

Letters home this week: ALL – World Book Day, Y2 - Authors, R-Y2 - West End In Schools, ALL - House Competition

### What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Keyboard and Violin-Lessons 3.05 Embody Dance Y1-6 3.10 After School Library	Drum and Guitar Lessons 3.05 Bake Off Club Y5-6 3.05 Aston Villa Club Y1-3	3.05 Circus Skills Club Y3-4	Clarinet Lessons 3.10 After School Library	Cello Lessons Swimming Lessons – Maple 3 3.05 Top Score Club Y4-6 3.05 Musical Theatre Y2-6

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

**REMINDER** : Our newsletter is always uploaded to the front page of our website: [www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com](http://www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com)

### Safer Internet Day 2020

Safer Internet Day is **celebrated globally** in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. Coordinated in the UK by the **UK Safer Internet Centre**, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. This year's theme is 'Together For a Better Internet'.

At Birchwood we do not just think about staying safe on the internet on just one day. We complete regular learning and have lots of discussions and reminders to ensure that our children know how to stay safe online. But taking part in Safer Internet Day offers us the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. Last summer Birchwood received recognition for our continued work in this area by being awarded the '360 degree online safety mark'.

This year we are stepping up our work around teaching our children, staff and parents on how they can keep themselves safe online. As part of our very successful recent trip to BETT in London, we have hooked up with the National Online Safety team. Their 'Certified School Programme' is a complete solution for schools, to implement an effective approach to online safety. This has been designed by education professionals to meet the statutory online safety safeguarding duties outlined in the Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) September 2019 guidance.

Our National Online Safety package will include: whole school community training, a monthly online safety update service, a dedicated online safety eLearning hub, plus resources, lesson plans and parent guides. We are planning to introduce this in school straight after February half term. We will keep you informed via our newsletter and website and are very hopeful that this will be a significant step forward in supporting our whole school community.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Mr Bailey - our computing external advisor from Animate 2 Educate, will be delivering thought provoking sessions to all of our children on how to behave online and reiterate our one school rule and ask children to be considerate and respectful in the digital world as well as the real world.

**Mr Coleman - Headteacher**



### Internet Use - Safer Surfing!

#### Spotlight on Excellence this week is ...

##### School Uniform

Uniform is a really important part of being part of our school and it always impresses me to see our children looking so smart. Uniform enables all children to feel included in the school, and we know that children are proud to wear it every day and show that they represent Birchwood. We have always endeavoured to keep our uniform really simple, and as such we only have one item of uniform that carries our school logo, which is our school jumper or cardigan. The white polo shirt, black trousers or skirt, and plain black shoes (not trainers) which we ask children to wear are logo free and can be bought from most supermarkets to keep costs low. We ask, in the interests of safety, that children do not wear any jewellery to school, with the exception of plain silver or gold stud earrings where they have pierced ears and that long hair is kept tied back.

There has, over recent years, been an increasing fashion trend for very short and closely shaved hair styles, and we would like to remind all parents that excessively short or extreme hairstyles are not permitted in school, including non-natural hair colours. If children are particularly keen on these styles, we would encourage parents to save these for longer holiday periods such as Christmas, Easter or the Summer, which gives them time to grow out a little before they return to school.

We value your continued support in making sure that your children attend each day in the correct uniform and looking smart. If there is ever a reason that your child is missing a piece of uniform for a day, please remember to let your child's class teacher know.

**Mrs Day—Associate Headteacher**

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

## Warwickshire Primary Mental Health Team North

### Warwickshire District – 2019/2020

The next Parent Information session will be:-

Understanding and supporting healthy Emotional Development in children aged 3-11 years

You will learn about healthy emotional development in childhood and understand what healthy emotional development looks like at different ages. You will learn about the challenges children and parents face at different ages and what you can do to help. You will learn practical strategies and techniques that may be helpful to support your child's emotional development and you will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.

This will be held on 10th February 2020, The Ratcliffe Centre, Ratcliffe Road, Atherstone, CV9 1LF.

**PLEASE NOTE, these sessions are for parents/carers ONLY & booking is ESSENTIAL.**

**Please do NOT bring children to these sessions**

Please email

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or call 07917 504682



### Birchwood Primary School Website



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

### Academic Year 2019-2020

#### Spring Term 2020

Rec Chinese Activities	Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February
Y2 Pirate Day	Wednesday 12th Feb
Grandparent's Lunch	Friday 14th February
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 17th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 24th February
Children Return to School	Tuesday 25th February
Late Parents Evening	Wednesday 4th March
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 5th March
Y6 & R Heights and Weights	Monday 9th March
Rec Vision Screening	Wednesday 18th March
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 3rd April

#### Summer Term 2020

May Bank Holiday	Friday 8th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th May
Children return to School	Monday 1st June
Manor Adventure	Fri 5th June–Mon 8th June
Professional Development Day	Friday 19th June
Warwickshire Moving Up Day	Wednesday 8th July
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 17th July
Children return to school	Wednesday 2nd Sept

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 May Day 2020 is on a Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Please note the 1pm early finish on 17th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

# Permanent Vacancy

**Midday Supervisor, Scale band B**

**6.25 hours per week - 11.50am to 1.05pm**

**Monday to Friday - term time only (39 weeks)**

**Actual salary £2534.11 per annum**

Birchwood is a very popular successful school, recognised as 'an outstanding school' (OFSTED 2014/15). 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. We would also be interested in applications for this role in a cover capacity.

