

Letters home this week: ALL - Easter Challenge

What's on in school after Easter.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 - Outdoor Collage Art Y2 - Running Club Y3 - Dodgeball Y4 - Embroidery Dance Y5 - Cooking	R - Aston Villa Y3 - Rounders Y6 - Art/Drawing	Y5 - Top Score	R - Forest School Y2 - Retro Playground Games Y3 - Gardening Y4 - Drama Y6 - Top Score	Y3 - Board Games Y4 - Top Score Y6 - Ukelele

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

REMINDER : Payments for after school activities can be made on ParentPay, once your child's place has been confirmed. Thankyou.

BASE and After School Activities

Birchwood Additional School Experience (BASE) is an important element of our positive approach towards behaviour in school. At the end of every week children who have demonstrated excellent learning behaviour in school and who have followed our one school rule of 'Consideration and Respect' earn their BASE Skills time on a Friday afternoon. This is a really positive way to end the school week and children really look forward to spending this time with their friends and teachers, learning and developing new skills.

To support our aim to provide all our children with 'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences' we have organised to run a total of 33 after school activities during the summer term. Over the last 12 months all of our children have missed out on taking part in activities outside of the school day. Children have not been able to go to football training, dance and gymnastic classes, swimming lessons and have missed out on a whole host of other activities and interests they have.

At Birchwood we are determined to try and make up for lost time and I am really pleased that we are able to offer so many after school clubs during the summer term. These have been organised across school and will be run in year groups to ensure that children do not mix with children from another year group. Over the course of the next two half terms we will have our sports coaches from Top Score, Aston Villa and Embroidery dance delivering football, multi sports and dance. Our brilliant staff at Birchwood are also supporting our after school provision. Some of the additional after school activities on offer include art, dodgeball, cooking, rounders, playground games, drama, ukulele, gardening, cricket, running, tennis and 'Now Press Play'.

I want to say thank you to all our staff for giving up their time to support our school offer to children. They all work extremely hard and are very busy people. I am really proud that at Birchwood we continue to put the needs of our children first.

This has been a very challenging term for everyone involved, but as a school community, together we have made the best out of a difficult situation. Our parents have all done a fantastic job supporting children with their learning when at home. Our teaching staff have gone above and beyond in continuing to support our children's progress through the curriculum, whether in school or at home. And throughout this term our children have shown resilience, determination and a positive can do attitude.

We all look forward to a more positive summer term and cannot wait to get started with our after school activities. But for now, we are all in need of a very well deserved Easter holiday.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



New Artwork for Mr Coleman's Office!

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

Spotlight this week is ...

on Identifying close contacts

In the event of a positive case of COVID 19 being identified within school, we always make contact with Public Health England and are led by their advice on identification of those children and adults who have been 'close contacts' of the positive case.

In this identification process, there are a number of factors which are taken into consideration including the timing of the test and the time that the person testing positive has been in school. The age of the children is also taken into account, as are our classroom seating plans and the activities that the children have undertaken during the time we are advised to identify contacts from.

Every case is considered on an individual basis. The process is applied to both children and staff to ensure all close contacts are given the appropriate advice regarding isolation. Children and staff not deemed to be close contacts can remain in school.

Mrs Day

Associate Headteacher

Birchwood Best Practice

Welcome at the gate

At Birchwood we take pride in welcoming our children every morning as they enter through our secure gates. It is a pleasure to see their smiley happy faces as they say good morning with such politeness.



Once the children are safe inside and parents have left the grounds, we then make sure the gate is locked and all the classroom perimeter doors are secured.

Meet and greet is very important part of the day for the children as this makes them feel valued and welcomed into school. We always have time to chat as they arrive in the morning as this has a big impact on how they settle into class. To see their little face's light up when we greet them by name is priceless.

It also gives parents a chance to discuss any worries they have about school or their child. At Birchwood we feel communication between staff, children and parents is essential. – Mrs Whitlock

Who's Who this week ...

Dawn Whitlock

Hi I am Mrs Whitlock, I have been a teaching assistant at Birchwood for 24 years. That is a long time I hear you say! Well every day is different and very rewarding.



I have worked in year groups from 1 up to 5 over the years. At present I am working in year 2. I love this age group as they have such wonderful personalities and just the best imaginations.

When I am not at work I love going to the gym and the odd run, if my knees let me! Family time is very important to me and you will always find us together along with Alfie my daughters doggy. I love sketching and shading I am no Picasso but I will have a go.

Medical Appointments

Where possible please make medical and dental appointments after school or during school holidays. If you must take your child out during school time, we will need to see proof of the appointment and your child will need to attend school before/after the appointment. Proof can be a medical card/letter, prescription or a prescribed medicine.



