

Letters home this week: Y4-6 Boogie Bounce Club

What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05 Embody Dance Y1-6 Violin and Keyboard Lessons 3.10 - After School Library	3.05 Aston Villa Multi Skills Y1-3 Drum and Guitar Lessons	3.05 Elite Football Skills Y4-6	Clarinet Lessons 3.10 -After School Library 3.05-Boogie Bounce Y4-6	3.05 Top Score Football Y1-3 Swimming Lessons - Oak 3 Cello Lessons 3.05 Musical Theatre Y2-6

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

REMINDER :All uniform and kit should be clearly named. This helps us to get lost property back to children quickly.

We welcome our new intake into our Birchwood Family

Our new Reception children have made a great start to their time at Birchwood. They have very quickly got into excellent routines and have had a very positive impact in school. It is lovely to see all the children so happy to be at Birchwood.

Our Early Years Foundation Stage Leader Mrs Willis and the rest of her team, Miss Lowe, Mrs Stockton, Mrs Spong and Mrs Tweed have all been hugely impressed with the children. They have commented on their outstanding learning behaviours, their excellent listening skills, their co-operation and sharing skills and their overall positive attitudes.

Our induction process for our new Reception intake starts long before the children enter school in September. As soon as Warwickshire Local Authority Admissions department inform us of children who have been given a place at Birchwood, we set about contacting families to share details of organised events that we run. We begin with a welcome meeting for parents led by Mrs Willis. We also organise for all the children to attend 3 story time sessions in school, where the children and the parents have the opportunity to get to know their key workers. We also hold a meeting for parents on induction day, where myself, the school nurse team, County Caters and Team Birchwood (our PTA) share some important information to help support families with the process of starting school.

The children have all had an extremely busy couple of weeks in school that began with a home visit by their key workers. During the first two days of school each family was visited at home. This is a really important part of our induction process and has many benefits. Children are more comfortable in their own environment, staff get to share key information about our school and processes and parents get an opportunity to have some quality one to one time to discuss any queries or concerns they may have.

The children have all spent 3 mornings and 3 afternoons in school learning all about our routines and how our school works. Having only half the children in at a time enables our Early Years team to really get to know the



New Beginnings!

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

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children well and gives them an opportunity to show them in detail all the fantastic learning that they will be doing. The routines that are established in the first few weeks are followed by children all the way through their time at Birchwood.

Today was the children's first full day in school. It was lovely to see them join the rest of the children at Birchwood during dinnertime. The children all had a brilliant, but very tiring day and fully deserve their rest over the weekend. I am sure all of our new Reception children are going to have a brilliant first year in school and make lots of progress in their learning!

Mr N Coleman
Headteacher

Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2008** and **31/08/2009** are due to start Secondary School in September 2020. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2019.**

Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary and Secondary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool. You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047.



Hand Washing.



Good hand washing hygiene is essential in school to help stop nasty bugs spreading amongst the pupils and staff.

Washing your hands properly should take about as long as singing "Happy Birthday" twice (around 20 seconds). Use the following steps from the World Health Organization while you hum:

1. Wet your hands with water (warm or cold).
2. Apply enough soap to cover all over your hands. You can use alcohol-based handrub if you do not have immediate access to soap and water.
3. Rub hands palm to palm.
4. Rub the back of your left hand with your right palm with interlaced fingers. Repeat with the other hand.
5. Rub your palms together with fingers interlaced.
6. Rub the backs of your fingers against your palms with fingers interlocked.
7. Clasp your left thumb with your right hand and rub in rotation. Repeat with your left hand and right thumb.
8. Rub the tips of your fingers in the other palm in a circular motion, going backwards and forwards. Repeat with the other hand.
9. Rinse hands with water (warm or cold).
10. Dry thoroughly, ideally with a disposable towel.
11. Use the disposable towel to turn off the tap.

Accidents and Child Safety

Accidental injuries are a major health problem throughout the United Kingdom. They are one of the most common causes of death in children over one year of age, however, most of these accidents are preventable through increased awareness, improvements in the home environment and greater product safety.

For further advice and information on accidents and safety please visit www.rosipa.com or www.capt.org.uk.

Information regarding personal safety, bullying and online safety can be found on www.safetynetkids.org.uk.

The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and The School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204 Option 3.



Getting it right from the start

The importance of children arriving at school on time

Our parents are excellent at ensuring that children arrive on time each and every day for school. The start of the school day is a really important time not only for the children, but also for their teachers. Children really value the routine a timetable offers them. They enjoy seeing their friends on the playground before school starts and feel very settled because they know clearly what happens when they enter school and at each point in the school day.

Teachers plan the start of the day carefully. In the first five minutes, not only do we take attendance registers, but also support the children in choosing what they would like for lunch. We then immediately introduce and explain the day's activities, start 'intervention activity' and tailored programmes of work for example, focusing on a specific phonics sound.