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 14th February.** Interviews will be held on week commencing 24th February

### School Attendance

It sounds obvious but children are more likely to succeed when they attend school consistently. It is not just about the lessons that are missed, children also find it difficult to engage in the lessons when they return because they have missed the important teaching points when they were off, to allow them to successfully access the next stage of learning.

Good attendance at school is vital for pupils to achieve their full educational potential. Pupils with good attendance records benefit in the following ways:-

- *Continuity of learning which makes progress and retention easier*
- *Improved performance in coursework tasks*
- *Enhanced performance in examinations*
- *Continuity of relationships and friendships*
- *Good references for further education or employment*
- *Good habits are formed for later life*

Then there is the law! Children by law must attend school and all schools are required to record details of pupils' attendance and absence at school. We do so at the beginning of morning and afternoon sessions and within strict time limits. We are also required to report poor attendance.

We encourage children to be on time and attend by giving children lots of praise when they are 'being brave for carrying on' with minor ailments like a cold. We reward 'never lates' and 'good attendance' by giving children certificates on a termly basis, which the children are very proud of. We do however understand that children are sometimes unwell and certainly do not wish children to come into school unwell just to achieve an attendance reward, and for this reason we include children whose attendance is also slightly below 100%.

Our schools always achieve better rates of attendance than schools nationally. Our children love coming to school and hate missing anything. The Government has recently set an attendance target of 95% for all schools. We are delighted that our school attendance rate currently is significantly above this at 97%. **Well done everyone!**

## YEAR 5 - BLACK COUNTRY MUSEUM



During the children's visit to the Black Country Museum last week, they took part in a Victorian school lessons with a very strict teacher, as well as trying their hand at the local trade of metal forming to produce ornate flower sculptures. They also



followed in the footsteps of real-life Victorian, Samuel Webb and experienced his home, his work and what his life might have been like.



Our Reception classes have had a lovely start to their Chinese New Year celebrations



### School Crossing Patrol Vacancy



A vacancy has arisen for a School Crossing Patrol Operative outside of Birchwood School. Times are to be confirmed, 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 is for Monday to Friday term time only (38 weeks per year spread across 12 monthly payments.) Pay for this position is £8.61 per hour plus holiday enhancements. A uniform and full training will be provided.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please contact the School Crossing Patrol Service for more details, on 01926 412661 or email [scp@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:scp@warwickshire.gov.uk).

Application packs can be downloaded at <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolcrossingpatrols>.



Our registered charity 2020  
ZELLWEGER UK.  
Amount raised so far: £862.51



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**@BirchwoodPrim**

## TBPS News



Thank you for your coaster orders received so far. Please remember the deadline for these is Friday 14th February. We are unable to accept any orders after this date. Please keep your order form/design as flat as possible and return with your payment in a separate envelope clearly marked with 'TBPS coasters', your child's name and class.

### Save the date for our Family Cream Tea!

We are very excited to be hosting our new family event:



### 'FAMILY CREAM TEA'

Choose from Monday 16th March or Wednesday 18th March. They will be held straight after school and will be a ticketed event. More details about this event and how to purchase your tickets will be sent home next week!

## Oral health

According to Public Health England almost a quarter of 5 year olds have tooth decay with an average 3 or 4 teeth being affected. Prevention is always better than cure, therefore please encourage and supervise your child/children to clean their teeth twice a day and ensure they visit the dentist for a check-up every 6 months even if there are no problems with their teeth. **NHS dental care for children under 18 is free.** Children should also limit sugary food intake as we know that sugar harms teeth. You can speak to your Dentist if you have any concerns about your child's oral health. The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and The School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204 Option 3.



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## CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

### FUN CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES HELD IN POLESWORTH

#### Little Dancers from age 2 ½

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

Fridays 5:30 – 7:30, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

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 whilst working towards our annual show weekend

Cameodance.co.uk cameodance@rocketmail.com

Facebook Charlotte Kate Cameo

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.

# Come and support your team!



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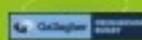
## Saturday, February 15

### Kick-off 3:00pm



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