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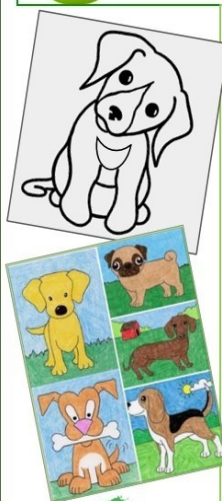
SPACE

Dogs for Good Warwickshire & Coventry Fundraising group invites you to enter to...



WIN AN EASTER EGG

Colour in our Dog picture or Draw your own



Rules ...

1. Select a class and age category to enter - Colour in our Dog picture or create your own.
2. Classes:
 - a) Colour in our dog – open to ages 0-4 years
 - b) Draw your own dog picture – categories open to ages 0-4, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14 and 15-18 years
3. The Colour Our Dog picture can be downloaded from our Dogs For Good Warwickshire & Coventry Fundraising Facebook page or by email on request.
4. Your own dog picture must be on A4 paper.
5. To submit your entry, take a photograph of your colour-in or drawing and send it by private messenger to our Facebook page or send by email to warkcov.dfg@gmail.com
6. Each entry = £1 - Pay via Paypal. Make sure you select friends & family and pay to warkcov.dfg@gmail.com
7. Entries Open on 22nd March 2021 and close on 9th April 2021.
8. All classes will be judged on 10th & 11th April 2021.
9. There will be one winner for each class. Winners announced on our Facebook page on 12th April 2021.

Submitting pictures is your permission for us to post the picture with the winners first name and age on our Facebook page.



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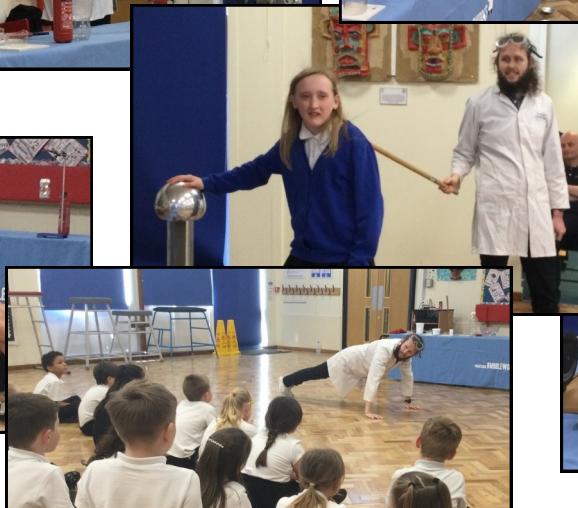
Year 2 - Royal Tea Party

This week, Year 2 were honoured to welcome Sergeant Harrison to our Royal Tea Party. He told us all about life as a soldier guarding the Queen at Buckingham Palace. The children loved hearing his stories, asking questions and sharing their knowledge with him. Thank you for visiting us!



Professor Bubbleworks

All year groups individually enjoyed a fun science demonstration by Professor Bubbleworks on Wednesday. The children were very excited, especially when they were able to join in with the experiments.



Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks) Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

Children Return to School Monday 19th April
May Day Monday 3rd May
Late Parent's Consultations Wednesday 5th May
Early Parent's Consultations Thursday 6th May
Half Term (1 week) Monday 31st May
Professional Development Day Monday 7th June
Professional Development Day Friday 18th June
Term Ends for Summer Wednesday 21st July

Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Children Return to School Monday 6th September
Half Term (1 week) Monday 25th October
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
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks) Friday 8th April

Summer Term 2022

May Day Monday 2nd May
Half Term (1 week) Monday 30th May
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.

Birchwood Primary School Website



www.birchwoodprimarieschool.com
Twitter : @BirchwoodPrim

Are you facing financial hardship because of the pandemic?

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme can help you if you are struggling to access food and energy.

The scheme helps people in crisis by offering emergency support and putting them in touch with services who can offer longer term help.



You are not alone, call today on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182 to discuss your circumstances with a friendly advisor.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

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TBPS NEWS

Although it been a quieter year for TBPS we are still busy trying to find ways to support the school. As always, we are looking for any new volunteers and we are also looking for a secretary. If you want to help in anyway, please drop us an email at tbps2619@welearn365.com



It has been our pleasure to provide the prizes for the fabulous Easter Hats and Egg Creations brought into school today. We hope all of the children enjoy their chocolate treat from Team Birchwood.

Have a great Easter break from all at Team Birchwood.



CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

FUN CHILDRENS DANCE CLASSES HELD IN POLESWORTH

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

Tuesdays & Fridays 5:30 – 7:30

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, with no pressure

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