

Reminders: Please remember to label uniform with your child's name

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2.20 pm KS1 Christmas Performance	Extra Violin Lessons 2.20 pm KS1 Christmas Performance	2.15 pm KS2 Christmas Performance	2.15 pm KS2 Christmas Performance	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumper/Toy Day 1 pm Early Finish

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

Letters sent home this week— Y1—Toy donation, R—Snowdome Trip

Birchwood school values

Birchwood is a very caring and nurturing environment, where children love to learn with each other. We are very proud of the ethos we have created and are determined to make sure that we continue to build on this, providing a school where all pupils can thrive. We value highly the importance of focusing on the social, emotional and educational needs of all of our children.

At Birchwood, we aim to instil in all children the core values of modern Britain. It is important that we nurture these through all aspects of school life from the classroom, to the dining room and to the playground. Our one word school rule – **CONSIDERATION** – lies at the heart of all we value. We look for pupils to live and breathe these values throughout their time at Birchwood. It is not about a display or a poster, but about the lived experiences of pupils in our care.

'British Values' were identified by the government as part of its Prevent Strategy, and we reinforce these regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy: Pupils have their voices heard through our School Council, Eco Council, Digital Leaders, House Captains, through Pupil questionnaires and classroom discussion.

The Rule of Law: The importance of Law are consistently reinforced through our school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws that govern and protect us. Pupils are rewarded for great behaviour and positive learning attitudes with Dojo points, certificates, postcards home and BASE skills time.

Individual Liberty: Pupils are encouraged and given freedom to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms through our Online Safety and PSHE and circle time.

Mutual Respect: Our school ethos and positive behaviour policy revolves around Consideration - our 'one word school rule'. Assemblies and classroom learning rules reiterate this positive message.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs: We offer opportunities to experience diversity through visits to places of worship and links to other schools in areas which are different to our own, enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society.

When people visit Birchwood, they always talk about the 'positive atmosphere and feel of the place'. This is British Values in action – mutual consideration, respect and a supportive inclusive environment where all individuals are able to flourish. Each member of staff and child at our school are a key piece to our Birchwood jigsaw puzzle. Without any one of them, our school would just not be complete!

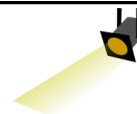
N Coleman - Headteacher



Birchwood's one word school rule

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

Spotlight on Excellence
Our focus this week is:
Working with parents and our community



On Friday we held our very successful Christmas Fair which raised a phenomenal amount of over £3000 for Team Birchwood. Thank you to all who attended, supported and helped to make this event happen. This event is just one example of how at Birchwood we are committed to working with our community, both families of children at our school and the wider local community, to achieve fantastic things for our children.

You will remember in the summer, we held our first farmers market, including local business owners who had stalls selling fantastic produce, all locally made. We also regularly welcome our friends from Polesworth Group Homes into school, and recently a group of children and staff visited them to see a production of Mary Poppins which residents were performing.

We also value the links we have closer to school, where many of our parents and grandparents volunteer to help in school, helping on trips, hearing readers or supporting in class. Perhaps most importantly we value the relationships we build everyday with parents, working with you together to ensure that your children achieve all they can. Your support with making sure children meet their reading targets, helping them with spellings, 10 for 10 and homework is invaluable and we continue to be grateful for your ongoing support. Remember if you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be only too happy to help.

M Day - Associate Headteacher

Friday 21st December 2018

Just a brief recap of the arrangements for Friday 21st December.

- Children may bring a toy into school for the last morning. Please do not bring in expensive electronic toys.
- Children may come to school in their festive/winter jumper.
- The menu today will be Christmas Dinner. For those children not having a dinner, packed lunches should be sent into school.
- School closes at 1 p.m. Please make arrangements to collect children from school early.

Clerk to Governors

POST LEVEL: Band D, scp 10 - 13

Applications are invited for the role of 'Clerk to Governors' for Birchwood Primary School.

KEY PURPOSE OF THE ROLE:

Responsible to the Governing Body (GB) for the provision of clerical/administrative support to enable the GB to act efficiently, effectively and legally, giving advice to the Chair and Governors as necessary.

Please initially confirm your interest via a 'letter of application' outlining your suitability and experience for the post by Thursday 20th December 2018 – 9:00am.

A formal interview will take place on Friday 21st December 2018 – 9.00am. Job description available from the Headteacher.



NEVER LATE CERTIFICATES 'Rewarding children for ALWAYS getting to school on time'



Each term we award a 'Limited Edition' certificate for children who have never been late that term. Being on time for school is 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'.

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. After 8.40am children must enter school through the office entrance to be registered separately.



