



# BIRCHWOOD BUGLE



**Assembly Theme: Our Brilliant School - Birchwood Best**

24th September 2021

Emails/Letters home this week: All - Children's Choice School Meal, Changes in Circumstances

## What's on in school next week?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library - 3.05..... Y1,2 -Top Score Multi Skills Y3,4 - Embody Dance Y4, 5 - Keyboard Y5,6 - Painting	Individual Photographs Pine - Swimming Y1,2 - Aston Villa Y3-6 - Choir	Y3 Botanical Gardens Trip Y1,2 - Look What I Have Made Y2 - Nature Club Y3,4 - Brain Puzzles	Y6 Class Assembly Y3,4 - Top Score Multi Skills Y4 - Drawing Y6 - Ukelele	Oak - Swimming Library - 3.05 - .... Eco Councillors - Gardening Club Y2-6 - Musical Theatre

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

**REMINDER : Please remember to fill in the form for the Children's Choice Meal.**

## After School Activities

This week, we were really pleased to start up all of our new after school activities for this term. At Birchwood, we strongly believe in providing all of our children with 'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences' and our after-school clubs are an important part of this.

We know how much time in school all children have missed during the last two years and we are very keen for our children to make up for this. They also missed out on many activities outside school, so it has been really pleasing to see trophies, medals and certificates coming back into school again from football clubs, swimming baths, and dance studios. Spending time with other children and adults is really important for children's social, emotional and physical health and wellbeing.

Our Birchwood Additional School Experience (BASE) after school clubs are led by a combination of school staff and external providers who work with our school. Over the course of the year, each of our teachers commits to offering at least one club for a half term. Our teaching assistants also run and support many of these clubs. Our external providers, including Top Score, Embody Dance and Aston Villa, run a variety of physical education sessions. These are run with each of the different age groups and are organised on a termly basis.

Mr Bright – (BASE Lead) and Mrs Grinham – (Admin Team), organise the after-school activities across the school year. As well as sport, we also try to offer a wide range of after school activities to support other interests including music, the arts, cooking and outdoor learning. There is a lot of planning and organisation that goes into setting up after-school clubs on this scale and I am very thankful to the work Mr Bright and the School Administration team do, on top of their normal commitments, to ensure this all runs smoothly.

This half term, we have on offer a total of 15 different activities during the course of the week. These include Musical Theatre, Gardening, Football, Dance, Choir, amongst others. The are spread across Year 1 to 6 and will be changed on a half term and termly basis. In the summer term, children in Reception will also have the opportunity to sign up to join in with some after school clubs. We heavily subsidise the cost of after school clubs, keeping the clubs as affordable as we can. School-run clubs are charged at £1 per session and music and external sport clubs at £2 per session.

I am very grateful to all our staff who support our after-school provision. Without them, we would not be able to offer such a wide variety and choice of clubs. The demand and large uptake for clubs at Birchwood is a clear indication of how much the children value and enjoy them. It is a good sign that we are doing something right, when so many children want to be at school for longer!

**Mr Coleman - Headteacher**



## After School Fun!

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

## Spotlight this week is ...

smiling

This week in our assemblies we have been thinking about being positive and the impact our actions have on those around us.

Even as adults, we all recognise that there are times when we can feel 'down' and perhaps we feel disappointed when things don't go as we planned. The impact a simple smile from a friend, or even someone we don't know can have in these moments, can make a huge difference to the way we feel.

We learn that we don't always feel happy all the time, but that the simple act of smiling can lift the mood of others. By doing this, we can all make a positive difference to the lives of those we come into contact with. Sharing something positive with those around us is a good skill to have for everyone.

**Mrs Day**  
**Associate Headteacher**



## Academic Year 2021-2022

### Autumn Term 2021

School Photographs	Tues 28th September
Y3 Botanical Grdens	Wed 29th September
Year 6 Assembly	Thurs 30th September
Childrens Choice Menu	Thursday 7th October
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 1st November
Open Morning for New Starters	Tuesday 2nd November
Parents Evening	Tuesday 9th November
Parents Evening	Wed 10th November
Year 5 Assembly	Thurs 18th November
Open Morning for New Starters	Friday 26th November
Term Ends for Christmas 1 pm	Friday 17th December

### Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January
Children Return to School	Wednesday 5th January

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.

Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Please note the early finish on 17th December 2021 and 21st July 2022. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

**Our registered charity 2020/21 ZELLWEGER UK.**  
**Amount raised so far: £1750.14**



## Y1- Empty Toilet Roll Holders

The year 1 class teachers have asked if the children in their classes could please bring in some empty cardboard toilet roll holders early next week, ready for a project they are doing in class. Many thanks.

## Children's Choice Meal

Please remember to complete the Children's Choice Meal online form. Thank you.



**Thinkrolls 2**

An enlightening logic puzzler for children



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.

## Getting it right from the start

### *The importance of children arriving at school on time*

Our parents are excellent at ensuring that children arrive on time each and every day for school.

The start of the school day is a really important time, not only for the children, but also for their teachers. Children really value the routine a timetable offers them. They enjoy seeing their friends on the playground before school starts and feel very settled because they know clearly what happens when they enter school and at each point in the school day.



Teachers plan the start of the day carefully. In the first five minutes, not only do we take attendance registers, but also support the children in choosing what they would like for lunch. We then immediately introduce and explain the day's activities, start 'intervention activity' and tailored programmes of work, for example, focusing on a specific phonics sound.

Lateness is a problem for the school and more importantly for the children who are late. Missing the start of the day, because of lateness, is incredibly disruptive for the whole class, causes problems for the teacher who has already started lessons and can significantly upset children who are left unsure about what they should be doing. To encourage children to arrive on time we offer a special reward each term. Our 'Never Late' certificates are extremely popular with our children and we develop a different 'limited edition' version each term, which children love collecting.

Whilst we understand rare and unavoidable occurrences of lateness caused by 'accidents and emergencies', what we cannot accept is persistent lateness because of its negative impact on children. Over the next half term we will be focussing on 'lateness' by rewarding children who are always prompt, and in contrast contacting the very small number of parents whose children are persistently late to arrange to meet them to resolve the issues.

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