

Reminders: Our photographer will be in school on 11th October to take single head photographs and family groups

What's on in school next week...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Violin & Keyboard Lessons 3.05 pm Embody Dance Playtastic Orchestra	Drum & Guitar Lessons 3.05 pm Aston Villa Multi Skills Y1-3	Woodwind Lessons 3.05 pm Elite Football Y1-3	3.05 pm Top Score Football Club Y4-6	Cello Lessons 3.05 pm Top Score Multi Sports Y 4-6 3.05 pm Musical Theatre

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: All—Grandparents Lunch, Y4,5,6—Author Visit,

Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences

It is really important to me that children enjoy coming to school. At Birchwood we work extremely hard to ensure that our children receive a broad and balanced curriculum, but we also take every opportunity we can to provide our children with new and exciting experiences.

Academic expectations, placed upon children in Primary Schools, have risen significantly over the last few years. As a school we have taken the approach to shoulder these expectations ourselves and are very careful to ensure that we support our children to succeed in a nurturing and caring environment. Using themes to lead children's learning enables us to deliver fun, engaging, creative and exciting lessons. Giving learning a purpose and linking it to real life also supports our children to achieve their best.

Extra-curricular activities at Birchwood are highly valued. These give children who may not be high academic achievers a chance to shine, excel and develop skills and self-esteem in other areas. Providing and facilitating these opportunities takes up a huge amount of time, money and resources, but the outcomes are well worth all the extra effort! At Birchwood we look to get involved in everything and are always on the lookout for new and exciting challenges.

This year we have introduced musical theatre as one of our BASE Skills Academy options on Friday afternoons. There is also an after school club for those children who are really interested in drama and musicals. We have also planned 5 new exciting after school clubs, one for each of the next 5 half terms. These include activities such as Zorbing, Laser Tag, Archery, Nerf Wars and Climbing.

We have also continued our recent sporting success in school. Last Thursday we saw our brilliant Year 4 mixed football team win the Newton Shield, beating 13 other local Primary Schools to the title. The children played fantastically well winning all of their 7 games. On Tuesday over 50 of our Year 6 children took part in a brilliantly organised Triathlon, supported by the Brownlee Brothers, at The Pingles Sports Centre in Nuneaton. Our Year 6 children went from an indoor swim, straight onto the bike circuit and finished off with a run around the athletics track. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their day and were very pleased to meet the Brownlee Brothers themselves, although not as pleased as our staff were!

Watch this space for news of other new exciting and memorable learning to come at Birchwood.

Neil Coleman
Headteacher



Shooting for the stars in Year 1

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

Spotlight on Protective Behaviours

Over the next few weeks in school children will be starting work on 'Protective Behaviours' in their classes. This is a vital and very important part of our work in keeping children safe and is the taught part of a much wider curriculum which helps children to recognise situations where they feel safe. Children are taught about their own 'Early Warning Signs' that they might feel when they don't feel safe and the 'network' of people they have to talk to when this happens. Through this age appropriate series of lessons, which is delivered after training from the Warwickshire Taking Care Team, children also discuss the rights and responsibilities of children, safe and unsafe secrets, as well as the proper names for private body parts.

Keeping children safe is a key priority for us at Birchwood. The taking care work is a vital part of enabling children to speak up if they ever feel worried about a situation and the evidence shows that this is key in protecting children.

You can support your children at home by using the language of safety, talking about your own 'early warning signs' and who you would talk to on your network if you were worried. If you have any questions about the Protective Behaviours programme, please come and chat to us here at school.

Mrs Day—Associate Headteacher

Eco Club



One of Eco club's first jobs this year was to harvest the carrots, potatoes, onions, marrow, beetroot, cucumbers and broad beans that were ready. They then used these ingredients to make a healthy and tasty stew to take home and enjoy with their family. The Eco councillors helped to wash, peel and chop the ingredients before they were combined with stock and beef in a slow cooker. Well done Eco club.



