

Emails/Letters home this week: Y6 - Learning packs

What's on in school next week?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

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

REMINDER : If your child is in school, please follow the usual absence procedures when absent.

Testing School Staff

Many people with coronavirus (COVID 19) have mild, or even no symptoms, but can still spread the virus. With regular self-testing we can slow the spread and help protect the most vulnerable in our families and communities.

Testing is important because staff could be carrying the virus without knowing it and may spread it to others. Up to one in three people who have coronavirus do not display any symptoms. Testing all staff without symptoms will support schools and nurseries to continue to operate.

This week we have taken delivery of home testing kits, supplied to all Primary schools, to support our Primary school staff to take part in regular asymptomatic testing. Asymptomatic refers to people who are infected but never develop any symptoms. These simple and quick tests using antigen Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) enable the rapid testing of staff, from their home, without the need for a laboratory.

Staff will be asked to take their test kits home and carry out the test twice a week. The LFD test will give a result in around 30 minutes and staff will report their results to NHS Test and Trace as soon as the test is completed. Staff will also share their result with school to help us with contact tracing. Testing is not mandatory but staff will be strongly encouraged to participate.

It is vitally important that our systems of control continue to be rigorous to enable the safest possible environment for all. The testing programme is an important addition to supporting education through this pandemic and will help break the chains of transmission.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher


Testing in School But Not as We Know it!

Spotlight this week is on...

Road Safety

As a school situated on a very busy road, the safety of children around traffic has been high on our agenda and indeed part of our curriculum in school for some time now. We work closely with the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership, who come into school to work with children to teach them about road safety in both Key stage 1 and 2. We have Junior Road Safety Officers in school who work with children running competitions and sharing road safety messages throughout school.

Drop off and collection times from school are always the busiest times on the roads near schools, and as Headteacher, Mr Coleman has long campaigned for improvements to the safety measures in place.

The installation of the barriers and bollards, to ensure that cars do not park unsafely outside school as a result has helped, but parents can also help by ensuring that they remember to park considerately at all times when coming to the school site. Remember it is illegal to stop or park on the zig zag markings outside of the school. The safety of children is the number one priority of both school and parents alike, and by working together we can ensure this.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher


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Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

Half Term	Monday 15th February
Professional Development day	Monday 22nd February
Children Planned Return to School	Tuesday 23rd February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

Children Planned Return to School	Monday 19th April
May Day	Monday 3rd May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 31st May
Professional Development Day	Monday 7th June
Professional Development Day	Friday 18th June
Term Ends for Summer	Wednesday 21st 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 the early finish on 21st July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.



Thinkrolls 2

An enlightening logic puzzler for children aged 3-9 years.



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.

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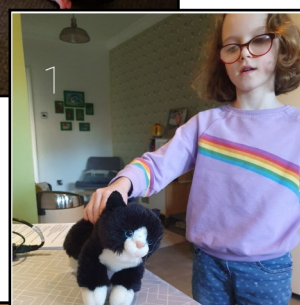


**Our registered charity 2020
ZELLWEGER UK.
Amount raised so far: £1750.14**



Year 4 Role Play

Our year 4 children have been getting into character, doing some role-play to support their story writing inspired by the book Varjak Paw. Siblings, pets and teddies got involved too!



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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.

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