

Letters home this week: Y6— PHSE 'World of Work'

## What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05 pm Embody Dance Club Y1-6	3.05pm Multi Skills Club Y1-3 Drum Lessons	3.05pm Football Club Y1-3	3.05pm Athletics Club Y 3-6 Guitar, Woodwind, Violin and Keyboard Lessons	Y 5 Cello 3.05pm Musical Theatre Y2-6 3.05pm Multi Sports Y4-6

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

**REMINDER: Do not forget to look on twitter for lots of updates throughout the school day.**

## Year 6 Residential Trip to Manor Adventure in

### Shropshire

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 children from Birchwood, Dordon and Wood End Primary Schools, all headed off on our annual Residential Trip to Manor Adventure in Shropshire. This is the fourth year in a row that our primary schools have joined together on our annual trip. 55 of our Year 6 children at Birchwood signed up for this year's trip and they were accompanied by Mrs Oz, Miss Mould, Mr Hammersley, Mr Smith and myself. We spent the morning at Telford Town Park, where we stopped off for a comfort break, had our picnic and explored the Town Park's Adventure playground. Whilst the weather was not very kind to us, the children all still enjoyed the activities on offer. Strangely there were no other visitors to the Park that morning, which might have had something to do with the heavy rain that was falling!

We then made the short journey to Craven Arms in Shropshire to Culmington Manor. Here the children spent the next 4 days taking part in 14 different activities including climbing, abseiling, canoeing, kayaking, archery, obstacle course and underground maze. The children developed their confidence, communication and team work during the activities and got to experience many new things.

The weather continued to be a mixed bag, but we certainly did not let that dampen our spirits. We were very fortunate that the sun came out long enough for each group to enjoy the canoeing and kayaking down on the lake. After 3 very late nights, a few muddy puddles and some fantastic experiences, 100 children and 10 very tired members of staff arrived back at Birchwood and Dordon on the Monday afternoon.

A great time was had by all. The children mixed extremely well together across the 3 schools and formed lots of new friendships. They were perfectly behaved and the instructors at the centre were full of praise for our children's resilience, determination and manners throughout the weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and volunteers for giving up their weekend to support our trip. The thanks received from parents and children, at the end of our trip, were very much appreciated by all.

**Mr N Coleman**  
Headteacher



## Year 6 - Crossing New Bridges

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

## Spotlight on Excellence this week is: Residential Experiences



This week has seen our year 6 pupils returning from visiting Manor Adventure. Despite the weather being typically British and deciding to rain heavily in June, the children have had a brilliant time, although they are still a little tired.

Residential experiences are a fabulous opportunity for children to take on new challenges, get to know new people and get to see both themselves and their friends in a new light. It is always great for staff to see children shine in activities that even children themselves did not think they could do, be it climbing walls and tackling assault courses or just in visiting new places and staying away from home for the first time on their own.

This week has also seen year 5 off on their own adventure to the North East on a visit to Lanchester Primary School. They will be seeing lots of new and exciting sights as well as meeting new children from Lanchester and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

**Mrs M Day**  
Associate Headteacher

## **Rounders Tournament at Outwoods Primary School**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 10 children from Year 6 competed in the Rounders Tournament, they played amazingly! In total there were 7 schools, across 3 pitches. We played 6 games; we won 4, drew 1 and lost 1. Birchwood was the highest scoring team so we secured a place in the final match against Warton Primary School. After an extremely close match, Birchwood beat them by half a rounder, securing a place in the next round in 2 weeks time. All children played with passion, teamwork and spirit and were praised for their sportsmanship. We wish them all good luck at this event and look forward to finding out how they have got on. Thank you to everyone who came to support us at the event.



## **Coming into school late... 'It doesn't matter if my child is late for school'**

Not what the children would say! They absolutely hate being late. They arrive after all their friends are already sat down in school and enter a classroom of 30 others looking at them. At the start of the day teachers take registers, explain to the children what they will be doing for the day and all sorts of other important instructions about what will be happening around school. Apart from this, being late is NOT an authorised absence. Persistent lateness will often result in contact from Education Social Workers who inspect our registers and will prosecute for persistent cases.

## **Improve your wellbeing by developing your resilience**

As promised in our previous newsletter, here is our first instalment of some practical ways that people can build their own and their child's resilience. This life skill will support an individual's ability to cope more successfully with difficulties they may experience at different times in their life. This week our focus is on building competence.

