

Letters home this week: All - Coventry Blaze, Flu Immunisations, Oak and Pine - Swimming, Y4 - Roman Workshop

What's on in school next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

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

REMINDER : School Photographs will take place on 28th September 2021

Welcome Back to the New Academic Year 2021/22

I would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome back to Birchwood Primary School. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer, managed to spend some time with friends and family and got to spend a few days away, even if it was only in the UK!

After 18 months of upheaval and having to work and learn under strict control measures, it has been so nice to finally be able to open school under more normal conditions. I know the last couple of school years have been a very testing and challenging time for everyone, but it really has been lovely to see so many of our children with smiles on their faces, happy to be able to mix and see each other again. It has also been really nice to meet our new children this week who will be starting in our two Reception classes.

During the summer holiday, we have had a few school improvements completed, looking to continue to improve our school environment for everyone. We now have a brand new school library 'Willis's World of Words' named in recognition of Mrs Willis's long service to our school. We are really looking forward to letting children use our library again and will be opening up our library after school from next week on a Monday and Friday. We have had a treatment room installed in our Upper school and we have also had our staffroom refurbished. Mr Jackson (Caretaker) has been very busy over the summer carrying out a variety of decoration work inside and outside our school, ensuring that it is a fantastic place for our children to learn.

Our teaching staff have been extremely busy preparing and setting up their classrooms and are really happy that they can have children working in groups again. They have also been planning and preparing lessons and activities to be able to assess children's current levels, identifying potential gaps in learning, so that we can tailor future planning to meet the needs of all of our children.

Our children are returning to a school with a hybrid of practice. We will be reintroducing many of the systems, routines and approaches we had in place before Covid, but we will also be keeping some of the changes we introduced that we found to be beneficial and an improvement on previous standards. I want to share my thanks to all our children and parents for continuing to....



NEW ROUTINES WITH NEW FRIENDS!

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

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work with us and support us with the changes we have made.

We are determined to make sure that we do all we can to ensure that our children make up for any lost time in school. We are currently busy putting together our plan for after school activities for this term. These will start the week beginning 20th September and we will send out more details when we have them. We will also be starting our maths and English morning booster sessions for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and again will be sharing more details regarding these next week. Trips and visitors into school have been mapped out across the school year and are being organised as I write. We are really looking forward to being able to take our children out each term to support their learning and our whole school curriculum offer.

Although we would have preferred to have had a week of sunshine during the school holidays, it has been nice for the children to return to school with the sun shining. We have definitely made the most of the school field and picnic areas this week and we are hoping for a few more nice days this half term. I am sure this will be another successful year for everyone at Birchwood and I want to thank our whole school community for the important role you all play in the continued success of our school.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher

Spotlight this week is ...

Enriching the Curriculum

At Birchwood, we have always been keen to develop learning through the 'rich opportunities and memorable experiences' that children have both in school and on trips and visits. Through the year children go on trips and visits to places which support and extend their learning, but we also welcome into school a range of visitors to bring learning to life.

This week, we were thrilled to welcome back 'The History Squad' who visited Year 4 as part of their work on the Romans. The children had a great day, finding out about both life as a Roman soldier and getting to see and handle some artefacts up close.

Over the year, school will be covering the cost of the visits by the History Squad into school for years 1 to 6 to further support the learning of history knowledge by children across these year groups. We can't wait for the visits and to see children learning history in a hands on way in school.

Mrs Day

Associate Headteacher



Special Coventry Blaze Ticket Offer

After over 18 months off the ice, the Coventry Blaze are back, and raring to go as top-level Elite League Ice Hockey returns to the Skydome Arena.

To celebrate, in association with [Kits Academy](#) via our Sport in the Community programme, they are offering our staff, students, friends and family promotional priced tickets to each of the first three games:

- ◆ Wednesday 15th September vs. Manchester Storm at 7.30pm (pre-season)
- ◆ Sunday 19th September vs. Guildford Flames at 5.30pm (Challenge Cup) - *Includes free ice skating after the game (if skate hire required: £3 per-pair)*
- ◆ Saturday 25th September vs. Fife Flyers at 7pm (Elite League opener)

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

Promotional tickets for these three games are priced as follows:

Per-game (max five tickets per-booking):

Adults: £12

Under-16: £7

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

We have sent an email to all parents containing more information including the link for booking tickets.

School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in taking single head and family group photographs on Tuesday 28th September. Any parents with younger/older siblings (Pre school or secondary school), who wish to have all children photographed together, can arrange this by contacting Mrs Jackson in the school office. Times will be allocated in the morning of the photo session, before school starts.

Procedures following a child's absence

Following a child's absence please follow the below procedures:

- A telephone call should be made to school before 8.30am giving the reasons why your child is absent.
- If no contact has been received, a text message will be sent to the first contact on the child's records asking why the child is absent.
- If we do not receive a response to the text message, a member of the office staff will telephone the child's contact numbers to establish why he/she is not in school.
- An absence note should **always** be sent into school upon the child's return. This should include the child's name, class, dates of absence and reason for absence. Where possible please email the absence note in to birchwoodparents@welearn365.com.



It would be beneficial for you to provide one of the following (wherever possible) which may enable the Headteacher to authorise your child's absence:

- Medical appointment card
- Sight of Medication prescribed by a GP
- Copy of prescription
- Letters concerning hospital/dental appointments

As with absence notes, these can be emailed to birchwoodparents@welearn365.com.

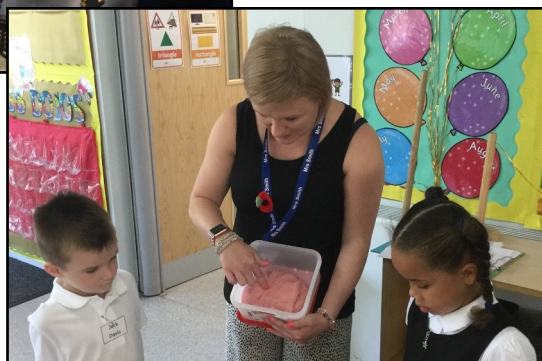
Polesworth Fire Station Open Day



On Saturday 25th September 10am-3pm, Polesworth Fire Station are holding their open day including:

- Fire Engine
- Fun Fair
- Wildlife Sanctuary
- Face Painting

and much more. All monies raised will go to the fire fighters charity and local good causes.



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Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Flu Immunisations	Wed 22nd September
School Photographs	Tuesday 28th September
Year 6 Assembly	Thursday 30th September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 1st November
Open Morning for New Starters	Tuesday 2nd November
Parents Evening	Tuesday 9th November
Parents Evening	Wed 10th November
Year 5 Assembly	Thursday 18th November
Open Morning for New Starters	Friday 26th November
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
Easter Hats/Eggs	Friday 8th April
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 8th April

Summer Term 2022

May Day	Monday 2nd May
Y1 Assembly	Thursday 12th May
Class Photographs	Monday 16th May
Sponsored Walk	Friday 27th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 30th May
Y2 Assembly	Thursday 16th June
Professional Developments Day	Friday 24th June
Farmers Market	Friday 1st July
Warwickshire Moving Up Day	Wednesday 6th July
Show and Share Evening	Thursday 14th July
Y6 Leavers Disco and BBQ	Tuesday 19th July
Term Ends for Summer	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.

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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