

Letters home this week: ALL– Non Uniform Friday, Hazel—Sport and Physical Activity

What's on in school in September when we return.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Staff Professional Development Day	Children return to school			

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

School will re—open to children on Tuesday 3rd September—We wish everyone a relaxing summer break.

Happy Holidays

In our final newsletter of the school year, I wish to express my gratitude to all of the members of our school community, who together have made this another extremely successful year for Birchwood Primary School.

The children really are the best thing about our school and they continue to make me proud on a daily basis. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful children attend Birchwood who are kind, caring and considerate. They are a fantastic advert for our school and are the main reason we have such a brilliant reputation in the local community. All we ever ask of our children is to try their very best at all times and to enjoy their learning. When we achieve this we describe the result as our **'Birchwood Best'**.

Our priority this year, as ever, was to maintain our focus on excellent teaching and learning at all levels, in a supportive and friendly environment where all of our children are valued. This continues to stand us in good stead and has resulted in fantastic academic achievements across school. We also continue to work on providing **'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences'** for all of our children. We want all of our children to be well educated and well-rounded individuals who will have a positive impact on society and help to make our world a better place.

Whilst our school achievements are clearly down to superb teaching and wonderfully behaved and hard-working children, I would also like to recognise the efforts of our Governors, Teaching Assistants and all of our administrative, catering and site management staff. All of these teams achieve the highest standards on a daily basis and are vital to the success of Birchwood. I also value the support of our loyal parent body who are our number one supporters. Team Birchwood have also excelled this year, again raising over £5000 to provide **'instances of delight'** for our children.

We are all looking forward to our summer break, giving us an opportunity to relax and recharge the batteries in time for September, when we look to return to teaching our wonderful children who continue to make us all very proud.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very relaxing and well deserved summer break. Next year our aim is to come back to school bigger and brighter than ever.

Mr N Coleman
Headteacher



Time for Sand Castles

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

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:

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Improve your wellbeing by developing your resilience

There is much research to support the belief that people who feel like they have a level of control over a situation are more likely to feel calmer and more content when things do not go how they wish. Knowing the different choices that we have and accepting the ones we do not, can reassure people that the situation is not hopeless. We hope you found this series on resilience useful and feel more equipped to support both children and adults with developing their resilience so that they can thrive.

Control: *Children who feel like they can control an outcome, feel more positive about being able to overcome adversity.*

You can empower a child by:

- Helping children to understand that life's events are not random, but usually the result of an individual's choices and actions, either their own or another person's. Talk through the steps that led up to a positive or negative experience to help them identify which choices helped them and which did not. Where another individual is involved, encourage them to problem solve to identify what steps they could take so that they feel confident and competent.
- Understanding that discipline is about teaching, not punishing or controlling. Encourage self-discipline and point out how their actions produce certain consequences, either positive or negative. Use praise to help build confidence and encourage positive choices. Taking time to point out successes and what a child is doing well and looking at other people for what they can do better will help develop their competence too.

Next year we will be looking at mindfulness techniques for becoming calm and reflective as well as exploring the 5 steps for well-being (Connect. Be active. Take notice. Keep learning and Give) in more detail.

Spotlight on Excellence this week is: **Celebrating musical talent**

This week we held our annual evening of musical celebration for all of the pupils in school who play a musical instrument. Our audience of parents, family, friends and teachers were treated to over an hour of fantastic performances by the pupils, all of whom have lessons on their instruments here at school.

There were performances both solo, duets and in groups by pupils on guitar, flute, clarinet, keyboards and drums. Pupils have been playing for differing lengths of time, some only a few weeks, compared to some of our year 6 children who were playing in their last concert but have been playing for several years.



We never cease to be amazed by the talents of the children at Birchwood, and are always impressed by the dedication of the children (and parents) to the practise and time it takes to learn an instrument. Well done to all who performed, you were all stars.

There are still a few spaces available for instrumental lessons in September, so if your child is in year 2 or above in September and would like to learn any of the instruments above then please contact the school office when we return after the summer and we will get your child started on their musical journey.

Have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September for what I am sure will be another action packed year at Birchwood.

Mrs M Day
Associate Headteacher

Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. Let us keep this service flying.



Are you planning on having a clear out this summer? If so, we have a collection point on site for any clothing, bedding, paired shoes, belts and bags if you would like to support our local air ambulance service. Look for the big yellow collection box to the right of the main school drive. This is emptied on a regular basis and the Air Ambulance Service appreciate all of the donations made.

Thank you.



Procedures following a child's absence

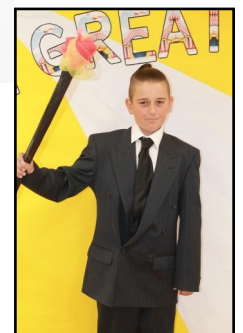
Following a child's absence please follow the below procedures:

- A telephone call should be made to school before 8.30am giving the reasons why your child is absent.
- If no contact has been received, a text message will be sent to the first contact on the child's records asking why the child is absent.
- If we do not receive a response to the text message, a member of the office staff will telephone the child's contact numbers to establish why he/she is not in school.
- An absence note should **always** be sent into school upon the child's return. This should include the child's name, class, dates of absence and reason for absence.

It would be beneficial for you to provide one of the following (wherever possible) which may enable the Headteacher to authorise your child's absence:

- Medical appointment card
- Sight of Medication prescribed by a GP
- Copy of prescription
- Letters concerning hospital/dental appointments.

Year 6 Leaver's Production The Greatest Showman





Team Birchwood News

Can you believe it is the end of the school year already!

We want to thank every single one of you, (teachers, parents and pupils) for helping us to raise such an amazing amount this year.

We hope you have enjoyed all of the fundraising events we have hosted, we have enjoyed being part of it and look forward to more next year.

If you would like to get involved with Team Birchwood or have any ideas for new fundraising events we could run next year we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch via our email tbps2619@welearn365.com. Look out for details of our AGM meeting in the Bugle in September.

Birchwood Primary School Website



Want to know what's happening in school? Go to www.birchwoodprimaryschool.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



Library Books

Please could we remind you to return all library books before the end of term. Could you also please check your ParentPay account and pay for any outstanding lost library book fines. Thank you.

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.

Academic Year 2018-2019

Academic Year 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019

Professional Development Day	Monday 2nd September
Children Return to School	Tuesday 3rd September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 28th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 4th November
Children Return to School	Tuesday 5th November
Term Ends for Christmas (2 weeks)	Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2020

Professional Development Day	Monday 6th January
Children Return to School	Tuesday 7th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 17th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 24th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

Children Return to School	Monday 20th April
May Day	Friday 8th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th May
Professional Development Day	Friday 19th June
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 17th July

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 19th July and 20th December, if this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

NSPCC fundraising so far this year is :

£2302.27

Thank you very much for all of your support.

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. **FULL STOP.**



WORD MANIA

Make as many words as you can before the time runs out !!!



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

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

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