



Bierton Church of England Combined School

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see the children settling in to their new classes this year and their new routines. We give a warm welcome to all the children and their families who have joined our school for the first time this year.

I am really pleased to see children and parents walking, cycling and scooting to school down Parsons Lane. Keep this up. Remember every time you walk or cycle you can get your Go for Gold Card stamped to work towards rewards including money off vouchers for items such as swimming sessions or bowling games. Keep up the walking!

We are constantly trying to improve our communications with parents and are in the process of moving across to a new system called 'Parent Mail' so look out for information later on in the Autumn Term. This system works best if all parents have signed up to email communications so if you have not yet returned your new consent form for email communications, please contact the school office for a new form.

We look forward to seeing lots of parents joining us for our Harvest Celebrations in a few weeks time.

Ms Martin
Headteacher

Bierton Christian Values

At Bierton CE Combined School we have Christian values at the centre of our school ethos. These values are for all pupils and staff to live by and apply to their lives, in and out of school. We will continue to have our 5 Bierton Christian Values that are love, cooperation, honesty, respect and responsibility. The aim is for children to understand the importance of these values and apply them to their lives and behaviour. When embedded in school life, these values will create a happy, nurturing environment in which the children can learn and grow.



Love



Responsibility



Honesty



Respect



Cooperation

Each half term, we will focus on one of the values. The focus value for Autumn 1 is 'love'. The children will explore this value in assemblies and in class. We will think about friends and family, caring and sharing, feeling safe, wanting good for others and showing love to ourselves. In school, children can show love by being kind and considerate to everyone they meet.

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Parental controls offered by your home internet provider

Have you ever wondered how you can help prevent your child accessing inappropriate content on devices in your home? This month's online safety tip provides information on how to set up filters on your home internet.

UK Internet Providers

The 4 big internet providers in the UK (BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media) provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time. Video guides and tutorials can be found by visiting the following website: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider> These videos provide information on how to download and set up controls provided by your internet provider.

Why are these services important?

Some things found on the internet are not appropriate for children and they can find certain content upsetting or worrying. Filters can be a helpful tool in reducing the chances of your child coming across something upsetting.

Remember that filtering is only part of the solution

No filter or parental controls tool is 100% effective, and many of the risks that young people face online are because of their own and other's behaviour. It is therefore important to talk to your children about staying safe online and make sure they know that they can turn to you if they get into any difficulty. For more information about key topics and advice about safety tools please visit the UK Safer Internet Centre website (link below).

Devices that connect to your home internet

In addition to content filtering offered by your internet service provider, many devices such as games consoles, smartphones and tablets have their own parental controls, for example to limit spending or restrict access to apps based on age rating.

Staying safe when out about

If children are taking their devices out of the home, it's worth bearing in mind that they could connect to public wifi, for example, in a shop, cafe or restaurant. Look out for the Friendly WiFi symbol which shows that the wifi has filters in place to limit access to inappropriate content.

For additional information, please visit the UK Safer Internet Centre website (<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>)



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Roles and Responsibilities

Head Boy and Head Girl

Head Boy and Head Girl this year will represent our school at several events across the year as well as playing a part in celebration assemblies. A huge congratulation to this this year's Head Boy and Head Girl:

Priya and Theo

Ambassadors

The Ambassadors work alongside the Head Boy and Head Girl to aid the staff in promoting different areas of learning and to represent the school in these areas. They will be undertaking a number of different tasks: Creating displays to promote their area of learning, talking to other students to find out about their experiences within their area of learning and taking a key role in organising events to celebrate successes within these areas.

I would like to introduce and congratulate our chosen ambassadors for this year!

Literacy Ambassadors

Eloise, Florence B and Isabelle

Numeracy Ambassadors

Emily and Cherry

PE Ambassadors

Freddie, Harry D, Micah and Hope

Growth Mindset Ambassadors

Rhiannon and Alex F

Science Ambassadors

Maisie and Iram

Computing Ambassadors

Arthur and Florence O

House Captains

Each pupil in Bierton C.E Combined School becomes a member of one of our houses when they join our school. House points are awarded throughout the week as part of our behaviour and good work policies. During Friday's celebration collective worship the house points for each house are totalled up and the captain for the winning house is presented with the house cup.

