNRA and LFAP have organised an inclusive sports program for children in P7. Children will be wearing their school PE kit for this program.

#### **Swimming Gala – Tuesday 14 May**

The swimming gala will take place on Tuesday 14 May. Children from P6 and P7 will be going to Cascades Leisure Centre to support their team.



#### **Belfast Zoo – Monday 3 June**



### **Richmount Cup Football Tournament**

- Boys Football Tournament Wednesday 15 May – 1pm
- Girls Football Tournament Wednesday 22 May – 1pm

### **Tri-County Football Blitz Day - Friday 17 May**

Children from the football team will take part in the Football Blitz in the Sports Arena, Cookstown. They will be back to school in time for the school bus.

### **P6/P7 trip to Kingspan Stadium – Shared Education – Tuesday 21 May**

Children from P6 and P7 will be going on a trip to Kingspan Stadium in Belfast as part of their Shared Education work this year. They will need to bring a snack for break and a packed lunch. They will be back to school in time for the school bus.

### **Birds of Prey – Date to be arranged**

Mr Ian Patterson will bring several birds of prey to show the children. This is a practical session where they will learn more about Birds of Prey, their habitats and see them in flight.

We would be grateful if you could send a donation of £1.50 to help cover costs.

### **Sports Day**

**P1 – P3**

**Tuesday 4 June**

**P4 – P7**

**Wednesday 5 June**



As the school's current provision has remained unchanged, we are still unable to invite parents to sports day. Sports day will take the same format as last year. The children will take part in a range of sporting activities along with Healthy Kidz coaches.

Children are to wear sports clothing with trainers.

### **School Closures**

**Thursday 23 May** - Elections (provisional)

**Friday 24 May** - School closure

**Monday 27 May** - Bank Holiday

### **Share Centre - P6 and P7 - Friday 7 June**

On Friday 7 June children from P6 and P7 will be offered the opportunity to take part in a day of activities at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea.

### **Tennis Tournament - Friday 14 June**

The tennis team will take part in a competition at Annaghmore Parish Church Hall on Friday 14 June.

The children will leave at 9.30am and will be home in time for the school bus.

**They will need to bring a packed lunch and a bottle of water.**



### **W5 – Wednesday 19 June**

Children from P7 will have the opportunity to take part in a range of fun activities at W5 in the Odyssey, Belfast including a 'Slime' workshop and 'Climbit'. They will return in time for the school bus.

### **Prize Day – Friday 21 June**

Prize Day will take place on **Friday 21 June** at 10.00am.





### **Final Assembly – Thursday 27 June**

The final assembly will take place on **Thursday 27 June**.

School closes at 12.45pm for children from P1-P3 and 12.55pm for P4-P7.

The school bus will leave at 1pm for children who normally travel on the bus.

**Friday 28 June** – School closes at 10.45am for children from P1-P3 and 10.55am for P4-P7.

The school bus will leave at 11am for children who normally travel on the bus.

**There will be no school dinners.**

## **Dates For Your Diary**

### **School Holidays / Closures**

<b>Thursday 2 May</b>	-	Elections
<b>Monday 6 May</b>	-	Bank Holiday
<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	-	Elections (provisional)
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	-	School closure
<b>Monday 27 May</b>	-	Bank Holiday

### **Other Dates**

<b>Friday 3 May</b>	-	Number Day – Non-Uniform Day £1.00 per child
<b>Tuesday 14 May</b>	-	Swimming Gala
<b>Monday 3 June</b>	-	P6 trip to Belfast Zoo
<b>Wednesday 15 May</b>	-	Richmount Football Tournament - Boys football team
<b>Wednesday 22 May</b>	-	Richmount Football Tournament - Girls football team
<b>Friday 17 May</b>	-	Tri-County Football Blitz Day
<b>Tuesday 21 May</b>	-	P6/P7 trip to Kingspan Stadium
<b>Date to be arranged</b>	-	Birds of Prey
<b>Wednesday 19 June</b>	-	W5
<b>Friday 7 June</b>	-	Share Centre
<b>Friday 14 June</b>	-	Tennis Tournament
<b>Friday 21 June</b>	-	Prize Day 10am
<b>Thursday 27 June</b>	-	Final Assembly
<b>Friday 28 June</b>	-	Last day of term



## Birches Primary School

### Class Structure for 2019/2020

P1	-	Mrs C Morrow / Mrs R England
P2	-	Mrs J Greer / Mrs R England
P3	-	Mrs J Boyd / Mrs R England
P4	-	Mrs C Dunlop / Mrs P Watson
P5	-	Mrs R Patterson
P6	-	Mrs A Galway
P7	-	Mrs C McLelland

### **NEW TERM 2019**

**School Starts back on Thursday 29 August, 2019**

#### 2019/2020 School Year

- \* **Thursday 29 August** - School will close at 12.00pm
- \* **Friday 30 August** - School will close at 12.00pm
- Monday 2 September** - Normal School Hours

\* There will be no lunch served on these days.

The bus will be available to bring children to and from school who normally travel on the bus.

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and restful summer holiday.**