Lateness is a problem for the school and more importantly for the children who are late. Missing the start of the day, because of lateness, is incredibly disruptive for the whole class, causes problems for the teacher who has already started lessons and can significantly upset children who are left unsure what they should be doing. To encourage children to arrive on time we offer a special reward each term. Our 'Never Late' certificates are extremely popular with our children and we develop a different 'Limited Edition' version each term, which children love collecting.

Whilst we understand rare and unavoidable occurrences of lateness caused by 'accidents and emergencies', what we cannot accept is persistent lateness because of its negative impact on children. Over the next half term we will be focussing on 'lateness' by rewarding children who are always prompt, and in contrast contacting the very small number of parents whose children are persistently late to arrange to meet them to resolve the issues.

Spotlight on Excellence this week is:

.....Home Learning

This week has seen the launch of our new Home Learning at Birchwood with children bringing home their Autumn term choices. I have already had lots of conversations with children who are excited about the different options they have to select from before the first check in on the 30th September, which has been lovely. Some children have already been finding it hard to choose which option to go for! I have loved their enthusiasm for wanting to try new things and get stuck in straight away. We hope that by giving more flexibility and choice to children both in the tasks they can complete and the way they choose to present their learning to share with their adults and peers in school, home learning will be both fun and engaging for everyone.

We can not wait to find out what everyone has been up to on the first stop off on the 30th September, and remember if you or your child has any questions about home learning, please just ask your child's class teacher.

Mrs M Day
Associate Headteacher



Wellbeing Award for Schools update

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute in the Summer term to voicing their views either via the Wellbeing surveys or on Parent View. In response to the feedback we received, we have included a wellbeing tab on the school website where resources, articles and links to services can be found. We will also be introducing Playground mentors onto the Key Stage 2 playground following suggestions from the pupils. If you would still like to share your views, the Parent View survey link can be found under the parent tab on the website and the Wellbeing survey is available to download as a PDF document. Alternatively, please feel free to contact a member of staff via the main office.

This week's wellbeing link:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/resources/>

The Young Minds resources library is full of useful toolkits, publications, reports and policy information about children and young people's mental health. Below are just a selection of the comments made by parents and pupils from the well being surveys!

I speak openly to my children about their feelings and this is encouraged in newsletter articles by the school and teacher comments.

All the teachers check we are having a great time and are happy. They ask you how you are and help when you are not ok.

My daughter is a very emotional child and the staff at the school have been so supportive to both of us.

The teachers at school are trustworthy and make it comfortable to talk to them.

My experience proves how Birchwood take wellbeing and mental health seriously. Their support is second to none and they are always looking for new initiatives to take this support further.

I love that teachers encourage pupils to talk to them and their peers and everyone looks out for each other.

We talk about our 'Early Warning' signs and have lessons about our network so we know who we can speak to.

Teachers do not focus on one person all the time. They share time with everybody because they care about every pupil.

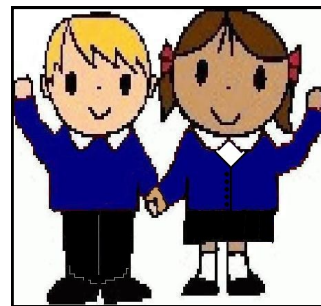
FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 12th September a team of Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed playing in a Football Tournament at Baddesley Ensor. We are very proud to say that they were wonderfully behaved, representing Birchwood well and they showed fantastic effort throughout.

Unfortunately they did not make it through the group phase, but did win 2 out of 5 of their matches.



Uniform Shop



Can we just please remind you that text messages will be sent when uniform orders are ready for collection. Orders can then be collected on Tuesdays from 2.55pm until 3.15pm from the Conference Room Uniform Shop.

Thank you.

Thank you for your support in raising **£2487** for last years chosen charity the **NSPCC**.

This years chosen charity will be announced soon. Watch this space!

Team Birchwood News

We are looking forward to a jam packed year full fun events to raise more money for the school.

Our AGM, where we will plan for the up and coming year, is on Wednesday 25th September at 6.00pm in the Conference Room. We would love more of you to be involved, so if you have any ideas or would like to hear more about what we do please come along.

Save the date....Our famous Movie Night is being held on Thursday 17th October. More information will be send home soon!

You can contact us at tbps2619@welearn365.com



Birchwood Primary School Website



Want to know what is happening in school? Go to www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, photos and much more.

Click on the parent tab to open the ParentPay shop, where you can order school uniform, book bags and water bottles.

You can also follow us on twitter: [@BirchwoodPrim](https://twitter.com/BirchwoodPrim)

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.



Lets do Mental Maths !!

Practise mental maths skills against the clock



Academic Year 2018-2019

Academic Year 2019/2020 Autumn Term 2019

Reception Class Tea Party	Tuesday 1st October
School Photographs	Friday 4th October
TBPS Movie Night	Thursday 17th October
New Intake Morning	Monday 21st October
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
Children Return to School	Tuesday 25th 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 May Day 2020 is on a Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Please note the 1pm early finish on 17th July and 20th December, if this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

Cross Country Trials

We would like to inform you that years 4,5 & 6 will be taking part in cross country trials at the beginning of next week so will need their outdoor PE kit in school all week. Thank you.



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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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