

Letters home this week: ALL-Show and Share, Y6 Leavers Production, Y5 Science at Polesworth School, Y2 Dance Showcase

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	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.

Birchwood Sports Day

On Monday we all enjoyed a great day of sporting activity. We held our annual Sports Day on our school field and were blessed with a sunny day, but at times, a cold wind. We experienced record crowds of parents, grandparents and supporters of school, who came to cheer on all of our pupils.

In the morning Lower School pupils experienced a carousel of 6 different activities including space hoppers, obstacle race, egg and spoon, sack race and sprinting. At each station the children had ten minutes to go through each of their events. Each class were brilliantly supported by a group of enthusiastic parents and grandparents, who moved around from activity to activity with them. At the end of a warm morning, the children were all helped to cool down as ice-lolly pops, kindly donated by our PTA 'Team Birchwood', were handed out to the children after break time.

In the afternoon it was the turn of the Upper School children to show off their sporting prowess. After the success of last year's Sports Day, we kept the location of the Upper School Sports Day on our own school field. This provided a more intimate feel and ensured that parents and pupils were all closer to the action, as well as providing a flatter running surface. We also continued with the Year Group Boys, Girls and Mixed sprint relay races. As this year's Sports Day ran so smoothly and we had some time to spare at the end, we are going to add two new events (space hoppers and basketball bounce) that pupils could sign up for next year, we are also going to increase the sprint relays to 6 in a team. I hope that this will enable all children to take part in more events next year.

The relay races for the afternoon included sprint, skipping, sack race, bat and ball, hoops, obstacle, quoits, football and egg and spoon. I am not sure the fur coats and woolly hats used in the clothes race were suitable for the weather conditions, but luckily our children were running so fast that they did not have them on for long! The children competed brilliantly and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. After a very hard fought competition the final results were as follows:

1st place and winner of the House Sports Day trophy - Chaytor House with 180 points.

2nd - Goodere House with a score of 169 points.

3rd - Chetwynd House with a score of 117 points.

4th - Morris House with a score of 110 points.

Sports Days take a lot of organising prior to the event and on the day. My special thanks goes to Miss Noctor and Miss Norton, for organising and running the Lower School event and to Mrs Atkins, Mrs Clarke and Miss Stubbs for the Upper School event. Thanks to everyone who turned out to support our Sports Days. I hope you all enjoyed them as much as we did.

Neil Coleman
Headteacher



SPORTS DAY FUN!!

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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is:

Sun Safety

As we have finally had a few days of sunshine (and we are keeping our fingers crossed for warmer temperatures for the next few weeks, especially after the rain of the last few weeks), I am taking this opportunity to remind parents of how we keep our children safe in the sun at school.

We promote:

- The teaching of sun safety lessons during PSHE
- Pupils wearing hats when outside.
- Children regularly drinking water and staying hydrated.
- Where possible, all doors and windows being opened to provide a through breeze and classroom blinds drawn.
- PE lessons which are carefully planned to avoid sun exposure, unnecessary exertion and dehydration.
- In extreme weather, outdoor PE lessons which last for no more than 30 minutes and children are then brought indoors and given time to rest and drink water.
- Children with medical conditions such as asthma being monitored and supported appropriately.

How parents can help:

- Provide children with sun hats (please remember to name them clearly!).
- Apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school.

Let us hope that we continue to have more sunshine than showers from now until the end of term!

Mrs M Day
Associate Headteacher

Improve your wellbeing by developing your resilience

We are very fortunate to live in a country that values mutual respect and tolerance, individual liberty, democracy and the rule of law. When these values are translated into actions, then the people within the community thrive. Everyone has the right to experience these values through the actions of those around them, but everyone also has a responsibility to protect the rights of others by making considerate choices. Children develop their morals and learn how to behave within a variety of community settings by looking to the adults around them. We hope you found last week's article on **Connection** useful and are ready for our fourth instalment which will focus on **Character and Contribution**.

