

Letters home this week: All - Christmas Meal

What's on in school next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3,4 - Embody Dance Y1,2 - Top Score Y4,5 - Keyboard Y3,4 - Painting Library - 3.05	Pine - Swimming KS2 - Choir Y1,2 - Aston Villa Y2,3 - Kapla Y5-6 - Forest Schools	Yr 3,4 - Look What I Have Made	R,Y1,Y2 - Pantomime Y3,4 - Top Score Y6 - Ukelele Y5,6 - Cooking Club	Oak - Swimming Y2-6 - Musical Theatre Library - 3.05 TBPS Christmas Fair - 6pm

REMINDER : Please can all outstanding amounts on Parentpay be paid. Thank you.

The Power of 5!

Our simple approach to education is that we want our children to learn more and most importantly remember more!

We constantly reflect on how best to teach units of work to ensure that our children learn in the most effective way. It is vital that children secure key knowledge necessary to learn new topics. Lessons are planned so that crucial knowledge is emphasised and repeated to ensure they are remembered long term.

We also plan different learning opportunities and deliver many key messages outside of the National Curriculum. We refer to this as our Wider School Curriculum and we are very proud of the offer that all of our children are entitled too as part of the education they receive at Birchwood.

It is often difficult for children to remember messages to help keep them safe, happy and healthy. We use the Power of 5 to help children remember:

Online Safety – Our children use the **5 SMART rules** to help them stay safe online.

Safe. Meet. Accept. Reliable. Tell.

Staying Safe – Pantosarus' **5 PANTS rules** to help children stay safe. From the NSPCC.

Privates are private. Always remember your body belongs to you. No means no. Talk about secrets that upset you. Speak up, someone can help.

Children's safety network - **5 network FINGERS** on your hand links to **5 trusted adults** who you can talk to about anything and who will always believe you.

Healthy Eating – Eat at least **5 Fruit and Vegetables** everyday. '5 a day is the healthy way'.

Fundamental British Values – The **5 British Values** help teach children the value of 1. Democracy. 2. Rule of Law. 3. Tolerance. 4. Mutual Respect and 5. Individual Liberty.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing – **5 STEPS** that make you feel happier and more positive.

Connect. Be active. Take notice. Keep Learning. Give.

Each of these Power of 5 are displayed as posters in our classrooms. These are referred to often during the school year. Pictures and photographs are a really good way of helping us to remember and store information long term.

Mr Coleman – Headteacher



THE POWER OF 5!

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

Spotlight this week is ...

Our One Way System

We are a large school with nearly 440 children and therefore drop off and collection times are a busy time of day in school. We have put in place a drop off and collection window and our one way system is in place to ensure that we minimise, as much as practical, any gathering within the school site and to allow everyone to drop off and collect their children safely and efficiently.

When dropping off and collecting children from school, please ensure you use the one way system to support this, and do use the full window for both drop off and collection to avoid busier times. As ever, we appreciate your support in making sure children, and our wider community, remain safe.

Mrs Day

Associate Headteacher



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Being Late for school

'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.



Changemakers is a free programme that helps Warwickshire families live healthier lives.

The Change Makers Healthy Lifestyles Programme teaches families about good nutrition, staying active and other healthy living topics through seven fun, interactive weekly sessions. The whole family can get involved in activities like preparing and tasting new foods and playing group games, as well as getting lots of practical advice, guidelines and tips on healthy lifestyles.

Change Makers also offer a one-off workshop for parents/carers that provides a general overview of healthy living, including useful tips and a Q&A session. The workshop and programme take place at community venues across the county. The programme is rolling and can be joined at any point. For families with more complex needs, one-to-one support from the Change Makers team is available.

Change Makers is part of the Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service. To find out more and get involved, please call us on 03300 245 204.

PANTS

NSPCC Initiative to keep children safe.

This week is 'N'

No means no

Make sure your child understands that they have the right to say "no" to unwanted touch - even to a family member or someone they know or love.