**Competence:** *This is the feeling of knowing we can handle a situation.*

Support the development of competence by:

- ◆ Helping children to identify their own strengths. This explicitly identifies the skills and tools a child already has at their disposal and helps them to feel equipped.
- ◆ Instead of trying to 'fix' the problem for your child and shield them from the difficulty, encourage them to make decisions which empower them and make them feel capable. This may include: adding the word 'yet' onto the statement, 'I can't do it' so that it implies an intention to try. Instead of discussing and listing all the barriers, list all the possible solutions / ideas and 'try them out'. Celebrate when a barrier has been overcome by problem solving.
- ◆ Identify strengths in others, but avoid comparisons that may make a child feel like they are not skilled enough to have a go. If a child feels like they do not possess a particular skill that they think would be useful to their situation, encourage them to proactively think / research ways to develop it.

Next week we will be looking at **Confidence** and how this is linked to competence but different. If you have any questions or would like more information on developing health and wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact us either through class teachers or the main office.

## **TEAM BIRCHWOOD**

In conjunction with The Slimey Unicorn  
are holding a

## **SLIME WORKSHOP**



on Monday 8th July 2019  
From 3.05pm until 4pm

To win one of the 24 places available, raffle tickets will be sold on Monday 24th June 2019 for 20p per ticket. Team Birchwood will be selling tickets in each classroom on the morning so please send your child with their money if they would like a chance to take part in the workshop. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn in assembly that day and we will send their tickets home by the end of the week in their Me to You.

If your child wins a place a consent form will be required and all children must be collected by an adult on the day of the workshop.



# A TASTY TRIP!

As part of their theme, 'Scrumdiddlyumptious', Year 3 went on an exciting trip to the one and only WONKA FACTORY. OK... maybe Willy Wonka was a little busy that day but they went to the next best place, Cadbury World. Have a look at some of the scrummy things that they got up to...



"My favourite part was tasting the chocolate and I enjoyed dressing up as an Aztec King"...Daniel

They became chocolatiers themselves as they had a go at creating chocolate 'slabs' and writing their names in chocolate. They even got to taste some of the goods, they had to check that they were up to standard!!!

They learnt about the origins of chocolate. The Mayans were the first people to discover cocoa. They mixed cocoa beans with chilli and water to make a very strange chocolate drink. This drink was only fit for a king!



"I liked when we wrote our names in the chocolate and when we had marshmallows and shortbread and melted chocolate"...Alexia



They had a tour of the chocolate factory. They learnt about the history of Cadbury and how their recipes, wrappers and tastes have changed over time.



## Eco-Council & School-Council Trip to Southfields Farm

On Thursday 6th June, Eco-Councillors and School-Councillors enjoyed a visit to Southfields Farm to find out more about where food comes from, such as the crops that are grown in the fields around our countryside. Children enjoyed tractor rides around the farm to visit the different crops. They also enjoyed herding sheep, bug-hunting, pond-dipping, using nets to sweep for bugs in the meadow and looking after the animals on the farm. We all had a wonderful time and would like to thank John Plumb, the owner of Southfields Farm, for inviting us back for another year.

Mrs Davis, Eco-Council Co-ordinator







**St John's**  
Church Centre, Birchmoor

# Garden Party

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2pm  
in the lovely gardens of  
The Old Post Office  
2 New Street, Birchmoor



Variety of stalls

Cake sale White Elephant Barbeque  
Tombola Refreshments Books

Adults £1.00 Children free

View the recent improvements to the Church Centre

Offers of books & white elephant items to  
Fay Cotterill 2 New Street (01827 906716)  
or Ann Hadley 180 Green Lane (01827 896090)  
(If wet will be held in St John's Church Centre)  
Funds raised will be used to develop the community use  
of St John's Church Centre in Birchmoor

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.



## WORD MANIA

Make as many words as you can  
before the time runs out !!!



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## Academic Year 2018-2019

### Summer Term 2019

Class Photographs	Tuesday 18th June
Y2 Class Assemblies	Thursday 20th June
Professional Development Day	Friday 21st June
Warwickshire Moving Up Day	Thursday 27th June
Sports Day	Monday 1st July
Reserve Sports Day	Tuesday 2nd July
Show and Share Evening	Thursday 11th July
Y6 Leavers Performance	Monday 15th July
Y6 Disco and BBQ	Thursday 18th July
Term ends for Summer (Early)	Friday 19th July

### Academic Year 2019/2020

#### Autumn Term 2019

Professional Development Day	Monday 2nd September
Children Return to School	Tuesday 3rd September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 28th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 4th November
Children Return to School	Tuesday 5th November
Term Ends for Christmas (2 weeks)	Friday 20th December

#### Spring Term 2020

Professional Development Day	Monday 6th January
Children Return to School	Tuesday 7th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 17th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 24th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 3rd April

#### Summer Term 2020

Children Return to School	Monday 20th April
May Day	Friday 8th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th May
Professional Development Day	Friday 19th June
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 17th 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 1pm early finish on 19th July, 20th December  
2019 and 17th July 2020 If this will cause you any problems,  
please speak to a member of staff.

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

## CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

### FUN CHILDRENS 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

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