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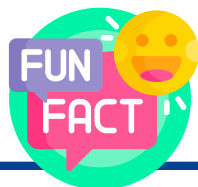
Newsletter
23rd May 2025



Half Term is here.....

We are closed next week for half term, we hope the pupils all have a much deserved rest and we look forward to welcoming them back on Monday June 2nd.

The Eiffel Tower can grow taller in summer! When it is hot the metal expands, and the Eiffel Tower can grow by 15cm.



A Polite Reminder About Parking Considerately

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park responsibly during school drop-off and collection times. Please help us keep our school community safe and respectful by following these simple guidelines:

- Do not block residents' driveways – everyone deserves access to their home at all times.**
- Avoid parking on corners – this reduces visibility and creates hazards for children crossing.**
- Never stop or park on double yellow lines – it's illegal and puts others at risk.**

Let's work together to ensure our streets remain safe, accessible, and neighbourly for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Leavers Hoodies for year 8 students

Year 8 students have the opportunity to purchase a Birchensale Leavers Hoodie as a keepsake to celebrate their time with us. These hoodies are optional, but they make a great memento of their school journey.

- **Cost:** £15.30
- **How to Pay:** Via MCAS, under the Birchensale Shop
- **Payment Deadline:** Friday, 30th May at 3:30 PM

Please note that orders cannot be accepted after the deadline, so be sure to place your order in time.



Year 8 Leavers Hoodie



Don't forget our breakfast club and after school club, 'United After School' starts on Monday June 2nd. Please click on the logo and follow the link to book in.



EMOJI'S EXPLAINED

FROM SECRET SLANG TO CODED MESSAGES, EMOJIS ARE OFTEN USED TO CONVEY MEANINGS THAT PARENTS MIGHT NOT RECOGNISE. UNDERSTANDING THESE HIDDEN MESSAGES CAN HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN GENERATIONS AND ENSURE OPEN, INFORMED CONVERSATIONS.

DRUGS RELATED

 Cocaine	 Cocaine	 Cocaine	 Cannabis	 Cannabis	 Cannabis	 Joint
 MDMA	 MDMA	 Heroin	 Heroin	 Meth	 Mushroom	 Ketamine
 Gassed	 Lit	 Dealer	 Dealer	 Dealer		

VIOLENCE

 Weapon	 Weapon	 Weapon	 Crime	 Crime	 Murder	 Murder
	 Threat	 Locked Up	 Snitch			

SEX

 Penis	 Penis	 Genitalia	 Bum	 Vagina	 Vagina	 Nudes
 Porn	 Orgasm	 Orgasm	 Oral Sex	 Lust	 Lust	 Anal Sex
 Intercourse	 Fingering	 Playful	 Horny	 Lets Hump		

SELF HARM EXTREMISM

 Cutting	 Cutting	 Burning	 Trapped	 Sad	 Down	 Anxious	 Not Eating
 Neo Nazi	 Neo Nazi	 Neo Nazi	 IS Extremist	 IS Extremist	 Far Right		

INCEL CULTURE HEARTS

 Red Pill	 Black Pill	 Hopeless	 Emotional Detachment	 Men are kings	 Extreme Masculinity	 Power	 Older woman
 Lone Wolf	 Incel	 Incel	 Incel	 Incel	 Anti-Women	 Anti-Women	 Anti-Women
 Love	 Horny	 Friends	 Interested	 Loyalty	 Platonic	 Pretty	 Trust

Keeping Your Child Safe: Key Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, here are key contacts that can help:

- **School** - Your first point of contact. Speak to the designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) if you have any concerns, Mr Kearns and Mrs Pugh.
- **CEOP** (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) - For concerns about online safety, grooming, or exploitation. Report at www.ceop.police.uk
- **NSPCC** - Provides confidential support and advice on all safeguarding issues. Call 0808 800 5000 or visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- **Kooth** - Free, anonymous online mental health support for young people. Visit www.kooth.com
- **Police** - If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For non-emergencies, call 101.

me, you, us
safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Meet your safeguarding team



Sarah Pugh
Designated Safeguarding
Lead



Pete Clifton
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Emma James
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Dates for your diary

May 23rd - Break up for half term

June 2nd - Return to school

June 3rd - Year 8 HPV vaccination day

July 1st - Summer school games

July 9th and 10th - Transition days

July 18th - School finishes for summer

Remember to bring your equipment to class every day, this helps you focus on the day without distractions. Don't forget, we have a school shop in the library where you can purchase pens, pencils, rulers, and sharpeners. You can only pay with cash.

Manuscript handwriting pens

Pencil

Ruler

Rubber & sharpener

Glue stick

Planner

Reading book

Pack of pencil crayons



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Not sure what to do when your child is unwell?

Download the free **HANDi Paediatric** app and get expert advice, support and guidance for common childhood illnesses.



Search "HANDi Paediatric"

Available on the App Store and Google Play

EARLY HELP IN WORCESTERSHIRE

Help and support for Children, Young People and their families or carers.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE FAMILY HUB:

WORCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/FAMILYHUB



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