This shows that they are in control of their body and their feelings should be respected. If a child feels confident to say no to their own family, they are more likely to say no to others.

Next week 'T'



House Captains Chatter!



Happy Chatter

We have had a very successful first house competition this half term. Our autumn poetry activity received over 75 entries across the house groups and we really enjoyed reading the different poems that you all created.

In the end, Chaytor emerged as the winner of the competition, with a total of 21 entries. Congratulations Chaytor House!

Individual winners for each house were chosen and received their prize this week. The winners were: Arianne for Goodere, Dolly Mae for Chetwynd, Abbey for Morris and Gracie for Chaytor.



Our new house captain competition will be announced soon, so keep your eyes peeled!

TBPS NEWS

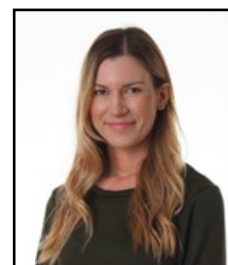
The TPBS Christmas Fair is on Friday 3rd December from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Please bring in your donations of cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, flapjacks, mince pies etc on the day. All sweet treats welcome; homemade or shop bought.



We still need more volunteers to run stalls on the night so please get in touch at tbps2619@welearn365.com if you can help. Thank you.

Who's Who this week ...

Hello, my name is Mrs Hooper. I am a teaching assistant here at Birchwood and a proud one at that! Before I joined Birchwood almost two years ago, I spent several enjoyable years working within an Early Years setting. I am now based in years 5 and 6, where every day is busy, varied and fun. I do not have a favourite subject, I love them all, however, I really enjoy our curriculum themes at Birchwood. They really help to engage and inspire the children with their learning.



In my spare time, I like going on long walks in the countryside and visiting the National Trust with my family. Baking yummy cakes with my daughter (and eating them!) is another of my most favourite pastimes, along with getting crafty and creative. I love all things glittery and anything that involves gluing, making or painting.

Registering for School

Parents can now apply for Primary school places. The deadline for **Primary school applications** for reception places is **15th January 2022.**





AFTER SCHOOL



ACTIVITIES

We are so happy to see the children enjoying the many after school clubs run by Birchwood staff and external companies. The variety of activities being offered and the interest shown by the children has been amazing and we wanted to share this with you.



Academic Year 2021-2022

R-Y2 Pantomime	Thursday 2nd December
TBPS Christmas Fair	Friday 3rd December
R Winter Wonderland, Conkers	Monday 6th December
Y3-Y6 Pantomime	Tuesday 7th December
EYFS Christmas Performance	Thursday 9th December
Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance	Friday 10th December
Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance	Monday 13th December
Y5 & Y6 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 14th December
Christmas Dinner	Thursday 16th December
Non School Uniform and	Friday 17th December
Christmas Jumper Day	
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
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 18th March
Easter Hats/Eggs	Friday 8th April
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 8th April

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.

Children's Weekly Spelling Challenge:

Other Handed - Write each of your spelling words 5 times, switching the hand you write it with each time. Say the word as you spell it.



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We have currently raised £385.35 for our chosen charity
Coventry and Warwickshire Mind



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M42 Closure

The M42 will be closed between Junction 9 and 10 (northbound and southbound) for 7 days. This will take place from 9pm Friday 24th December to 9pm Friday 31st December. This is to facilitate BBV to complete works that will enable the Marston Box bridge to be moved into position in winter 2022. This is for the HS2 railway. A clearly signed diversion route will be in place over this period with advance signage in place to help remind motorists of the closure. You can still get to where you need to go but you will need to follow the diversion, plan ahead and leave more time for journeys. For more information please visit www.hs2.org.uk/marston-box or click on the link below:

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/local-community-webpages/hs2-in-warwickshire/marston-box-rail-bridge-crossing-over-the-m42/>

M42 Junction 9-10 closure

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