

Reminders: Our newsletter is always uploaded to the front page of our website: www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Violin & Keyboard Lessons 3.05 pm Embody Dance Playtastic Orchestra	Y4 Tamworth Castle Trip Drum & Guitar Lessons 3.05 pm Multi Skills Y1-3 3.05pm Nerf Wars Y4-6	Woodwind Lessons Extra Guitar Lessons 3.05 pm Elite Football Y1-3 3.05pm Nerf Wars Y1-3	3.05 pm Football Club Y4-6 3.05 pm Young Engineers Club Y3-6	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 - Online Safety

A Mastery approach to teaching and learning Maths at Birchwood

At Birchwood we see maths as a connected subject in which our pupils are able to move fluently between maths concepts and ideas. Maths is organised into distinct domains, but pupils should make connections across maths ideas to develop fluency, maths reasoning and competence in solving problems. Our pupils also apply their maths knowledge to science and other subjects, linking maths to our topic themes and everyday real life.

We really value a broad and balanced curriculum at Birchwood and want to provide all of our children with rich opportunities and memorable experiences during their time in school. We are pleased that we have been able to place more emphasis and importance on maths without having to reduce the time we spend on other curriculum areas. Every morning our children arrive in school and start the day with a maths learning activity whilst the register is taken. Children enjoy this calm and orderly start to the day, with most children keen to get to school before the official day starts to spend longer completing their maths morning starter. Each day the children also take part in a maths meeting before going for their dinner. These are designed to revise key maths concepts like tables, money and time in a fun oral fashion. These are having a really positive impact on progress across school.

As well as having a dedicated hour of maths taught every morning, we also look for opportunities to link maths into other areas of our curriculum. Subjects like science, computing, food and design technology involve lots of mathematical skills and thinking.

Last academic year we worked on developing a new strategy for approaching word problems called **RUMCC**. This method of problem solving encourages pupils to:

Read – Read through the problem, decide what you are being asked to find out and write the 'answer sentence' with a gap for the number to be inserted later.

Understand – Act out the problem, retell it in your own words.

Model – Model the situation using a bar model, tick each part of the problem as it is represented, put a question mark next to the value you want to find out

Calculate – Complete any calculations in order to work out the missing value.

Check – Insert the missing value into the sentence, does this make sense?

The **Modelling stage** is key to support our pupils with their approach to problem solving. Later this year we will be holding some 'hands on problem solving' sessions for parents to come into school to work with their children in their class.

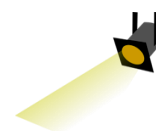
Neil Coleman - Headteacher



Learning is fun at Birchwood Primary School

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

Spotlight on Excellence Our focus this week is: Anti-Bullying -The Power of One



This week we welcomed 'The Power of One' production into school. Children from across the school had the opportunity to see this fantastic drama piece, examining the issue of bullying in all forms. Through an interactive show, children thought about how to tackle physical, emotional, verbal and online bullying and what to do if they were to see or experience it, to make sure it stopped.

At Birchwood, our one word school rule is simple, Consideration; for each other, as well as for the world around us. If someone does something that makes us feel unsafe, uncomfortable or that we do not like hearing or seeing we simply say, "Stop It Please". This week we would ask you to take the time to remind your children that they all have the power to stop bullying simply by taking this action and reminding them that if it doesn't stop, then the adults in school are always here to help them. They simply need to tell us.

Mrs M Day—Associate Headteacher

Dive

into your school lunchbox

make yourself a balanced tasty lunch

Beans, pulses and other proteins

Add one of these to your sandwich, wrap or salad.

Salmon, Tuna, Mackerel or Sardines
Prawns
Quorn
Low fat meat or fish pate
Ham, Chicken, Turkey or Beef
Boiled egg
Hummus
Peanut butter, Nuts
Dahl, Lentils or Beans

Fruits and vegetables

Have as many of these as you like (at least 2 portions).

