

Assembly Theme: Christmas Performances

3rd December 2021

Letters home this week:				
What's on in school next week:				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
R - Conkers Trip Y3,4 -Embody Dance Y1,2 - Top Score Y4,5 - Keyboard Y3,4 - Painting Library - 3.05	Y3-6 - Pantomime Pine - Swimming KS2 - Choir Y1,2 - Aston Villa Y2,3 - Kapla Y5-6 - Forest Schools	Yr 3,4 - Look What I Have Made	R - Christmas Performance Y3,4 - Top Score Y6 - Ukelele Y5,6 - Cooking Club	Y1,2 - Christmas Performance Oak - Swimming Y2-6 - Musical Theatre Library - 3.05

REMINDER: Masks must be worn by all who are over 12 (unless exempt) at all school events.

Educaterers - Birchwood Bistro

This week we focus on our Birchwood Bistro and the work of our 'Educaterers' team.

Birchwood have had a long association with Educaterers who have been supplying our children with their hot meals for as long as I have been at this school. Mrs Pardoe – Catering Manager, and her brilliant kitchen staff do a fantastic job of serving fresh, healthy, nutritious and tasty school meals to nearly 200 children every day.

Our catering team are a very important part of our school. They play a key role in making our dinner times count for our children. Their friendly, happy and smiley approach supports our positive school ethos and our one school rule of 'Consideration and Respect'. The catering team always comment on our children's excellent manners and behaviour at dinnertime. The positive relationships that have been established between our children, staff and catering team are great, making dinnertimes more enjoyable for all. Educaterers have over 60 years of experience providing food for the education sector. They are based locally in Warwickshire, employ local people and source their food from local suppliers. Our school meals are freshly prepared daily by Mrs Pardoe and her fully trained, professional kitchen staff. We have worked hard together to ensure that our children get plenty of choice and variety.

We run a 3 week rolling menu that contains 4 different options each day. Our ordering system ensures that our children always get their choice of meal. All of our children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a universal infant free school meal and I am pleased to say that the majority of children take up this offer. Children who receive pupil premium funding in Years 3 to 6 are also entitled to take a free school meal if they wish. Junior school children are also able to purchase a school dinner.

To enable the Catering Team to control their food orders, we do ask that meals are taken on a weekly basis, as unfortunately we do not carry the stock to enable them to be taken on individual days. The exception to this are the two advertised special meal days we have in school each year. One of these is on our Census day in October, where all children's favourites are on offer. This gives children an opportunity to try our school meals to see if they want to take them in the future. Our second special meal day is our Christmas meal which this year is on Thursday 16th December. If your child would like a Christmas meal, there is still just enough time to fill out the Microsoft form that has been sent out. I am certainly looking forward to helping serve the Christmas dinners again this year and then tucking into my own meal with our children.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



Catering for Christmas!

All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy.

Please see ParentPay for details.

Spotlight this week is ... Giving and Receiving



At this time of year, our minds often turn to the festivities approaching and for many children, to the presents on their Christmas lists. This week in school, we have been thinking about the benefits for us that both giving and receiving can have.

Giving is not always about physical gifts. We can give time, support and friendship. Even something as simple as a smile can be given! Receiving any gift, as we know, can be a hugely positive experience for your wellbeing. However, giving can also be really positive. Seeing the impact of your actions on your peers and friends, and how your time and friendship can help others, also makes you feel good.

At this time of year, it is so easy to get caught up, especially for children, in thinking about what they 'want'. It is really important to reflect on how we can all be kind to each other, and remember the joy in giving and receiving friendship, time and kindness as well as the 'gifts' we may look forwards to at Christmas.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher

Myths and Legends.....

'The school are very strict about holidays in term time'

In actual fact THE LAW is very strict about holidays in term time and the school has no choice!! The school is inspected by OFSTED to make sure it follows the rules properly and the Attendance Compliance and Enforcement Service (ACE) has a legal responsibility to monitor school attendance on behalf of the Local Authority, ACE will inspect registers and if unhappy will prosecute parents.

Parents often think it is the school that make up the rules. This is very wrong; the school must simply follow the rules laid down by others. We hate upsetting parents who we have a great relationship with, but we often feel at the sharp end of apparently being responsible for the law.

COVENTRY BLAZE ICE HOCKEY **CHRISTMAS OFFER**

With festive cheer in the air, there's no better way to spend Christmas time than with the Coventry Blaze.

A joyous family experience, the Blaze are offering our pupils, staff, family and friends tickets to three of their Christmas games for a very special price of:

Adults: £12 Under-16: £7

Normal adult ticket price £19 and under-16 £11 + booking fees.

Wednesday 8th December vs. Belfast Giants (7.30pm)

Challenge Cup Quarter-Final First-Leg.

Sunday 12th December vs. Sheffield Steelers (5.30pm) Elite League

Includes the chance to skate with the Blaze players after the game (subject to COVID guidelines). £3 to hire skates via the Planet Ice skate hut.

Wednesday 22nd December vs. Fife Flyers (7.30pm) Elite League

Their traditional Christmas extravaganza.

All games to be played at the Skydome Arena, Croft Road, CV1 3AZ

To book tickets:

Complete the online application form by clicking on the link below:

http://tinyurl.com/blaze-christmas

THE BOOKING FORM WILL CLOSE AT MIDDAY ON EACH GAME DAY.

You can collect and pay for your tickets at the Promotional Ticket Desk, next to the main Arena box office ahead of the game. Tickets should please be paid for IN CASH.

