

Letters home this week: R - Winter Wonderland, Y6 - V.E Day Celebrations, ALL - Club emails

What's on in school next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3,4 -Embody Dance Y1,2 - Top Score Y4,5 - Keyboard Y3,4 - Painting Library - 3.05	Pine - Swimming KS2 - Choir Y1,2 - Aston Villa Y2,3 - Kapla Y3,4 - Forest Schools	Yr 3,4 - Look What I Have Made	Y3,4 - Top Score Y6 - Ukelele Y5,6 - Cooking Club	Oak - Swimming Y2-6 - Musical Theatre Library - 3.05

REMINDER : TBPS are selling Santa's Grotto tickets on Monday Wednesday and Friday next week.

Brilliant Behaviour

At Birchwood we set the highest expectations for our children in all that they do. We want the very best for our children and will do everything we can to ensure that they all reach their potential. Children get one chance at an education and we are determined to make sure they all make the most of it. Fostering excellent general and learning behaviours across school plays a key role in ensuring that our children achieve.

Our policy on behaviour is to focus on the positives and look to reward positive learning behaviours and manners in school. Where children make the wrong choice in how they behave, we take a restorative approach, working with children to repair what has been done and to discuss and agree on how to put things right.

Consideration and Respect is our one school rule and in assemblies and circle time we talk regularly about what this means, looks like and feels like in our school. We feel it is very important to put children at the forefront of their own and others behaviour and therefore we use 'Stop it please' to support this approach. If a child says or does something that another child does not like, then they will ask them to 'stop it please'. If the behaviour does not stop, then we ask the children to inform an adult in school, who will come and support the child with their concern.

Our one rule sets our positive school ethos and culture (sometimes referred to as our school climate). This is essential in developing good relationships and positive behaviour in classrooms, around school, outside of school and within our wider community. Relationships are key to the outstanding behaviour in our school. Our staff get to know children and their families well, building relationships based on mutual respect and consideration. Our staff are positive role-models and often go above and beyond for our children. Children feel happy and safe in school, but also confident to approach any member of staff should they need help or support.

Our children are tremendously proud to be a Birchwood pupil and continually demonstrate this with their exceptional behaviour when out on school trips. We always receive positive comments from staff who work at educational settings we visit and from members of the public, about our well behaved, well-mannered and enthusiastic children. Our children always look extremely smart in their school uniform and are a fantastic advertisement for our school. School trips take a lot of organising and planning and can be quite stressful for staff, but our children make the day of the trips a real pleasure.

Visitors to our school regularly make comments about the friendly and caring school atmosphere, our polite and happy children and our welcoming staff. I also have many conversations with staff from organisations that work in our school. Many of them tell me that Birchwood is by far their favourite school to visit.

Our children's excellent behaviour means that staff get to focus their time and energy on delivering excellent teaching and ensures that our children spend their time focussing on their learning. Our children continue to be the best thing about our school. They are a credit to Birchwood and to our families.

Mr Coleman – Headteacher



Relationships Supporting our Positive Behaviour!

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

Spotlight this week is ...

Mutual Respect

Our one school rule of consideration and **respect** underpins everything in school at Birchwood. This week, we have been focusing on how we show respect to each other. At times this can be harder than others, and we have a simple phrase of 'Stop it Please' which we use to ask others to stop if they are doing or saying something which they do not like or makes them feel uncomfortable.

Being respectful of others feelings is something we ask children to consider in their games for example. The simple phrase 'Is my fun, fun for everyone?' one which children are asked to consider. Thinking about the thoughts and feelings of others and respecting this is so important in making sure everyone's interactions are more positive.

Mrs Day
Associate Headteacher

Registering for School

Parents can now apply for Primary school places. The deadline for **Primary school applications** for reception places is **15th January 2022.**



Reminder for Parents

Leave of Absence during Term Time

As you will be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Headteacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Headteacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion, if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The reasons classed as 'exceptional' are very limited. If the leave is granted, the Headteacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for Leave of Absence can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s). Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

Christmas Performances

We are happy to announce the children's Christmas play performances are as follows:

Reception - Thursday 9th December 2.30pm
The Very Special Baby

Years 1 and 2 - Friday 10th December 2.20pm
Stable by Starlight

Years 3 and 4 - Monday 13th December 2.20pm
The Nativity

Years 5 and 6 - Tuesday 14th December 2.10pm
Away in a Spaceship

Each child in school will receive 2 family tickets for their performance. The tickets will be sent home with children on Monday. Doors for each performance will open 10 minutes before the start. **TICKETS MUST BE PRESENTED ON THE DAY.**

There is no cost for the performance, but we will be taking a collection for our chosen charity—Mind UK.