At the end of each academic year the house who have culminated the most house points over the year are awarded the 'end of year house cup'.

House Captains :

Blue: Rhiannon and Freddie

Red: Ruby C1 and Joe

Green: Alex K and Lily-Beth

Yellow: Katy H and Hope

Junior Road Safety Officers

This year's JRSO Team have already been out at an exciting workshop gaining lots of ideas. They promote road safety and continue to find ways of looking to make the journeys safe, healthy and enjoyable for everyone.

The team promoting safer roads this year are:

Isabella, Neve, Billy and Aiden

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Attendance—September 2018

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 September:

Ash = 100%

Alder = 97.5%

Beech = 95.9%

Birch = 99%

Cedar = 97.6%

Cherry = 98.4%

Chestnut = 96.3%

Holly = 97.7%

Hazel = 94.7%

Hawthorn = 94.9%



Modelling our school value this half term



This half term our value is 'Love', we would really like all our parents to model this value to their children and show love for the environment and our community by walking to school or parking further a field in the layby and walking the rest of the way. If you do need to drive down Parsons Lane, we ask you to model the value of 'Love' by parking with consideration to others—this includes not parking across drive ways or parking on corners of side streets.

Model a great example to your children and others by parking with care or walking whenever possible to the school gate.



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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Spelling Frame

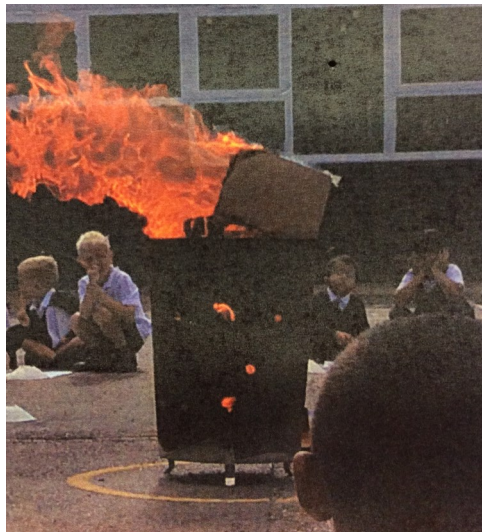
Spelling frame is a fantastic website which your child will enjoy using to practice their spelling. It includes all the words - both statutory and the example words - from the National Curriculum for Spelling for Year 2 to Year 6. All you need to do is choose a spelling rule and each word is read aloud and provided within a sentence for context.

Children can choose to practise a set of words, take a test, or play a game with those words. If they choose to practise they will see the word broken down into syllables and will then be given a series of activities to help them to memorise the spelling. The activities develop increasing independence. If the child then spells the word correctly they move on to the next word. If they make a mistake they repeat the process to help them to learn the word.

If the child chooses to be tested they receive instant feedback. If they make a mistake they are shown the correct spelling and given a series of activities to help them to remember. It can be found at <https://spellingframe.co.uk>

Beech and Birch Topic Wow Day

We had a really exciting start to our Great Fire of London topic! Beech and Birch had a WOW day where children worked in groups to complete different activities. Our day began with children guessing what our topic would be with a small square piece of a picture of the fire. Children looked at the square and tried to guess what it could be and continue the drawing. Children were then given a different picture that was cut into small squares. They had to piece this together like a jigsaw. For our final activity, we worked together in the hall where we made houses with junk modelling to create our own city of London. The children worked really well in their teams and made some brilliant houses. At the end of all of this we burned our houses! The gasps of excitement that were coming from the children was a joy to witness! We are looking forward to continuing our learning about what happened in London during 1666!



Head lice



Please can you take a few minutes to check your child's hair for Head Lice. Having Head Lice does not mean you're dirty—In fact Head Lice thrive in clean hair! Head lice do not have wings but move from person to person through close contact of hair. They can become quite irritating for the person if they are left untreated. However, they are very easy to treat with a whole range of different shampoos and products available on the market.

Can I please ask that all parents ensure their child comes to school with their hair tied up where long enough. This helps to reduce the spread of Head Lice but also keeps children's hair out of the way when they are working.

