

Letters home this week: All - Year Group School Trips

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 - Gardening Y3 - Football Y4 - Embroidery Y5 - Quick Cricket Y6 - Running	R - Aston Villa Y2 - Board Games Y6 - Rounders	Y2 - Top Score Y5 - Recorders Changemakers	R - Storybox/Forest Schools Y1 - Top Score Y2 - Team Games Y4 Now Press Play Y5 - Tennis	Staff Personal Development Day - No children in school

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

REMINDER : During warmer weather please send your child with sun hats and, if possible, apply sun cream before school.

New Reception Intake

The last half term of the school year is always a very busy one as schools have lots of end of year activities to undertake, but are also spending time preparing for the next school year in September. One of our end of year tasks is to organise a smooth transition for all children to move into their new year groups and classrooms and to make provisions to welcome in our new starter children into Reception.

This year we were really pleased to receive 120 applications for a Reception place at Birchwood for September 2021, with 80 of those applications as a first choice. With many other really good schools in our local area to choose from, we are very proud that so many parents see Birchwood as their choice of school for their children.

Unfortunately, we are only able to take 60 new children each year, 30 into Acorn and 30 into Chestnut class. This means that for some parents, they have had to take up the offer of a place in one of the other local schools. It does disappoint me that we are not able to take more children each year, but whilst local schools in the area still have capacity, the Local Authority will not consider expanding our school.

As you can imagine, our usual transition arrangements for our new children have again been affected by the current Covid 19 pandemic. Unfortunately, our school continues to have to work under restrictions and strict risk assessments and we are unable to hold our usual welcome meeting for parents or invite our new children into school for our 'story time' sessions. Instead we will be sharing weekly virtual story time sessions and we are hoping, that should restrictions in school be lifted, that we will be able to invite parents in for a start up meeting, whilst children get to spend an hour in class meeting their teachers and new friends.

The official transition day for Warwickshire Schools is Wednesday 7th July. On this day our Year 6 children will be spending the day learning remotely with their new secondary schools and the rest of our children will be moving into their new class with their new class teacher for the day. Watch this space for more information regarding new classes and teachers for the next year.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



Reception soon to be Year 1!

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

Spotlight this week is ...

Sun Safety

As we have finally had a few days of sunshine, and some lovely weather over half term, we are taking this opportunity to remind parents of how we keep our children safe in the sun at school.

We promote:

- The teaching of sun safety lessons during PSHE.
- Pupils wearing hats when outside.
- Children regularly drinking water and staying hydrated.
- Where possible, all doors and windows being opened to provide a through breeze and classroom blinds drawn.
- PE lessons which are carefully planned to avoid sun exposure, unnecessary exertion and dehydration.
- In extreme weather, outdoor PE lessons which last for no more than 30 minutes and children are then brought indoors and given time to rest and drink water.
- Children with medical conditions such as asthma being monitored and supported appropriately.

How parents can help:

- Provide children with sun hats (please remember to name them clearly!)
- Apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school.
- Make sure your children bring their water bottles to school each day.

Let us hope that we continue to have more sunshine than showers from now until the end of term!

Mrs Day- Associate Headteacher

Birchwood Best Practice

Phonics

Phonics is seen as one of the many skills needed to become a successful reader and writer. At Birchwood we follow the Department for Education's 'Letters and Sounds' programme for the teaching and learning of phonics. Alongside this, we use the 'Jolly Phonics' songs and actions to support the introduction of new phonemes (sounds).

Children will have a daily phonics session from Reception to Year 2 or until they are secure with Phase 6. We ensure these lessons are multi-sensory to ensure the children enjoy them, participate in them and secure the essential skills needed.

Oral blending and segmenting are taught first before they are applied to reading and writing. Children are then taught that phonemes are blended in order from left to right for reading. We also use sound buttons to show the different graphemes within words and robot arms to break up words into phonemes when writing.

Our children thoroughly enjoy the phonics teaching and learning they receive at Birchwood. This is reflected in their enthusiasm within lessons, their passion for reading and writing from a young age and also our excellent results in the governments Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. - Miss Lowe



HOLIDAYS

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 we follow the rules properly and the Warwickshire Attendance Service (WAS) have a responsibility to monitor school attendance on behalf of the Local Authority. WAS inspect registers on a regular basis and will prosecute parents, if necessary.

Parents often think it is the school that make up the rules, this is wrong; the school must 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.

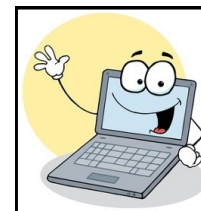
The school does not support children being off in term time to take a holiday.



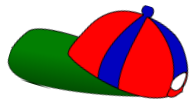
Internet Safety

Parents checklist: What you can do?

- Limit approved web sites and hours spent online.
- Set high security settings with browsers, membership, and social networking sites.
- Install and maintain Internet Security software and parental controls.
- Use parental controls to limit the web sites your child can visit.
- Monitor your child's computer use and sit with them when they are online, wherever possible.
- Talk about protecting private information (name, phone number etc.) and never sharing passwords with friends.



SUNSHINE



During warmer weather, please could we ask that children are encouraged to wear a sun hat to school and remember their water bottle each day.

We would also advise that children have long lasting sun cream applied before they come to school when it is sunny.

Thank you.



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

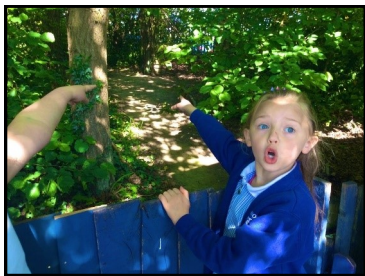
Birchwood is a very popular successful school. We are looking for a permanent member of staff to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed team working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

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 25th June 2021** and interviews will take place w/c 28th June 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.

NEW THEMES

On Tuesday the children arrived back in school enthusiastic and ready to start their new themes. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Burps, Bottoms and Bile and Coastlines are just some of the exciting subjects children began whilst engaging in many fun activities.



Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

Professional Development Day	Friday 18th June
Y1 Ash End Farm Visit	Monday 21st June
Y4 Thinktank Visit	Tuesday 22nd June
Y2 Conkers Visit	Wednesday 23rd June
Y6 Beaudesert Visit	Friday 25th June
Y5 Drayton Manor Visit	Wednesday 30th June
R Broomey Croft Farm Visit	Monday 5th July
Transition Day	Wednesday 7th July
Y3 Botanical Gardens Visit	Tuesday 13th July
Term Ends for Summer	Wednesday 21st July

Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Professional Development Day	Thursday 2nd September
Professional Development Day	Friday 3rd September
Children Return to School	Monday 6th September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 1st November
Term Ends for Christmas	Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January '22
Children Return to School	Wednesday 5th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 21st February
Professional Development Day	Monday 28th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 8th April

Summer Term 2022

May Day	Monday 2nd May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 30th May
Professional Developments Day	Friday 24th June
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 22nd 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 2021. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

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Birchwood Primary School Website



Want to know what is 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.

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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.

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. It is important to ensure that driveways and pavements are not obstructed as this can prove dangerous for other road users, pedestrians and can be frustrating for our neighbours. Thank you for your support and co-operation.



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