Doors will open one hour before face-off. If you have any questions, or need help, please e-mail: coventryblazehockey@gmail.com

Registering for School

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



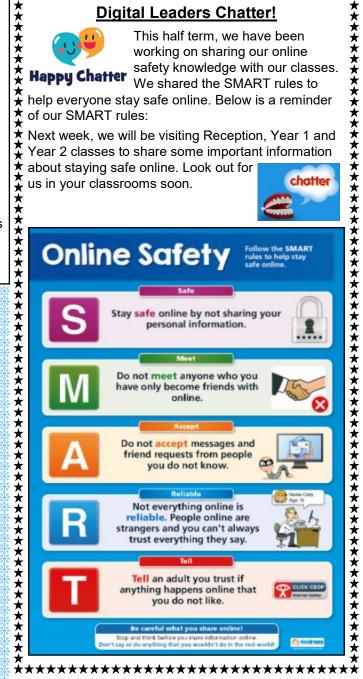
**************** Digital Leaders Chatter!



This half term, we have been working on sharing our online safety knowledge with our classes. We shared the SMART rules to

help everyone stay safe online. Below is a reminder of our SMART rules:

Next week, we will be visiting Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes to share some important information about staying safe online. Look out for chatter us in your classrooms soon.



PANTS - NSPCC Initiative to Keep Children Safe.

This week is 'T'

Talk about things that upset you.

Explain the differences between 'good' and 'bad' secrets.

Phrases like "it's our little secret" are an abuser's way of making a child feel worried, or scared to tell someone what is happening to them.

- Good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people.
- Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or friahtened.

Your child needs to feel able to speak up about secrets that worry them and be confident that saying something will not get them into trouble.

Next week 'S'









Are you interested in being a Community Governor and supporting the on-going success of a local school?

We are looking to recruit Community Governors to our School Standards Committee (formally known as the Local Governing Body) for Birchwood Primary School, part of Community Academies Trust.

We are looking for people who have the skill to act as a 'critical friend' and ask challenging questions about performance and use their skills and experience to support the school in addressing its aims. You will be involved in creating and developing a strategic plan for the school, setting and agreeing objectives, and monitoring and evaluating the schools' success by focusing on progress and outcomes - within CAT, this is known as being 'Guardians of Standards'.

This is a voluntary position. If you are aged 18 or over and are able to commit around 10 to 15 hours per term to the role, which includes School Standards Committee meetings and pre-reading of associated papers each half term, we would love to hear from you.

You do not need to be a parent of a pupil at the school.

No prior knowledge is needed - training and support is offered and available to all new and existing governors.

This is an extremely rewarding role, one which holds great importance within our schools and trust. If you feel that you have skills which could be transferred to help make a real difference to children's lives, please contact us for further information.

For further information and opportunity to discuss this role further, please don't hesitate to contact the school office at admin2619@welearn365.com or phone 01827 892913, where an appointment will be made to speak with the Chair of Governors, Mike Potts.

Nomination forms, a skills audit form, and Terms of Reference are available by email from the school office on the email above.

The closing date for receipt of nomination forms is midday, Monday 31st January 2022.

Academic Year 2021-2022

R Winter Wonderland, Conkers Y3-Y6 Pantomime EYFS Christmas Performance Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance

Y5 & Y6 Christmas Performance

Y6 V.E Day Celebrations

Christmas Dinner Non School Uniform and Christmas Jumper Day

Term Ends for Christmas 1 pm

Monday 13th December Tuesday 14th December Wed 15th December Thursday 16th December Friday 17th December

Monday 6th December

Tuesday 7th December

Thursday 9th December

Friday 10th 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

Summer Term 2022

May Day Y1 Assembly Class Photographs Sponsored Walk Half Term (1 week) Y2 Assembly **EYFS Sports Day** Y 1/2 Sports Day Y 3/4 Sports Day Y 5/6 Sports Day

Professional Developments Day Grandparents Lunch **Farmers Market**

Warwickshire Moving Up Day Show and Share Evening Y6 Leavers Disco and BBQ

Term Ends for Summer

Monday 2nd May Thursday 12th May Monday 16th May Friday 27th May Monday 30th May Thursday 16th June Monday 20th June Tuesday 21st June Wednesday 22nd June Thursday 23rd June Friday 24th June Friday 1st July Friday 1st July Wednesday 6th July Thursday 14th July Tuesday 19th July

Thursday 21st July 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

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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 Please plan ahead

facilitate BBV to complete works

M42 Junction 9-10 closure



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:

https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/local-communitywebpages/hs2-in-warwickshire/marston-box-rail-bridgecrossing-over-the-m42/

Children's Weekly Spelling Challenge:

Vowel Spotlight

Write your words using one colour for the vowels and another colour for the consonants.

(vowels: a, e, i, o, u)



We have currently raised £385.35 for our chosen charity

Coventry and Warwickshire Mind



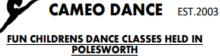
Parking

Bearing in mind our one school rule of 'Consideration and Respect 'please may we remind parents/carers to park courteously on the roads surrounding school. Thank you.



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Little Dancers from age 2 ½, Tuesdays & Fridays 4:30 - 5:30pm The Memorial Hall, Polesworth Juniors from age 7, 5:30 - 7:30pm The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

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Classes include Ballet, Tap, Acrobatics, Modern plus lots more FIRST TRIAL CLASS IS FREE!

Call Liz 07443421867 Cameo is a great place to build confidence, develop dance

skills, and make good friends whist working towards our annual show weekend, with no pressure

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opening information