Tomatoes	Apples
Lettuce	Pears
Cucumber	Bananas
Carrot	Oranges
Sweetcorn	Satsuma
Sliced peppers	Kiwis
Pineapple	Radish
Cress	Grapes
Celery	Melon
Spinach	Strawberries
Peas	Plums
Mushrooms	Fruit in juice

Reminder for Parents Leave of Absence during Term Time

As you will be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Headteacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Headteacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion, if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the Headteacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for Leave of Absence can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s). Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

Academic Year 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Year 4 Trip - Tamworth Castle	Tuesday 20th November
Year 5 Class Assemblies	Thursday 29th November
Non Uniform Day TBPS	Thursday 29th November
Phonics Meeting – EYFS Parents	Thursday 29th November
KS2 Trip - Pantomime	Friday 30th November
Open Morning for Sept Intake	Monday 3rd December
Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 3rd to Friday 7th December

Year 1 Trip - Coventry Cathedral	Weds 5th December
TBPS Christmas Fair	Friday 7th December
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
Year 1 Trip - Snowdome	Wednesday 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

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.

TBPS News



Only 3 weeks to go until the Christmas Fair! We are working very hard to make sure it is great fun for all.

Thank you so much for your donations so far, we can never have too much chocolate or bottles for the Tombola so don't worry if you've forgotten or haven't had chance to bring them in, we are still happy to take them and they are very much appreciated. Week 3 means we are looking forward to the children bringing in their Jingle Jars. Please make sure they are labelled with your child's name (but a removable label please) as there are prizes to be won for the best decorated jar.

We will also be in school next week to take part in Dragon's Den, we can't wait to see what the children have in store for us!

Don't forget Christmas Card orders are due in by Thursday 22nd November please. Orders received after this date cannot be guaranteed.

If you can help with any donations, preparations or with a stall at the fair, please contact us at tbps2619@welearn365.com



Food For Life



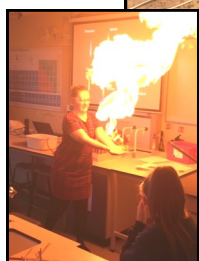
Last week saw the long awaited opening of our new Food Tech Room. We welcomed a special guest, Jeanette Orrey, the founder of 'Food for Life' who met with Year 5 children and officially cut the ribbon to open our new facility. Children are now looking forward to learning to prepare and cook nutritious food in there.



Year 6 learning goes off with a bang!



Year 6 children were invited to attend a science lesson at The Polesworth School this week where they learned about the science behind fireworks.



Next week 'S'

PANTS – NSPCC Initiative to keep children safe.



This week is 'T'

Talk about things that upset you.

Explain the differences between 'good' and 'bad' secrets.

Phrases like "it's our little secret" are an abuser's way of making a child feel worried, or scared to tell someone what is happening to them.

- Good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people.
- Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or frightened.

Your child needs to feel able to speak up about secrets that worry them and confident that saying something won't get them into trouble.

Online Safety: Weekly Tip!

"There are no set guidelines for how much screen time is appropriate for children, but there needs to be a balance. Don't be afraid to have rules, like 'no tablets at the dinner table'. For younger children, use tech to help; the Forest app lets you grow a beautiful forest the longer you leave your device alone. And lead by example—make time to be a gadget-free family."

Carolyn Bunting, CEO, Internet Matters, an independent, not-for-profit e-safety organisation.



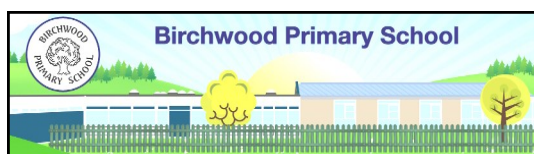
ChatHealth Parent line

Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service and Warwickshire Young People Substance Misuse Service has launched a new way for parents and carers of school aged children to get confidential advice and support about child health related issues. ChatHealth is an award-winning school nurse messaging service and is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. There will be automatic bounce-back responses to incoming messages out of hours. Answering the text message will be a nurse who can assist with any queries about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and wellbeing issues. The text number is **07520 619376**.

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.

Many thanks

Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service



Birchwood Primary School Website

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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

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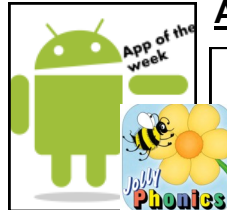
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App of the week

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