Academic Year 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

School Photographs	Thursday 11th October
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 29th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 5th November
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th November
Nasal Flu Immunisations	Friday 9th November
Late Parents Evening	Wednesday 14th November
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 15th November
Year 5 Class Assemblies	Thursday 29th November
TBPS Christmas Fair	Friday 7th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Monday 17th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Tuesday 18th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Wednesday 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
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 18th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 25th February
Children return to school	Tuesday 26th February
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.

NEWTON SHIELD

Our Y4 mixed football team stormed to victory in the Newton Shield this week, beating 13 other primary schools and scoring lots of goals along the way! Well done to Mr Cooper, our Top Score Coach and to all the players involved!



Y6 take on the Brownlee Triathlon



Today we went to the Pingles Leisure Centre and took part in the Brownlee Triathlon. We even met Jonny and Alastair Brownlee. It was very exciting! When we arrived at the Pingles Leisure Centre we were given a T shirt and a swim hat. Then we did a 50 metre swim. As soon as we got out of the pool we had to put on our T shirt, shorts and trainers (we didn't even have time to get dry after the swimming!) then it was straight onto the bikes for an 800 metre ride. When we were riding we were cheered on by Alastair Brownlee. After the biking it was a 300 metre run to the finish line where we were given a goody bag with a picture of the Brownlee brothers. We managed to get Jonny Brownlee to sign it and had a group picture with him. At the end we got a medal for completing the triathlon. It was a really good day!

Isabella



This morning, we went to Pingles and we went to compete in the Brownlee brothers' triathlon. As we got off the bus, we thanked the bus driver and we walked inside. As we were going inside we were greeted by an instructor, she briefly explained what we were going to do. As soon as we knew what we were doing, we were handed a shirt and swim cap. When we got changed we swam the 50m pool. Not long after we began we were finishing and getting onto the cycling (which was 800m). Moving on from there, we began the short run (which was 300m). Everyone made it and they were given a medal and a goody bag. Everybody was so happy and we even met Jonny Brownlee. We got a signature and a high five. Best school day ever!

Alex and Lewis P



Permanent Vacancy

Middy Supervisor,

Scale band B

6.25 hours per week - 11.50am to 1.05pm

Monday to Friday - term time only (39 weeks)

Actual salary £2392.56 per annum

Birchwood is a very popular successful school recognised as 'an outstanding school' (OFSTED 2014/15). We are looking for a permanent member of staff to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed team working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need. This is a great opportunity to do something really rewarding, working with wonderful children and gain some valuable extra experience for that CV! Further details and application forms are available from the school website. Completed applications should be returned to school no later than 12.00 noon on **Friday 19th October 2018**. Interviews will be held on **Thursday 25th October 2018**.

Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2007** and **31/08/2008** are due to start Secondary School in September 2019. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2018.**

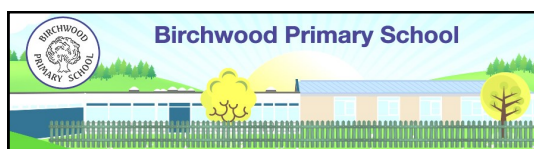
Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary and Secondary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool. You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047.



Warwickshire County Council Consultation

Warwickshire County Council would like to hear your views on the School Health & Wellbeing Service. We would encourage you to visit the website and complete the survey before the closing date of 12th October 2018.

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/public-health/school-health-and-wellbeing-service/>



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.

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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)

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Start of the School Day - Arriving Late ...

The school day starts at **8.40am**. Gates are open from 8.30am to allow parents and children to arrive on time. Any children arriving after 8.40am must enter school via the main school entrance and be registered via the school office.

At the start of the day teachers take registers, explain to the children what they will be doing for the day and share other important instructions about what will be happening around school. Apart from disturbing your child's school routine, 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.

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App of the week

Word Mania

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

**This years
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charity to be
revealed
soon!!**

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