

Letters home this week: ALL - Protective Behaviours, YRS1-6 Hands on Reading

What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05 Embody Dance Y1-6 Violin and Keyboard Lessons 3.10 - After School Library	8.20 Cross Country Club Y4-6 3.05 Aston Villa Multi Skills Y1-3 Drum and Guitar Lessons	3.05 Elite Football Skills Y4-6	8.20 Cross Country Club Y4-6 Clarinet Lessons TBPS Movie Night	3.05 Top Score Football Y1-3 Swimming Lessons - Oak 3 Cello Lessons 3.05 Musical Theatre Y2-6

If your child has not received their copy of these letters or the 'Bugle' please contact their class teacher or the office

REMINDER :Don't forget all uniform should be labelled with your child's name. Label order forms are available from the school office.

Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences

It is really important to me that children enjoy coming to school. At Birchwood we work extremely hard to ensure that our children receive a rich, broad and balanced curriculum, but we also take every opportunity we can to provide our children with new and exciting experiences.

Academic expectations, placed upon children in Primary schools, have risen significantly over the last few years. As a school we have taken the approach to shoulder these expectations ourselves and are very careful to ensure that we support our children to succeed in a nurturing and caring environment. Using themes to lead children's learning enables us to deliver fun, engaging, creative and exciting lessons. Giving learning a purpose and linking it to real life also supports our children to achieve.

Extra-curricular activities at Birchwood are highly valued. These give children who may not be high academic achievers a chance to shine, excel and develop skills and self-esteem in other areas. Providing and facilitating these opportunities takes up a huge amount of time, money and resources, but the outcomes are well worth all the extra effort! At Birchwood we look to get involved in everything and are always on the lookout for new and exciting challenges.

This year our musical theatre has doubled in size and I very much look forward to the end of year school production. We also have planned 5 exciting after school clubs, one for each day of the school week. Currently running after school are Embody Dance sessions, Aston Villa Football, Elite Football, Top Score sport skills and Boogie Bounce fitness. We also continue to get involved with local area sports. This half term we have already competed in football tournaments and cross country.

Visits and visitors are also an extremely important part of our curriculum. Each half term theme covered in school is supported by either an educational visit or a visitor into school. School trips provide unique opportunities for kinaesthetic learning i.e. 'learning by doing' and encourage children to engage with people, places and buildings in new ways. This is particularly beneficial for many SEN children who find visual and sensory experiences helpful to their learning and understanding.

Team Birchwood Primary School (TBPS) also support our work in this area by organising a range of events in school for all children to enjoy and help raise money for the school at the same time. This year they have already held a tea party for parents and children in Reception, they have a movie night coming up soon and are already busy preparing for our Christmas Fair.

Watch this space for news of other new exciting and memorable learning to come at Birchwood.

Mr N Coleman - Headteacher



Exciting Experiences

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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is

.....Being a brilliant Birchwood learner.

Being a great learner is about so many things. As I visit lessons and activities around school I am fortunate to see our children demonstrating so many of them. They are really focused and teachers and teaching assistants say they are actively taking part in lessons and activities by answering questions, talking to their partners or groups and responding to the feedback they are given. At Birchwood, feedback is often given verbally during a lesson, so children can act on it straight away, making it even more useful to them, helping them to improve.

Showing you are a great learner also means you need to know how to tackle those times when learning is more challenging by being resilient, being able to keep on persevering and having a go at new learning even when it seems a little tough at first. Sometimes it really helps to take a moment to stop, reflect and think about what you already know and how it can help you with the task you have to do.

Often the best learners work really well with others, they know that they do not always know all the answers or the best way to do something and they listen to others ideas too. Learning to work with other people and share ideas is a good skill to learn, because we all have great ideas. Sharing them, so we achieve even more together, is a fantastic way to boost our learning.

Be a brilliant Birchwood learner – focused and active, resilient, reflective, always trying your best and working together well.

Mrs M Day - Associate Headteacher



Community Governor Vacancy

Birchwood Primary School is looking to recruit high quality Community Governors to join the Local Governing Body.

We are looking for members of the local community who have the skill to act as a 'critical friend' and ask challenging questions about performance and use their skills and experience to support the school in addressing its aims. You will be involved in creating and developing a strategic plan for the school, setting and agreeing objectives, and monitoring and evaluating the schools' success by focusing on progress and outcomes. Your role will also include collectively allocating and controlling the school budget as well as being influential in the appointment of staff.

