

Letters sent home this week— All—Pobble information, 4,5 &6—Pobble Project

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05pm Y6 Netball Club 3.05 pm Embody Dance Club Y1-6	Guitar Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Bubbles Club Y4-6	Woodwind Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Bubbles Club Y1-3	Violin & Keyboard Lessons	Cello & Drum Lessons 3.05pm Musical Theatre Y3-6 3.05pm Multi Sports Y4-6

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

REMINDER: Children should not enter the school playgrounds before 8.30 a.m.

Eating and staying healthy at Birchwood

Schools have an important role to play in reinforcing positive messages about eating and staying healthy. We also have a responsibility to ensure that our curriculum gives children a solid body of knowledge about healthy living and the skill to pursue it. Children need to learn how our bodies work, why physical health is important and how to prepare food. They need to grow in competence in sport and physical pursuits so that being active is enjoyable for them as well as challenging.

For many years Birchwood have placed 'eating and staying healthy' firmly within our curriculum. Over the past three years we have been working very closely with the 'Food For Life Programme' and the 'Soil Association' to support the fantastic work we are doing to provide healthy school meals, great lunchtimes and food education that has a positive impact on both pupils and the wider community. On Tuesday 26th March, Mrs Webb and some of our Eco Councillors from last year, are heading to Benn Hall in Rugby to collect the 'Food For Life Silver Award'. This is a fantastic achievement for all involved.

Our whole school approach makes a positive contribution to pupil health, wellbeing and personal development. As part of our work on healthy eating we have developed our own school 'Kitchen Garden', enabling our children to plant, grow and prepare their own food. We also hold an annual 'Farmers Market' in the summer, to enable the children to sell their products and wares. With our new fantastic Food Technology room, we can now support large groups of children to cook and taste their own food. Every half term each class complete at least one food project as part of their thematic learning.

We also work very hard to make our dinner times count. Our catering team from 'Educaterers', led by Mrs Pardoe, do a fantastic job preparing and serving healthy meals. The relationship they have with all our children is brilliant. I always hear lots of 'please and thank you' and many smiles exchanged in return. In February, the Food Standards Agency again awarded the Birchwood Bistro and Educaterers, a food hygiene rating of 5 (very good). This is the highest standard you can achieve and the second time in succession that we have received this standard. We also promote 'Healthy Lunchboxes' in school and I would like to thank all of our families for supporting this and ensuring that our children get a healthy and balanced diet. Our Mid-Day Supervisors also play an essential role in encouraging children to 'play' and enjoy themselves during their dinner time.

Currently we have a total of 14 after school activities/clubs running in school. Many of these are physical activities, promoting children to stay active. But, we also have two clubs that link to eating healthy. On a Monday Mrs Webb and Mrs Wright – a parent volunteer, hold cooking classes for parents and their children in our Food Technology room. We also have 'Change Makers', an organisation from Rugby, who deliver to our families a family lifestyle programme encouraging people to make healthier choices through weekly nutrition and physical activity sessions.

We know the importance of promoting healthy eating and living to our children and will continue to look for new and innovative ways to promote this in and outside of school.

Mr N Coleman
Headteacher



Healthy Eating At Dinner Time

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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is: Working together



Learning at Birchwood is not something we encourage children to tackle on their own and this week I have spotted lots of children across school working together to find out new things, hunt for clues (sorry Reception I still haven't found the missing dinosaur though!), come up with new ideas or even improve writing by working collaboratively.

Talking through your thinking, whether it's about your ideas for how to describe something, or why you think a particular way to solve a problem in maths is correct, is a fantastic way to learn. It helps you remember better, but also it means that you can work out if your ideas are on the right track, or 'maggie' ideas from other people if you are a little bit stuck.

Across school we use talk and editing partners, as well as sharing great ideas and work with both peers and adults in school. In addition, having 2 classes in each year group means that we can give children at Birchwood a really broad range of people to share their ideas with. This week I have seen children mixing between their usual classes to share ideas about lands of fire and ice in year 2 and to improve their own diary writing in year 3. I know that the children have been really enjoying having different children and adults to share their work with, and we look forward to seeing their finished pieces.

Mrs M Day - Associate Headteacher



ALL BOOKS HALF PRICE

Our book fair will be open from Monday 25th March to Thursday 28th March after school in the library. Children who would like to visit our book fair must be accompanied by their adult.

NB. Our school library will NOT be open during Book Fair week after school but will re-open the following week.

CSE Awareness Day—Monday 18th March

As it is CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) awareness day on Monday 18th March, we want to communicate the importance of keeping children safe, especially in terms of their relationships.

If you would like more information about what CSE is, spotting signs and receiving support as a parent, please visit this website: <https://www.barnardosrealoverrocks.org.uk/parents/>

The website is aimed at parents of older children, so please bare this in mind.

To show support, Warwickshire Police, Barnardo's and Warwickshire County Council will also be raising awareness all week across social media using the hashtag #CSEday19.

Healthy Lunchboxes

Top Tips.....

- Keep children fuller for longer - Base the lunchbox on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.
- Always add veg - Cherry tomatoes, or sticks of carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A DAY.
- Swap the sweets - Swap cakes, chocolate, cereal bars and biscuits for malt loaf, fruited teacakes, fruit breads or fruit (fresh, dried or tinned – in juice not syrup).
- Get them involved - Get your kids involved in preparing and choosing what goes into their lunchbox. They are more likely to eat it if they helped make it.



