

Letters home this week: ALL - Leave of Absence, Remote Learning, eSchool login

## 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 : Please park safely around the school neighbourhood!!**

### Road safety

We are fully aware of how busy the roads and pavements are outside Birchwood and Polesworth School. Between both schools there are over 2000 students, plus their families, who complete the school run each day. Both Birchwood and The Polesworth School have limited access to their sites, causing a very busy and congested area outside of school. This is very concerning for all involved and we are all determined to do all we can to make the journey to and from school as safe as possible for everyone.

Over the last couple of weeks I have been in contact with the road safety team at Warwickshire County Council. I have asked for their help and support again with the concerns we have and they are reviewing potential options. I have repeatedly asked them to be proactive in replacing the school crossing patrol position they currently have vacant and have again asked them to review the option of a permanent pedestrian crossing between the two schools.

The Polesworth School have made some positive changes to their school reopening plan. They have introduced a limited stagger to the end of their school day and have organised for bus companies to stagger their pickup times. At Birchwood we will continue to run our staggered day and one way system on our school site. After half term we will also be pushing back our collection from school times at the end of the day to avoid the majority of the congestion caused by The Polesworth children on their journey home. More details will be communicated to parents regarding this before we break up for half term.



### Road Safety Education!!

**Continued**.....We do however need 100% support from **ALL PARENTS AND VISITORS** to our schools. Despite our repeated requests in our weekly newsletter, on a daily basis we see parking and driving which places our children in danger.

We ask parents **NOT** to park on double yellow lines or on yellow zig zags outside the school. We also ask parents not to park on pavements, which force children to squeeze through narrow gaps, or worse still, walk into the road to get past. Unfortunately, on a regular basis, we also receive complaints from neighbours complaining about parents parking over their driveways, blaming the school and demanding we take action. The school however, has absolutely no jurisdiction over the public roads and can do very little.

In school we continue to work hard to teach our children to learn and recognise the importance of Road Safety. Miss Lowe is our Road Safety Champion and she works very closely with representatives from the Warwickshire Road Safety Club to deliver a full and comprehensive road safety curriculum across school. Our only interest is in keeping children safe, **PLEASE** help us to do so by driving carefully and parking responsibly. If driving is your only option, parking safely away from school and walking an extra 60 seconds, is worth it if it avoids a child being seriously injured. Please support us by doing your bit. Thank you.

**Mr Coleman - Headteacher**



## Who's Who this week ...

### **Miss Purdy**

I have been a teacher at Birchwood for nearly 7 years, working in a range of classes and also leading maths. I love teaching, especially as I get to work with such an amazing group of staff and children.



I enjoy having fun and trying out new experiences. I will give anything a go, including completing a sky dive and bungee jump. I even rode a motorbike when I was younger!

In my spare time I enjoy going out for cocktails or watching a theatre show with my friends and sisters but I am just as happy staying in with a good book or watching a movie. I also love fashion and shopping and I am always on the lookout for a new pair of heels.

I love to travel and explore different countries and their cultures. I was lucky enough to spend a year living and working in New Zealand and have also taught for a short period in Uganda (Africa).

Keeping fit and healthy is important to me, so I try to exercise as often as possible. I enjoy taking part in Warrior boot camp sessions and taking long walks with my very energetic dog. My hobbies include art and painting and I am currently learning to play the piano.

## Birchwood Best Practice

### **Mathematics**

Mathematics at Birchwood follows a mastery approach, beginning with teaching children the conceptual understanding using a range of practical equipment which then allows them to approach their knowledge and skills with fluency, reasoning and problem solving.



Our school curriculum delivers mathematics discretely and also by linking directly to thematic learning. This is delivered through morning activities, discrete/thematic lessons and maths meetings (consolidating previous skills and knowledge) – this is supported through mental arithmetic tasks as part of our weekly home learning.

Children at Birchwood are positive and enthusiastic about their maths learning and are taught to link skills learnt with other areas of the curriculum including Science, Design Technology and Physical Education.

We see mathematics to be a creative, interconnected subject which is essential in helping us in everyday life. We make effective use of our Food Technology area and ensure that we make links to real-life experiences, such as using money, time and measures to complete tasks outside of the maths lesson. - Miss Purdy

## Spotlight this week is ...

### **....Reading in School**

Sharing and enjoying a good book is not only a good way to develop reading but also a fun way to escape to different places, and even be a completely different character without ever leaving the comfort of your chair. This week has seen some fantastic new books coming into classrooms at Birchwood which were purchased with the money raised from the 'Sponsored Read', which children took part in last year.

