



Emails/Letters home this week:

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 : If your child is in school, please follow the usual absence procedures when absent.

School is Closed?

We come to the end of our first full week of school closure and home learning. I do hope that all of our families are safe and well.

On Monday 5th January the Prime Minister announced that England would be entering its third lockdown and as part of these measures, schools would be closed until after February half term. Sitting writing this 10 days after the announcement, it certainly does not feel like our school has closed.

We are still open to children of key workers and vulnerable children. Under new guidance, the criteria for both of these groups has widened and we are currently supporting a third of our children (150 pupils) within school provision. Children have been placed into 6 lockdown bubbles (one for each year group, with a Y5/6 bubble for our older children). Each bubble has been allocated a small group of teaching staff to support children with their day to day learning in school.

This means that the other two thirds of our children (300 pupils) are being supported with their learning from home. Despite the large numbers of staff still required to be in school, we have tried to ensure that class teachers are able to support our children and parents by providing remote learning sessions. Each class receive 3 live sessions a day with their class teacher. The purpose of these sessions is to provide instructions and guidance to support follow up learning tasks that have been planned and shared. The class teachers will introduce resources, model activities and gauge children's understanding. These live sessions are also shared with children who are being supported in school.

Outside of the live sessions, class teachers are busy planning learning and creating resources to share. They are communicating with parents and children, providing help and support where they can and they are assessing and feeding back to children about the learning that has been uploaded. Class teachers are also trying to spend some time during the week in school when they can, to check in on their children and teaching staff working in their lockdown bubble.

Supporting learning at home and in school at the same time is challenging for all involved. Our staff and parents are finding that they have a number of different roles that they are being asked to complete, and I know that this is difficult for everyone. Despite this, I am really proud of the efforts being made by everyone. You are all doing a brilliant job and together our children are benefiting from the support being offered by us all.

As well as teaching staff in school, there are also a large number of other staff who are still required to be in school to enable our children to attend. Our school office staff, Caretaker, Lunchtime Supervisors, catering and cleaning teams are still performing their duties in school. My thanks go out to all of them for their continued efforts

.....and support during these challenging times.

Although this Spring term feels very different and we certainly have less of our children and families attending school currently, to say that our school is 'closed' is simply not the case! Take care all.

Mr Coleman
Headteacher



Now That's a Face Mask!

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Spotlight this week is on...

Our Creative Children

Birchwood children never cease to amaze me. This week I have been so pleased to see them adapting so well to learning in different ways, and being so creative with it. Not only have I seen stunning robots being created out of junk materials, I have had teachers sending me fantastic pictures created in the style of Van Gogh using the computer at home. I have also seen children's amazing descriptive writing both at home and school.

It is a testament to just how creative and adaptable our children are that they can rise to the challenge of learning in different situations and still produce such brilliant work. I look forward to seeing more super examples pop into my inbox over the next few weeks. Thank you to all the parents at home who have been supporting them to be so creative and the staff both in school and online who have been helping children to adapt to new ways of working too. You are all amazing.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher



Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

Half Term	Monday 15th February
Professional Development day	Monday 22nd February
Children Planned Return to School	Tuesday 23rd February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

Children Planned Return to School	Monday 19th April
May Day	Monday 3rd 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

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. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.



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