If you are over 18, able to commit approximately 10-15 hours per term to the role we would be delighted to hear from you. You do not need to be a parent of a student at the school. No prior knowledge is needed – training and support is offered and available to all new and existing governors.

This is an extremely rewarding role, one which holds great importance within our school and Trust. If you feel that you have skills which could be transferred to help make a real difference to children's lives, please contact us for further information.

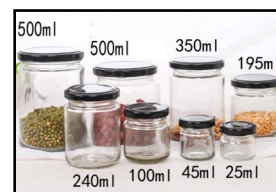
For further information please contact:

Mrs Sara Ferris, - Clerk to the Governors
Birchwood Primary School
Birchwood Avenue
Dordon
Tamworth
B781QU
Telephone: 01827 892913 or ferris.s@welearn365.com



Jar Appeal

It is that time of year again, when Birchwood Eco Club harvest and use the apples and pears to make jams and chutneys for the Christmas Fair. We are asking for glass jar donations to support the enterprise. If these could be sent into school before the October half term, we would be very grateful. We are ideally looking for smaller jars of 350ml or less. Thank you for your continued support.



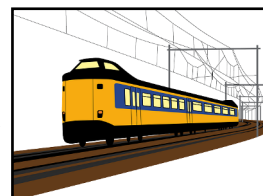
Holidays in Term Time

Government legislation has tightened up very significantly in this area and it is now highly unlikely that holidays will be approved in term times. Apart from the fact that Government legislation is very strong in this area the school also does not support parents taking children out for holidays and missing vital lessons.

Please DO NOT arrange holidays in term time

NETWORK RAIL

As the October half term approaches, Network Rail are reminding school children of the dangers of trespassing on railway tracks.



As part of their programme to electrify key rail routes, lots of railways will be under construction as Network Rail install overhead line equipment. These will be energised at 25,000 volts AC, at 50Hz frequency, making them extremely dangerous for any person that comes close. There is no danger to anyone as long as they follow the important railway safety guidance and remain away from the railway boundary line and fencing.

For more information about this and to access a short 15 minute clip that could be shared with your children, please visit: www.learnliveuk.com

ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Tuesday afternoon, a team of 25 Year 6 pupils attended the Sports Hall Athletics competition at The Polesworth School. They competed against other primary schools in a number of exciting events, which included relays, a 6 lap paarlauf, obstacle courses, javelin throwing, long jump, vertical jump, triple jump and speed bounce. The children worked extremely hard as a team and were really pleased to come second, missing out on the final by just 2 points.



Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2008 and 31/08/2009** are due to start Secondary School in September 2020. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2019.**

Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary and Secondary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool. You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047.



Pants



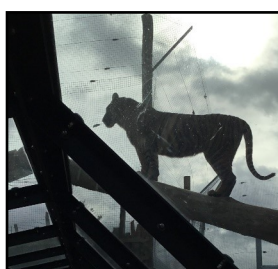
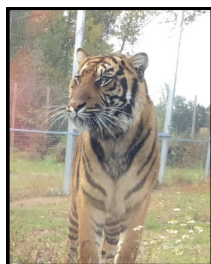
Privates are private

Be clear with your child that the parts of their body covered by underwear are private. Explain to your child that no one should ask to see or touch their private parts or ask them to look at or touch anyone else's. Sometimes doctors, nurses or family members might have to. Explain that this is OK, but that those people should always explain why, and ask your child if it is OK first.

Next week **'A'**

YEAR 2 - TWYXCROSS ZOO VISIT

Year 2 had a brilliant time on Wednesday at Twycross Zoo. They learnt lots about food chains and habitats, and enjoyed meeting the creatures and animals from the Rain Forests.



Meltdowns Vs. Tantrums: What's The Difference?

If you have an autistic child, then meltdowns are likely all too familiar and common. You know what they look like and may even know your child's meltdown triggers already. However, most people do not know what a meltdown is; they assume it's just a tantrum.

Many people use the words meltdown and tantrums interchangeably, but the thing is, they are two completely different things. On the surface, a meltdown and a tantrum may look the same, showing similar types of physical behaviours. However, they are not the same and should not be treated the same.

A meltdown is an intense reaction to being overwhelmed or overstimulated. When a person is having a meltdown, they are struggling to regulate their bodies based on the sensory information that they are receiving. Basically, their bodies interpret this incoming sensory information as a threat.

A tantrum, on the other hand, is driven by a want or a need. Tantrums occur when a child is denied something that they want. They are often about gaining attention or having an audience, and they usually subside when the behaviours are ignored. Meltdowns, in comparison, do not subside when ignored. They persist with or without an audience.