Reading for pleasure is something we are always keen to develop in school. We have opportunities to share books at our reading 'tea parties', which classes have when all children meet their reading targets at home. We also share books in classes and staff across school share what they are currently reading on classroom and office door posters. These occasions are all chances for children to build their social skills, starting and maintaining conversations about books, and sharing a story and simply reading together for pleasure. Do not forget if you have any books left at home that were on long term loan from school during lockdown, please pop them back into school ready for someone else to read.

**Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher**



## School Crossing Patrol Vacancy



A vacancy will soon be advertised again for a School Crossing Patrol Operative outside of Birchwood School. Times, pay and other details are still to be confirmed by North Warwickshire Borough Council, but the position will require morning and afternoon cover, at the busiest times of the school day. Usually shifts are around 30 minutes each. The position will be for Monday to Friday term time only (38 weeks per year spread across 12 monthly payments.) A uniform and full training will be provided.



## Doctors/Dentist Appointments in School Time

We prefer parents to avoid booking appointments during the school day because of children missing important work in school. However, we do understand that this is sometimes unavoidable.

We would ask parents to let us know of any appointments **in advance** and send in a copy of the appointment card/letter, preferably by email, for school records.



## Birchwood Primary School Website

Want to know what is happening in school? Go to [www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com](http://www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com).



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

## Twitter

You can follow us on twitter: @BirchwoodPrim





# NEW CURRICULUM THEMES



Following an email from zoologist Dr Grant regarding some angel sightings, Year 6 carried out extensive investigating to see if they could find any more clues about a mystery creature, to help and support the research.



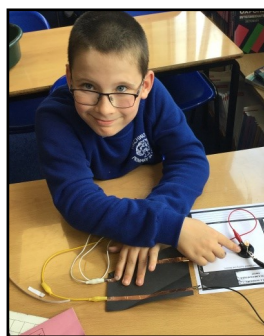
Year 1 took their science lesson outside looking for hard soft, bendy shiny and dull objects.



Year 1 making pitta breads for Baby Bear's picnic on the Moon!



Year 5 investigating the different materials found on Alchemy Island.



Year 4 King of the Cloud Forest - After receiving the mysterious message from Ashley, we dashed out to the field and searched the area for the backpack. We eventually found it with many more clues inside!



Year 2 Wiggle and Crawl.



Year 2 Rainforest Dance and Yoga!





## Academic Year 2020-2021

### Autumn Term 2020

School Photographs	Friday 2nd October
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 26th October
<b>Professional Development day</b>	<b>Monday 2nd November</b>
Children Return to School	Tuesday 3rd November
Term Ends for Christmas (2 weeks)	Friday 18th December

### Spring Term 2021

<b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>Monday 4th January</b>
Children Return to School	Tuesday 5th January
Half Term	Monday 15th February
<b>Professional Development day</b>	<b>Monday 22nd February</b>
Children Return to School	Tuesday 23rd February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Thursday 1st April

### Summer Term 2021

Children Return to School	Monday 19th April
May Day	Monday 3rd May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 31st May
<b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>Monday 7th June</b>
<b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>Friday 18th June</b>
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 1pm early finish on 18th December & 21st July.

If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

<https://www.jobcentrejobs.co.uk/>



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.

## 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  
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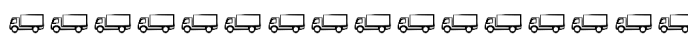
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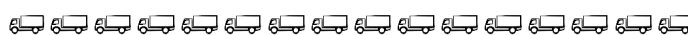
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Our registered charity 2020  
**ZELLWEGER UK.**  
Amount raised so far: £812.67



### Parking

Please may we remind parents/carers that parking is not permitted in the school's car park. Please park courteously on the roads surrounding school. It is also important to ensure that driveways and pavements are not obstructed as this can prove dangerous for other road users, pedestrians and be frustrating for our neighbours.



### Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2009** and **31/08/2010** are due to start Secondary School in September 2021. The deadline for on-time applications is **31st October 2020**.

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



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