

**Reminders:** Please ensure that all outstanding ParentPay balances are paid by Friday 29th June 2018

**What's on in school next week...**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Keyboard/Violin lessons 3.05pm Dance Club 3.05 pm Orchestra	Guitar lessons 3.05pm Aston Villa club R, 1, 2	Woodwind lessons 3.05pm Elite Football Club 3-6 3.05pm Uniform Shop	3.05 pm Multi Sports 3-6 3.05 pm Eco Club 3.05pm Library	Inset Day

**Letters sent home this week:** If your child has not received their copy of these letters or the 'Bugle' please contact their class teacher or the office

## Year 6 Residential Trip to Manor Adventure in Shropshire

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 children from Birchwood, Dordon and Wood End Primary Schools, all met at Birchwood to head off on our annual Residential Trip to Manor Adventure in Shropshire. This is the third year in a row that our primary schools have joined together on our annual trip.

57 of our Year 6 children at Birchwood signed up for this year's trip and they were accompanied by Miss Jones, Miss Purdy, Miss Noctor, Mr Smith, Miss Stubbs and myself. We spent the morning at Telford Town Park, where we stopped off for a comfort break, had our picnic and explored the town park's adventure playground. We then made the short journey to Craven Arms in Shropshire to Culmington Manor. Here the children spent the next 4 days taking part in 14 different activities including climbing, abseiling, canoeing, kayaking, archery, obstacle course and underground maze. The children developed their confidence, communication and team work during the activities and got to experience many new things.

The weather was very kind to us and was sunny all weekend. After 3 very late nights, a few muddy puddles and some fantastic experiences, 102 children and 12 very tired members of staff arrived back at Birchwood on the Monday afternoon.

A great time was had by all. The children mixed extremely well together across the 3 schools and formed lots of new friendships. They were perfectly behaved and the instructors at the centre were full of praise for our children's resilience, determination and manners throughout the weekend.

*Luke said "At Manor Adventure, the weekend goes really quickly, but it gives you so many new opportunities. It was utterly amazing!"*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and volunteers for giving up their weekend to support our trip. The thanks received from parents and children, at the end of our trip, were very much appreciated by all.

**Neil Coleman - Headteacher**



## **A Muddy 'Hi-5' to new friends made at Manor Adventure**

All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy. Please see the school office for details.

## **Spotlight on Smartie success!**

This week saw the count up for our Smartie challenge set by Team Birchwood. Children had been challenged not only to eat a tube of Smarties (I think that was probably the easy bit!) but to have a go at helping around the house to earn 20p per chore and try to fill their Smartie tube.

Well I am thrilled to say Birchwood children, as ever, didn't let us down. There were a huge number of tubes returned and so far the total raised is over £470 with some tubes still coming in to be added to that total. Team Birchwood were also delighted with some of the notes and extra information returned by some children saying how they had earned their 20p's. Well done, you were all brilliant!

The money will all go towards the aim of reaching the £5000 total this year, to become a registered charity. There is now a little more than £1000 to go with the Father's Day sale (which is open today after school for last chance purchases!), also the selling of Sports Day drinks and end of term discos to go. Please support these generously as every penny raised goes directly to support your children back in school.

**Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher**

## Academic Year 2017-2018

### Summer Term 2018

Professional Development Day	Friday 22nd June
Year 2 Class Assembly	Thursday 28th June
Sports Day	Monday 2nd July
Sports Day (Reserve)	Tuesday 3rd July
TBPS Meeting	Wednesday 4th July
Moving Up Day	Thursday 5th July
<b>Farmers' Market</b>	<b>Friday 6th July</b>
Year 6 Leavers Performance	Wednesday 18th July
TBPS End of Term Disco	Thursday 19th July
School Finishes (1 p.m. Finish)	Friday 20th July

## Academic Year 2018-2019

### Autumn Term 2018

Professional Development Day	Monday 3rd September
Children return to school	Tuesday 4th September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 29th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 5th November
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th November
Term Ends for Christmas (2 wks)	Friday 21st December

### Spring Term 2019

Professional Development Day	Monday 7th January
Children return to school	Tuesday 8th January
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 18th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 25th February
Children return to school	Tuesday 26th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.

**New and amended dates shown in bold.**

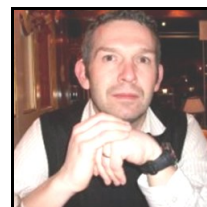
Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

**Please Note Early Finish : Friday 20th July 2018**

Arrangements will need to be made to collect children earlier than usual.