An older child's tantrum may include, slamming things down, tears, making angry roars and accusations: 'You hate me.' 'Nobody understands.' It is hard for a parent when a child has a tantrum. It is hard not to react with frustration or by giving in, but these strategies often encourage similar behaviour and so are counter-productive in the long run.

The first thing to know is that an eight year old's temper tantrum is not the same as a toddler tantrum. Just watch the child's facial expression. A toddler in a tantrum is distressed. They need emotional support to regain their equilibrium. The toddler can not help their tantrum. Sometimes life is challenging and big emotions can overwhelm because the young child's brain is still under construction.

An eight year old child's tantrum is different. Look closely and you will see an angry face. Margot Sunderland, author of 'What Every Parent Needs to Know', refers to the tantrums of an older child as 'little Nero tantrums' because the child has learned to use this tactic to rule the household. The child's tantrum gets them what they are demanding, so they learn to USE angry outbursts to control others.

On our website, under the wellbeing tab, Birchwood Bugle articles, we have included 8 ways to help your child when they are having a meltdown and 8 top tips for dealing with an older child's tantrum. https://www.birchwoodprimarieschool.com/website/birchwood_bugle_articles/423239

We would also like to announce an open door drop in session for well-being on Tuesday 19th November, 2:30-3:30pm.

Mrs Day, Mrs Webb and Mrs Spies will be available to discuss support the school can offer children, demonstrate how to access local services and use tools such as 'Dimensions' to identify resources that may be of help. We will also be joined by representatives from the Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service, Birchwood Pre-school and other local agencies

CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

FUN CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES HELD IN POLESWORTH

Little Dancers from age 2 1/2

Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:30pm, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Fridays 4:30 – 5:30pm, The Tithe Barn, Polesworth

Juniors from age 7

Tuesdays 5:15 – 7:15, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Fridays 5:30 – 7:30, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Classes include Ballet, Tap, Acrobatics, Modern plus lots more

FIRST TRIAL CLASS IS FREE! Call Liz 07443421867

Cameo is a great place to build confidence, develop dance skills, and make good friends whilst working towards our annual show weekend

Cameodance.co.uk cameodance@rocketmail.com

Facebook Charlotte Kate Cameo

Please note that although we check the suitability of Applications, they can be changed without notice. Parents should therefore check the Application BEFORE children go on to them.

Birchwood Primary School Website



Want to know what is happening in school? Go to www.birchwoodprimarieschool.com. There is so much information for you from: school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, photos and much more. Click on the parent tab to open the ParentPay shop, where you can order school uniform, book bags and water bottles.

You can also follow us on twitter: @BirchwoodPrim

Academic Year 2018-2019

Academic Year 2019/2020 Autumn Term 2019

TBPS Movie Night	Thursday 17th October
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 18th October
New Intake Morning	Monday 21st October
Y4 Conkers Trip	Monday 21st October
Y5 Wroxeter Trip	Tuesday 22nd October
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 28th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 4th November
Children Return to School	Tuesday 5th November
Y1 Toy Museum Trip	Weds 6th November
Late Parents Evening	Weds 13th November
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 14th November
Y5 Class Assemblies	Thursday 28th November
New Intake Morning	Monday 2nd December
KS2 Pantomime trip	Weds 4th December
TBPS Christmas Fair	Friday 6th December
Nasal Flu Immunisations	Tuesday 10th December
Y1 Polesworth Abbey Trip	Weds 11th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Monday 16th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Tuesday 17th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Weds 18th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Thursday 19th December
Christmas Dinner	Friday 20th December
Term Ends for Christmas (2 weeks)	Friday 20th December

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 May Day 2020 is on a Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Please note the 1pm early finish on 20th December and 17th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.



Monkey Maths

Fundamental maths skills for children
aged 3-6 years



Warrior Charity Pageant

supporting those with invisible illnesses

Saturday 28th March 2020

Burntwood Memorial Institute
Rugeley Road
Burntwood
Staffordshire
WS7 9BE

PLEASE RESERVE TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
VIA JESSICAMARYWRIGHT@HOTMAIL.COM, 07891953547 OR
JESSICA MARY LOGAN ON FACEBOOK

Doors open @ 5pm

Event begins @ 5:30pm

Ticket Prices:

0-2 years = free 2-17 years = £3pp 18+ years = £5pp

The event will also provide entertainment, a raffle, tombola, stall holders, photo area and a pageant buy and/or sell clothes rail



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