

Letters home this week: Y6 - WW2 Visitor, Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, Y5 - Planetarium, ALL - Grandparents Lunch, EYFS - New Child Survey

What's on in school after half term:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library - 3.05	Pine - Swimming Y6 - Science Visit The Polesworth School	Yew - WW2 Visitor Y3 - Stone Age Visitor	Willow - WW2 Visitor	Oak - Swimming Library - 3.05

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

REMINDER : Christmas card orders must be returned to school by Friday 5th November.

Core Principles at Birchwood Primary

At Birchwood, we have a shared vision which supports our school to run smoothly and effectively. We have a set of common language and ideas that support the culture we have created in our school. We make reference to these all the time in school through our assemblies and class discussions with children. Our messages and articles that we share in our newsletters are a good opportunity to reiterate some of these to our parents, who have been with us for a while and as an explanation for those parents who are new to our school.

Our One School Rule – Consideration and Respect

There are some schools who have long lists of rules that they expect the children to learn, remember and understand. At Birchwood, we only have one rule and it is 'Consideration and Respect.' The children learn quickly that this means they are expected to have respect for themselves, each other, all adults and the school environment. They are also taught to be considerate in all things they do and say. We find it to be extremely effective when discussing the choices children have made. Have you been considerate or shown respect? This is a question that gets children to reflect on their actions.

'Stop It Please'

These three words are designed to help children regulate the behaviour of their peers by making it clear that they don't like something someone is saying or doing. It takes time and practise for children to get this right but it does work as a system for managing low level disruption. Quite often we will ask children if they used 'stop it please' when there has been an altercation between children. We encourage children to use it as a cue to prompt their peers.

Readiness for learning

We want children to come into school ready to learn - that is, after all, what they come to school for. This starts with a prompt start to the day. Making sure they have all they need for the day ahead and establishing clear routines gives children the best chance to access all their learning which starts as soon as they enter the classroom. Parents can play their part in this by ensuring their children have everything they need for the day and minimising any fuss on the playground in the morning. Ensuring that children are in school on time, enables them to have a positive start and best prepares them to be in the position mind-set for learning.

The smile effect

Smiling is such a positive tool and its impact is considerable. It is a scientific fact that smiling makes you feel better. When you smile at someone, the natural thing is for that person to smile back at you, in turn making them feel better too. Also, like manners, it doesn't cost a thing! At Birchwood, we all agree that it is good to smile and we should try and do it more in school and at home, particularly at the moment when there seems less to be happy about than normal!

Mr Coleman – Headteacher



'Art attack' Our Whole School Art Day

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

Spotlight this week is ...

With the increasing range of places that we all watch television shows and films, it is more important than ever to be aware of ensuring what children are watching is appropriate for them. Over the past few weeks it would be hard not to have heard of the latest Netflix hit show 'Squid Game'. While the programme is based on the idea of children's playground games, it is rated as a 15 due to the violent and intensely frightening nature of the show. Due to its sudden popularity, the show is now also being referred to in other games such as Roblox and by YouTubers, however sometimes without the violent elements.

While some content referencing this show is simply imitating playground games, which many of us would remember from our own experiences as children, we would ask all parents to take this opportunity to be especially aware of the content children are watching online. As part of our duty of care and our safeguarding work in school, we will let parents know if children are sharing that they are watching or playing any content which is not age appropriate so that we can all work together to ensure our children are safe both online and in the real world.

Mrs Day
Associate Headteacher

Safety Message

“How do you make sure you keep SUPER SAFE if you are going to a Bonfire Party?”

We remind children to wear bright clothing to be seen on dark nights, make sure they stay with a grown up or a grown up knows where they are at all times. Never touch fireworks, even if they appear to have already been discharged and be very careful when handling sparklers.

We wish you an enjoyable and safe bonfire weekend!!



My School Fund

Join the My School Fund initiative!

Birchwood Primary is part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work? - You can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things you buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend, you will receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website, we will also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

How to get involved – Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link Birchwood Primary School to boost our budget, plus your own!

Visit myschoolfund.org and register for free today!



Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2010 and 31/08/2011** are due to start Secondary School in September 2022. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2021.**



ILLNESSES AND ABSENCE

We certainly do not want children to come in to school unwell, but in reality children often do not need to stay off for 48 hours if they are sick. Children can be ill for all sorts of reasons and often not because of a bug. We recommend that children do not return to school until **24 hrs** after the last episode of sickness, unless it has been diagnosed as “Norovirus”, in which case we recommend that children stay off for 48 hours.