Team Birchwood News



Our popular Mother's Day Sale is back for 2019!

We will be selling gifts, starting at just 50p each, on Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Friday 29th March, from the Conference room next to the main school office at 3.10 pm.

Chocolate Egg Donations

We are asking children to bring in either a chocolate egg or a £1 donation on Friday 29th March. In return for the egg or donation, children will be able to come to school out of uniform on Friday 12th April.

Chocolate Bingo

On Friday 5th April at 5pm we will be holding a Chocolate Bingo evening, suitable for all of the family. Tickets are priced at just £1 each and this includes your first bingo book. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening, along with extra bingo books, dabbers and raffle tickets. Tickets will be on sale on 1st, 2nd & 3rd April from the Conference room at 8.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

If you can help with any of the events or have any question's please contact us at tbps2619@welearn365.com

Learning to understand states of matter



With the help of interactive technology 'Now Press Play', Y4 helped to save an entire planet this afternoon by helping an alien race locate the perfect solids, liquids and gases to replenish their world. They investigated different material samples to identify their state and also learned about how and why materials change between being a solid, liquid or gas. At the end the children completed a quiz to demonstrate their learning. Well done Year 4.



She loves school and her teachers. She is very happy and would love to come on the weekend if you would let her!
Really happy with their progress in school, so thank you to all involved in their learning. Happy with everything.

Keep doing what you are doing, you do a great job! It was lovely to hear how she is flourishing in school.

Thank you for the kind words written in her report. Thank you to all those involved in her learning.

Just want to say a massive thank you for making school such a happy and positive environment.

They are doing really well, beyond expectations, very pleased with their progress. Two very happy and proud parents.

He is doing really well in school and is lucky to have such supportive teachers. I am very happy with her progress.

Thanks for all your help and support as always. Very pleased with progress and the support they are getting.

We are really pleased with the progress being made and how she is supported by her teachers. Doing a fantastic job.

She is loving school and is always telling me about her day and the new activities or projects they are learning about.

Proud of her progress and pleased with the teaching at the school. He is always surprising us with his knowledge.

It is lovely to hear that he has a lot of potential and that areas that he struggles with are being worked on and improved.

He has thrived this year and has been given the tools and encouragement to gain more skills. We are super proud of her.

Extracts of comments shared from parents evening.

Our children were also very happy
with the comments received by staff
and parents!



Enjoys coming to school and is enjoying this year. She enjoys school and is really proud of herself when she does well.

He really enjoys his lessons, thank you for being a great teaching team! Thank you for all that you do.

You are doing an amazing job, thank you. She is very happy and doing wonderfully, so thank you.

Thank you for your continued hard work, he continues to love school. He enjoys school and loves to learn.

Keep up the amazing work you already do. Fantastic! Thank you for making school so enjoyable.

She is a wonderful and great teacher, who is amazing and a credit to the school. She is a happy and engaged little girl.

We are really pleased with his progress and are very grateful for all your hard work and support.

She really enjoys coming to school and is making great progress in all lessons. She has lovely friends and great teachers.

She loves coming to school and has improved massively this year! Thank you for your hard work supporting her.

Super start to the school years. Her teachers have had a very positive effect on her and their help is beyond the expected.

I'm really happy with how he is getting on at school and very pleased to hear that his behaviour is very good.

Really pleased with his continued development in all areas. He enjoys school and it is reflected in his progress.

Thank you so much for all your hard work. He is doing really well and loves school, so you are obviously doing a fab job.

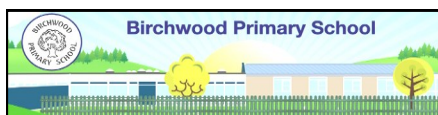
We are extremely happy with his progress and how happy he is. Thank you to all teachers involved.

NEVER LATE CERTIFICATES

'Rewarding children for ALWAYS getting to school on time'

Each term we award a 'Limited Edition' certificate for children who have never been late that term. Being on time for school is vital. At the start of the day, not only do we take registers, but give out vital instructions for the school day. Children tell us that they really hate being late for school because **'Everyone looks at you'** and **'You don't know what you are meant to be doing'**.

At the start of the day teachers take registers, explain to the children what they will be doing for the day and all sorts of other important instructions about what will be happening around school. After **8.40am** children must enter school through the office entrance to be registered separately.



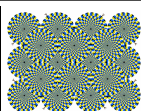
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Want to know what's happening in school? Go to **www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com** there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, photos and much more.

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



Optics for Kids
<https://www.optics4kids.org/illusions>

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.

NSPCC

Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

NSPCC fundraising so far this year is :
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Academic Year 2018-2019

Spring Term 2019

Year 2 Trip Blakesley Hall	Tuesday 19th March
Kirkpatrick Cup at Twycross	Tuesday 19th March
Swimming Gala	Wednesday 20th March
Year 3 Class Assemblies	Thursday 21st March
Scholastic Book Fair (1 week)	Monday 25th March
Year 5/6 Author Visit	Friday 29th March
Year 3 Botanical Gardens Trip	Monday 1st April
Year 1 & Year 5 Fire Safety	Friday 5th April
Year R & Year 1 Dental Survey	Friday 5th April
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April
Payment due for Manor Adventure	Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Manor Adventure Trip	Friday 7th June to Monday 10th June
Children return to school	Monday 29th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 27th May
Children return to school	Monday 3rd June
Professional Development Day	Friday 21st June
Term ends for Summer (Early)	Friday 19th 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 19th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.



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