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Go For Gold Walk to School Scheme

We are starting the Go for Gold Walk to School Scheme again this October. The aim of the scheme is to promote a healthy, sustainable lifestyle that reduces the number of cars and levels of pollution around the school and the carbon footprint we leave on the planet. Your child will be given a 'passport' that needs to be signed by their class teacher each time they travel to school in a sustainable way. This could be by walking, cycling, scooting, or parking in the lay-by on the main A418 and walking down Parson's Lane. Once they have completed their passport, they earn a free entry to local activities such as swimming, bowling, or even golf! Throughout the year your child will hopefully work their way through the Bronze, Silver and Gold level cards. Last year 11 children completed their Gold level card and celebrated this with a Gold Award breakfast. We are hoping this year there will be even more children celebrating their Gold Award!

Arts Mark Update

The school is proud to announce that we have recently been awarded the Arts-mark Silver Award. This award acknowledges the school's commitment to providing a range of artistic opportunities for the children within the school setting and beyond.

"Arts Council England celebrates Berton's ongoing commitment to arts and cultural education, and the opportunities emerging across your whole setting. Your children and young people are offered equal opportunity to participate in a broad range of arts and cultural experiences, and you recognise the importance of development opportunities for your staff. Your children and young people have an opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of arts and culture. You are headed in a very positive direction. Congratulations on your Artsmark Silver Award. "



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

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PE and SPORTS



Following our application at the end of the last school year, we are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the **Sainsbury's School Games GOLD Mark!** We are very proud of the sporting opportunities we provide and this award reflects many of our improvements within PE provision in school, including:

- the quantity of high-quality PE lessons our children receive each week,
- the amount of children participating in extra-curricular sporting activities each week,
- the broad range of sporting activities within the curriculum and extra-curricular activities,
- the number of competitive events we take part in each year.

By receiving the Gold award, we are among the top schools in the County and Country for the opportunities we provide in PE. We are very proud of this award and hope it can be used as a springboard to develop our PE teaching even more!

Previous awards: Silver School Games Mark 2017 - 2016

A few highlights from 2017-2018!

- AVPSAA District Athletics large schools Group B 2018 winners.
- 92% of KS2 children attended After School Sporting Clubs last year.
- A successful year for our Year 5 and 6 Football and Netball teams.
- Fantastic commitment shown by our cross-country runners, who competed come rain or shine!
- 100% of KS2 children attended a sporting competition last year.
- An excellent National Sports Week enjoyed by children from Reception to Year 6.
- An increased number of inter-house competitions enjoyed by KS2 children.



PE Superstars!



Each newsletter, we shall be celebrating one of our PE Superstars here at Bierton. Please let Miss Quinn know if your child is a sports superstar and keep an eye on our PE board for all of our Sports Superstars across the school!

Introducing our new Sports Ambassadors!

We are so pleased to introduce to you all our fantastic new Sporting Ambassadors: **Micah, Hope, Freddie and Harry**. Here they are introducing themselves and why they wanted to become ambassadors.

Micah: Hi my name is Micah. I wanted to be an ambassador because I love sports and I do gymnastics, futsal and football- which is my favourite sport. I also love encouraging people and I am a kind-hearted person. I feel like it is important to listen to everybody's ideas.

Hope: Hi I'm Hope! I wanted to be a PE Ambassador because I am very sporty and I love getting involved in the school. I would also love to help Bierton win District Sports again! I enjoy cheerleading, football and athletics- I even do 'cheer' 3 times a week!

Freddie: Hello my name is Freddie. I wanted to be a Sports Ambassador because I love sports. Also I participate in a wide range of sports, for example, football, running, athletics and loads more!

Harry: Hi my name is Harry. I wanted to be a Sports Ambassador because I'm kind-hearted. I love to share ideas and I love a wide range of sports, such as: football, running and athletics. I even play football 6 times a week! I am a goalkeeper and I play for Wycombe Elite.

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Sporting dates for your diary!

Please make a note of the sporting events highlighted in our calendar which will be issued this term.

Thursday 4th October: Yr 5 and 6 Boys Football

Thursday 11th October: Yr 5 and 6 Girls Football

Thursday 11th October: Yr 5 and 6 Handball

Saturday 3rd November: KS2 Cross-Country at Turnfurlong School.