Character: *Developing a solid set of morals and values to determine right from wrong.*

You can strengthen a child's character by:

- Demonstrating how behaviours affect others. As and when opportunities occur, take the time to point out how their own or someone else's choices have effected someone else whether positively or negatively. Encourage them to empathise by thinking about how they would have felt.
- Helping children to recognise themselves as caring people by pointing out and praising positive choices. Be specific and do this often to encourage this behaviour and help the children identify what it is they are doing that is valued.
- Demonstrating the importance of community. Lead by example; engage with clubs, events, opportunities to help neighbours, volunteering etc.
- Avoiding hateful or racist statements or stereotypes. If children hear this regularly by the adults around them, then they are likely to believe that this is acceptable behaviour. This may cause them difficulties when people challenge their behaviour.
- Encouraging the development of spirituality or the process of reflecting upon their place and role in the world around them. Having discussions about how even though they are only one person out of billions on the planet, they are important and valuable because they can make a difference.

Contribution: *Recognising that the world is a better place because they are in it. Understanding the importance of personal contribution and how this can be a source of purpose and motivation.*

Teach children to contribute by:

- Communicating that many people in the world do not have what they need. Identifying things to be grateful for can develop a sense of satisfaction. It can also ignite a desire to help others when they are aware of the difficulties some other people face. Discuss how a lack of something may effect a person's daily life.
- Emphasising the importance of serving others by modelling generosity. This does not always have to be with money. You can model generosity with your time, efforts and sharing what you have.
- Creating opportunities for each child to contribute in some specific way. At school we have a chosen charity each year. Discuss how they could support this. Is there a charity close to your family's heart? How could they help?

Next week we will be looking at two elements of resilience; **Coping**, and **how to deal with worries effectively** so that we are better prepared for life's difficulties. 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.

Warwickshire Local welfare Scheme

Are you registered for Free School Meals and in need of financial support to feed your children in the school holiday? If so, applications are open between the 22nd July – 30th August for the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme 'School Holiday Support Scheme', this can support with the cost of food for your children through the school holiday.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme>

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0800 408 1448 / 01926 359182



Outstanding payments



Please could we ask parents to check ParentPay for any outstanding payments for dinner money, clubs etc. Please could all accounts be paid up to date before the end of term. If you have any queries, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Excellent Attendance and Never Late Certificates

'Rewarding children for great attendance and always getting to school on time'

We are keen to reward children who achieve an excellent rate of attendance and also support parents who wish to encourage children to carry on when they have only minor ailments. It is fine for children to come into school with a sniffle or a tickly throat. Adults do not take days off work for very minor ailments and children do not need to either!

Our 'excellent attendance' certificates are not only rewarded for perfect attendance, but take account of one or two days off, to ensure that children do not come in unwell just to gain a certificate.

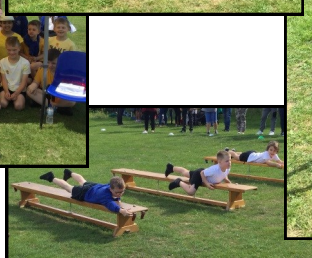
Being on time for school is also vital. At the start of the day, not only do we take registers, but give out vital instructions for the school day. Children tell us that they really hate being late for school because 'everyone looks at you' and 'you don't know what you are meant to be doing'.

Library Books

Please could we remind you to return all library books before the end of term. Thank you.



SPORTS DAY 2019



Family Information Service

Family Information Service (FIS) have lots of information which is being continuously updated on their Facebook pages that is useful for families ahead of, and over the school holidays. This information includes summer holiday welfare scheme, children and family centres, foodbanks and holiday activities. Please also be aware that the FIS helpline is available 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday over the holidays.

Warwickshire FIS Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/WarwickshireFIS/>

Tel: 01926 742274

Direct link to School holiday activities/support on FIS Facebook notes pages - https://www.facebook.com/pg/WarwickshireFIS/notes/?ref=page_internal

Additionally schools and families may want to sign up to the fortnightly FIS newsletter - <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWarwickshire/subscriber/new>



WORD MANIA

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



Team Birchwood News

Thank you for your support with our refreshment stall on Sports Day. We raised £125.70 bringing our total this year to £4827.30.

Don't forget End of Year Disco on the 18th of July. Please log on to ParentPay by 4pm Wednesday 17th July to pay the entrance and give your consent. If you can help out at the event please get in touch with us on 07919431220 or email tbps2619@welearn365.com.

NSPCC fundraising so far this year is :

£1958.33

Thank you very much for all of your support.

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Academic Year 2018-2019

Summer Term 2019

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

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 and 20th December, if this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

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.

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Tuesdays 5:15 – 7:15, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

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

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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

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