School Council and Committee Chatter!



Happy Chatter

As a School Council we have lots of jobs to do. We help organise events and special days at school. Sometimes we help with problems and finally we have to be responsible.

In our most recent meetings, we have been voting for interesting ideas for Children in Need and decided on something a bit different- a colouring competition. Here is a reminder that if you don't finish your entry in school then do take it home to finish. Hand it in on Monday 22nd November and we will select a winner from each class.

We look forward to seeing them all!

We can't wait to tell you more about our plans in the weeks to come. Thanks for reading our chatter! From Lily -Rose and Evan



TBPS NEWS

Once again, thank you for all of your kind donations. If you have forgotten to bring anything in and would still like to, we are happy to receive more donations of bottles and chocolates.

Next week is **General tombola prizes** (gift sets, bath sets, mugs, candles, NEW AND UNUSED ITEMS ONLY PLEASE). All donations are greatly appreciated. Also, on Friday, children can bring a wrapped gift for the lucky dip in exchange for non-uniform on the last day of term.

Santa's Grotto tickets are on sale on Monday, Wednesday and Friday next week, before school at the door to the library, and after school in the Conference Room. These are priced at £3.50 per child. Please contact us on the email address below if you are unable to purchase these after school.

FREE GROTTO TICKET FOR VOLENTEERS – this year we are offering a free grotto ticket for anyone who volunteers to run a stall or help with the afternoon set up of the fair. These can be used during the 30 minute volunteer preview of the fair from 5:30 to 6:00pm, please contact us at tbps2619@welearn365.com if you can help. "



PANTS

NSPCC Initiative to keep children safe.

This week is 'A'



Always remember your body belongs to you.

Let your child know their body belongs to them, and no one else. No one has the right to make them do anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. And if anyone tries, tell your child they have the right to say no.

Remind your child that they can always talk to you about anything which worries or upsets them.

Year 6 Step Back in Time to World War 2.

Martin Bailey from Animate 2 Educate, joined Year 6 last week to do some WW2 themed computing. They created their own animations, used green screens and Colour Splash to create these images .



YEAR 2 - POLICE VISIT

Year 2 had a visit from local police officers this week. Our children were able to share with them all they had learnt about Sir Robert Peel and were able to find out about policing today. We even got to see and hear the sirens!



YEAR 5 SPACE THEME



Year 5 have been carrying on their theme of 'Space' this week by having a visitor bring a Wonderdome in to school. The children enjoyed seeing space from a different perspective inside the mobile planetarium. They also enjoyed performing their class assembly, 'Into the Unknown', showcasing what they have learnt about space so far and ending the performance with their rendition of Rocketman by Elton John.

Academic Year 2021-2022

Open Morning for New Starters

R-Y2 Pantomime

Y3-Y6 Pantomime

EYFS Christmas Performance

Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance

Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance

Y5 & Y6 Christmas Performance

Christmas Dinner

Non School Uniform and

Christmas Jumper Day

Term Ends for Christmas 1 pm

Friday 26th November

Thursday 2nd December

Tuesday 7th December

Thursday 9th December

Friday 10th December

Monday 13th December

Tuesday 14th December

Thursday 16th December

Friday 17th December

Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset Day

Children Return to School

Y4 Assembly

Half Term (1 week)

Professional Development Day

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

Y3 Assembly

Grandparents Lunch

Easter Hats/Eggs

Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)

Tuesday 4th January

Wednesday 5th January

Thursday 20th January

Monday 21st February

Monday 28th February

Tuesday 8th March

Wednesday 9th March

Thursday 17th March

Friday 18th March

Friday 8th April

Friday 8th April

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.

Children's Weekly Spelling Challenge:

Word Parts

Write your words. Then use a coloured pencil to divide the words into syllables. e.g. **jump** **ing**, **cat** **er** **pill** **ar**



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M42 Closure

The M42 will be closed between Junction 9 and 10 (northbound and southbound) for 7 days.

This will take place from 9pm

Friday 24th December to 9pm

Friday 31st December. This is to

facilitate BBV to complete works

that will enable the Marston Box bridge to be moved into position in winter 2022. This is for the HS2 railway. A

clearly signed diversion route will be in place over this

period with advance signage in place to help remind

motorists of the closure. You can still get to where you

need to go but you will need to follow the diversion, plan

ahead and leave more time for journeys. For more

information please visit www.hs2.org.uk/marston-box or

click on the link below:

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M42 Junction 9-10 closure

From December 2021

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