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"Together we plant the seeds for success"

Autumn Term 2025

Parent Bulletin No. 7

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reward Assembly

Due to Takeover Day on Wednesday, there will not be a reward assembly next week.

As usual, the children in Reception will be receiving their certificates in class. Congratulations to the following children:

Frog Class: Learner – Ralphie Powell
 Citizen – Daisy McCulloch

Newt Class: Learner – Felix Eldin
 Citizen – James Hand

Tempest School Photograph Orders

Have you ordered your child's school photo yet? A quick reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 26th October 2025**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Lost Property

We already have a large amount of lost property at school, so we will be displaying everything in the hall at the end of the day next Thursday. Please come and claim any items children may have lost over this first half term. Thank you.

Art Competition

It has come to our attention that unfortunately there was a mistake on the email address that we gave for the photography competition. If you have already sent an entry in, please could you resend the picture to the following address:

artcompetitions@birchcopse.co.uk

There is still time for anyone else who would still like to enter the competition and we can't wait to see what you find!

Huge apologies for any inconvenience caused and many thanks,

Mrs Tipper and Mrs Cooling



PTFA: Autumn Survey

You will have received a short survey from the PTFA this week, via ParentMail 'Forms'. Your feedback is really important to the planning of future events including Christmas, so please do complete this. Your survey responses would be appreciated by this coming Monday.

PTFA: Christmas Fair

We are busy planning the Christmas Fair and would appreciate help. If you would like to help occasionally, but cannot commit to joining us full time on the PTFA, then please join us as a friend of the PTFA. Please email Emily at ptainfo@birchcopse.w-berks.sch.uk letting her know you would like to be a friend. We will add you to the mailing list. If you would like to help out with planning the Christmas Fair please let Emily know and she will add you to the Xmas planning WhatsApp group.

PTFA: The Little Recyclers

We are once again using the The Little Recyclers for our school fundraising and our next collection is Tuesday 4th November. Please see attached flyer for details of what can be donated.

Please could you only drop the bags off on the morning of Tuesday 4th November **before** 9.00am (outside of the school office). You can use your own bags.

They do not accept toys, books, school uniform, bedding, curtains, dirty, ripped or wet clothing.

Thank you, PTFA Team

October Holiday Club: uKids

A reminder that uKids are running our holiday club this October Half Term. We are pleased to announce their partnership with Young Engineers who currently run our term time KS2 Robotics club on a Tuesday evening. This club has proven to be very popular so we thought you might appreciate us highlighting this partnership. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

<https://www.u-kids.co.uk/camps/tilehurst-holiday-club>

Half Term

School finishes next **Thursday 23rd October** at **3.20pm** for the half term holiday. We will re-open for the children on Tuesday 4th November.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Micklewhite