Procedures if your child is absent from school:

1. **Telephone** – PLEASE report absences by 8.30am on the day of absence by telephoning the school office and leaving a message on the answerphone or sending an email to birchwoodparents@welearn365.com, giving the date, your child's class and reason for absence.

A telephone call /email is required **each** day of your child's absence. If we do not hear from you we need to PROTECT CHILDREN by calling parents to make sure that a child has not left home and then not appeared in school.

2. **Absence email** - An absence note, **preferably in an email**, should be provided on the **first day** of your child's return. This should contain your child's name, the dates of absence and an explanation for your child's absence. This process is part of our safeguarding procedure to protect all children.

(Please note that in previous months we had encouraged 48hrs for most sickness as a precaution during Covid, but we have now returned to the procedure explained above.)

New Reception Starter Open Morning

To help parents decide which school they would like their reception child to join in September 2022, Birchwood is holding two 'Open Morning Tours' on:
Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 9am
Friday 26th November 2021 at 9am.

You are welcome to attend either open morning if you have a child starting school in September 2022.

Registering for School

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



Permanent Vacancy

Lunchtime Supervisor, Scale band B

6.25 hours per week - (1hr 15 mins per day)

Monday to Friday - term time only (39 weeks plus staff training days)

Actual salary £2603.87 per annum

Birchwood is a very popular successful school. We are looking for a permanent member of staff to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed team working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need. This is a great opportunity to do something really rewarding, working with wonderful children and gain some valuable extra experience for that CV! Further details and application forms are available from the school website. Completed applications should be returned to school no later than 12.00 noon on **Friday 22nd October 2021 and interviews will take place w/c 1st November 2021**

Birchwood Primary School is a proud member of The Community Academies Trust and we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to enhanced DBS disclosure.



DRAYTON MANOR

Year 5 got to grips with marvellous mechanisms and fantastic forces during their trip to Drayton Manor last Friday. A fantastic day out - smiles and screams in equal measure!



SELLY MANOR

Year 2 had a fantastic time visiting Selly Manor. They got to handle real historical sources and walked through a traditional house of the period, seeing first-hand how easy it was for the Great Fire of London to spread through the city. They also played Stuart era games and got to dress up in clothing from the time. On the journey home, children were excited to drive through the city of Birmingham, spotting landmarks and comparing it to London and their local area.



Academic Year 2021-2022

Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 1st November
Open Morning for New Starters	Tuesday 2nd November
Y3 Stone Age Visitor	Wednesday 3rd Nov
Yew WW2 Visitor	Wednesday 3rd Nov
Willow WW2 Visitor	Thursday 4th Nov
Parents Evening	Tuesday 9th November
Parents Evening	Wed 10th November
Year 5 Assembly	Thursday 18th November
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 19th November
Open Morning for New Starters	Friday 26th November
EYFS Christmas Performance	Thursday 9th December
Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance	Friday 10th December
Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance	Monday 13th December
Y5 & Y6 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 14th December
Non School Uniform and Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 17th December
Term Ends for Christmas 1 pm	Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January
Children Return to School	Wednesday 5th January
Y4 Assembly	Thursday 20th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 21st February
Professional Development Day	Monday 28th February
Parents Evening	Tuesday 8th March
Parents Evening	Wednesday 9th March
Y3 Assembly	Thursday 17th March
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 18th March
Easter Hats/Eggs	Friday 8th April
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	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.



A festival for emotional wellbeing for children and young people across Coventry and Warwickshire.

- ☺ Animal fun with the Horse and People Project
- ☺ Mindfulness work-outs
- ☺ Twitter take-overs
- ☺ Library events
- ☺ Help and advice for young people
- ☺ Support for parents and carers.

The full programme can be found on: cwrise.com/rise-shine-fest and the event is over the October half term 25th-30th October 2021.

TBPS NEWS

Christmas Fair preparation is now well under way and after half term we will be collecting donations weekly. We will remind you each week in the Bugle and on the notice boards in the playground of what we are collecting.

Week 1, (week commencing Tues 2nd Nov) is Bottle Tombola prizes (a bottle of something, from wine, whisky and vodka to squash). All donations are greatly appreciated.

We would also love your help on the night! Can you help us by running a stall? All volunteers will get to enter the fair 30 minutes before doors open to meet Santa and have a look round the stalls.

If you can help in any way email tbps2619@welearn365.com



Our new registered charity, chosen by our children for 2021/22 is....
Coventry and Warwickshire Mind



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



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POPPY APPEAL

Poppies, and other related items, will be available to buy in school after the half term break.

YOUTH CLUB

Sports activities
Dance classes
Pool Table
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Wednesdays
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