Birchwood Primary School Website

Want to know what's 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

Academic Year 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Lower School Christmas Perf.	Monday 17th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Tuesday 18th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Weds 19th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Thursday 20th December
Term Ends for Christmas (Early)	Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Professional Development Day	Monday 7th January
Reception Trip - Snowdome	Thursday 10th January
Year 6 & R Heights & Weights	Tuesday 15th January
Young Voices - Genting Arena	Friday 25th January
Year 4 Class Assemblies	Thursday 31st January
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 15th February
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 18th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 25th February
Children return to school	Tuesday 26th February
Late Parents Evening	Weds 6th March
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 7th March
Year 3 Class Assemblies	Thursday 21st March
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Children return to school	Monday 29th April
May Day	Monday 6th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 27th May
Children return to school	Monday 3rd June
Professional Development Day	Friday 21st June
Term Ends for Summer (Early)	Friday 19th 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 1 pm early finish on 21st December and 19th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

Parent Governor vacancy

We are looking to recruit a Parent Governor to our Local Governing Body for Birchwood Primary School. You would need to be a parent of a child at the school.

The role of the governing body is a strategic one and its key functions are:

- to contribute to and fulfil the vision and ethos of the Community Academies Trust in so far as it relates to the school
- implement and review the strategic plan for the school
- to support and challenge the school's leadership as a critical friend
- to scrutinise and oversee the management of the schools finances
- to support the Headteacher in the development and review of an appropriate staffing structure for the school
- to develop links with the school's community
- to ensure that pupils and parents have a voice in the running and improvement of the school

The closing date for current applications is Monday 17th December, 9:30am. Application forms are available from the school office

Year 1 travel back to the Victorian times



Year 1 children have been looking at old and new toys linking to the Victorian era. Children were given the opportunity to dress up and we held a 'Day in the Life of a Victorian Child'. Children brought a penny to school to pay for their education, sat in rows with boys on one side and girls on the other, chanted, completed simple writing and maths jobs and learnt about the difference in rules and punishment.

Children experienced drill outside and played a variety of Victorian playground games. The children really enjoyed learning about Victorians but did not like how strict the teachers were and how they were not allowed to ask questions about their learning.





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- First Aid Awareness
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- Personal Track Safety (PTS)
- Track Induction Course (TIC)
- Industry Common Induction (ICI)

Awareness Sessions to be held at
Nuneaton Jobcentre on Thursday
31st January 2019

Visit the 'What's New' page on the
North Warwickshire Portal to book
a place on the session and find out
more.

6 WEEK COURSE

MONDAY – FRIDAY, 08:45 – 14:30

All candidates will meet their employer during the course, on successful completion of the course, all candidates will be given a guaranteed 'trial shift'.

Eligibility:

- Must be at least 19 years of age, as of the 1st August of current academic year. There is no upper age limit.
- Working at level 1 maths and English.
- Able to pass a Network Rail medical and Drug & Alcohol test.
- Must be in receipt of any of the following benefits:

JSA
Council Tax Benefit
Income Support

Universal Credit
Incapacity Benefit
Pension Benefit

ESA (WRAG)
Housing Benefit



NSPCC fundraising so far this year is :

£639.97

Thank you very much for all of your support.

The Fellowship Church at St John's New Street, Birchmoor

A warm welcome awaits you at our Christmas Services:

- **Sunday 16th 10.30 am**—Carols and Readings
- **Sunday 16th 5 pm**—Children's Christingle Service
- **Sunday 23rd 10.30 am**—All age Carol Service
- **Monday 24th 11.30 pm**—Carols & Communion
- **Sunday 30th 10.30 am**—Prayers for the New Year.

Cameo Dance est. 2003

Fun Children's Dance Classes held in Polesworth

Little Dancers 2 ½ - 6yrs 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Friday evenings in The Tithe Barn, Polesworth

Tuesday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Juniors 6 ½ - 10yrs 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

NEW Juniors 6 ½ - 8yrs 5:15pm - 7:15pm

(From 6th Feb 2018)

Tuesday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

www.cameodance.co.uk * Call 07443421867

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First Trial Class FREE! Classes include many different dance styles!

TBPS News



Team Birchwood are absolutely thrilled to tell you that the Christmas Fair raised over £3000! We couldn't do it without your support and your donations; so a huge thank you to all who donated and came along to the event. We hope you enjoyed it. A special thank you to all of our children who contributed to the fair by making lots of wonderful items to sell.

With Movie Night, Christmas Fair and the Christmas Card orders we have already raised over £4000 in this first term which is amazing. We are looking forward to talking with the school in the New Year on how we can spend the funds on our children to enhance their experiences at Birchwood.

Thank you again for helping us raise this fabulous amount of money. Merry Christmas from all at Team Birchwood.

Online Safety Tip!

"Parents need to know the modern troubles today's kids face. So, get out there and explore the sites and apps your kids use. If you know nothing of Snapchat or 4chan you won't be as ready or capable to help."

Jamie Bartlett, author, The Dark Web, and director of The Centre for the Analysis of Social Media for the UK cross-party think-tank, Demos.



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