## Governors Who's Who

### **Michael Potts - Vice Chair**



I have been on the board of governors at Birchwood Primary School since October 2014 in the role of Parent Governor. This role involves highlighting issues that may affect the parents of the pupils at the school. This includes attending regular meetings to review the performance of the school and visiting the school to ensure that appropriate practices and process are in place in order to maintain high standards at the school.

My two sons - Luke and Daniel - both attend the school. Luke is in year 6 and on the verge of going to high school whilst Daniel is in year 2. In addition, my wife, Suzanne, is a member of Team Birchwood.

I work for an IT solutions provider just outside Lichfield after serving for 22 years in the Royal Air Force throughout the world until 2012. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and pursuing mine and their interests including several sports and holidays, whilst being an avid gardener and DIY enthusiast.



## School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a School Crossing Patrol Operative outside of Birchwood School. Times are to be confirmed, but the position will require morning and afternoon cover, at the busiest times of the school day. Usually shifts are around 30 minutes each. The position is for Monday to Friday term time only (38 weeks per year spread across 12 monthly payments.) Pay for this position is £8.61 per hour plus holiday enhancements. A uniform and full training will be provided.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please contact the School Crossing Patrol Service for more details, on 01926 412661 or email [scp@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:scp@warwickshire.gov.uk).

Application packs can be downloaded at <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolcrossingpatrols> or collected from the school office.



## Thank you!

Team Birchwood would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has taken part in the Silver Smarties Challenge. We have raised a total of £472.50 which is amazing!



We really hope you enjoyed taking part, we especially loved reading some of the notes included in the tubes listing what you had been busy doing to raise the money and some notes from parents telling us just how helpful you have been! If you have been busy helping but forgotten to return your tubes, it's not too late, we will still accept them, just bring them into school and they will be collected.

This fundraiser has helped us to get nearer to reaching our yearly target, with £1040 now left to go to hit the magic £5000 number. Hopefully the Father's Day Sale will see us get even closer - we'll update on that next week. And we still have sports day refreshments and the Disco!

Thank you again for your ongoing support, donations and purchases. Every single penny raised will be spent back in the school on your children.

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① Jo Tyrrell - Admin  
07969 287 250  
✉ [rugbymumjo@gmail.com](mailto:rugbymumjo@gmail.com)





**manor  
adventure**

A photograph of two children standing on a gravel path, wearing red helmets and life jackets. They are holding yellow paddles. The child on the left is wearing a dark jacket, and the child on the right is wearing a grey jacket. In the background, there are picnic tables and a grassy area.

*"At the start we were three different schools, but in the end we were all one big school" —Lily-Grace*



## Holidays during Term Time

We now receive hardly any requests for holidays in term time, following a significant tightening in the law that occurred last year. The school is no longer permitted by the government to authorise any holidays in term time unless under very 'exceptional circumstances'. These 'exceptional circumstances' are only for extremely rare or 'serious' issues and also only if requested by completion of an official form.

The local authority have also recently made further changes to how they deal with unauthorised absences and are now able to take legal action 'retrospectively' against parents who do not apply for a holiday or inform the school, but take a holiday anyway.

Unfortunately, a very small number of holidays have been taken this term and significant fines have been issued to our parents. Parents have been shocked to discover that the fine is significant and that both parents have received fines. This is the last thing we want to happen, however, our own policy is very clear and is repeated regularly in our newsletters and in our school prospectus:

**The school does not support children being off in term time to take a holiday.**

Taking holidays in term time is extremely disruptive for the school and causes many difficulties. We have to reorganise complete class groups, re-plan work and staffing. More importantly it impacts badly on children who miss 10 hours of maths and English lessons, a daily phonics and/or grammar session, as well as 10 hours of foundation subjects in one week. Children who miss school return confused, behind and unsure in the areas they have missed. We do not and cannot reach these.

The local authority state 'There are 180 days a year when the children are not at school. Holidays for children should be taken during the school holidays!'

Please DO NOT book family holidays in term time. Its impact on the children is significant.

## Accidents and Child Safety



Accidental injuries are a major health problem throughout the United Kingdom. They are one of the most common causes of death in children over one year of age, however, most of these accidents are preventable through increased awareness, improvements in the home environment and greater product safety.

Further advice and information on accidents and safety please visit [www.rospa.com](http://www.rospa.com) or [www.capt.org.uk](http://www.capt.org.uk).

Information regarding personal safety, bullying and online safety can be found on [www.safetynetkids.org.uk](http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk).

If you have any concerns about your child you can speak to your school nurse by contacting The School Health and Wellbeing Service on : 03300 245 204 - Option 3

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