

Letters home this week: Reception- Chinese Activity Morning, Yr2 - Pirate Day

## What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Keyboard and Violin-Lessons 3.05 Embody Dance Y1-6 3.10 After School Library	Drum and Guitar Lessons 3.05 Bake Off Club Y5-6 3.05 Aston Villa Club Y1-3	3.05 Circus Skills Club Y3-4	Clarinet Lessons 3.10 After School Library	Cello Lessons Swimming Lessons- Maple 3 3.05 Top Score Club Y4-6 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 : Please remember to label uniform with your child's name.**

## Digital Leaders in London for BETT 2020

At Birchwood we aim to provide our children with 'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences'. On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January four of our Digital Leaders enjoyed an exciting trip down to London to visit the BETT Show at the Excel Centre. BETT brings together leading educational companies to celebrate, find inspiration and discuss the future of education, as well as the role technology and innovation plays in enabling all educators and learners to thrive.

Our Digital Leaders met up with four Digital Leaders from our Partner School, Lanchester EP Primary, County Durham, for an action packed weekend. The eight children and staff all got on brilliantly and we are looking forward to continuing to work closely with them in the future on other projects.

The purpose of our visit was to meet up with technology companies leading change in Education. Mr Bailey, our external I.T advisor, had set up lots of meetings and trials with various companies. Over the two days at BETT our digital leaders took part in a full 'now>press>play' interactive experience, were interviewed about their role as Digital Leaders by 'BETT Radio', were invited to take part in a live demonstration of 'Learning By Questions' and were invited to try out the very latest in touch screen technology and virtual reality. The highlight of the visit was the presentation that our children delivered on a '10 year olds guide to online safety'. This was presented fantastically by our 4 children on the 'Net Support' stand. After the presentation two Headteachers spoke to me about how brilliant our children were and told me that they would be showing our video to the children back in their own school.

During the two days at BETT, we also got to meet Darcey Bussell, who is widely acclaimed as one of the great British ballerinas and who, up until recently, was a judge on 'Strictly Come Dancing'. Darcey was very friendly. She joined in with a dance experience and was happy to have photographs and talk to our staff and children. We also got to meet Michael Rosen, a children's novelist and poet and author of 140 books. Michael wrote messages and signed our children's books and posed for photographs. To see more photographs from our trip, please go to the centre pages of our newsletter.

We also made the most of our visit down to London in-between visiting the BETT show. Our Digital Leaders enjoyed fine dining and 'monkeying around' in the Rainforest Café, had a wonderful time in the West End watching 'The Lion King' at the theatre and enjoyed a Sunday morning of sightseeing, which included a trip down the Thames.

The children from both schools were brilliantly behaved and were a real credit to us. Due to their positivity, smiles and manners, they also managed to bag themselves lots of freebies along the way. We hope that we have many more shared experiences with Lanchester EP and look forward to visiting the BETT Show with them again next year.

**Mr Coleman - Headteacher**



## BETT BALLERINA - DARCEY BUSSELL!

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

## Spotlight on Excellence this week is ...



### Our Exciting Curriculum

At Birchwood we value having designed a curriculum which provides our children with a broad range of knowledge and skills in many subjects. Not only do we do this through the engaging lessons children receive in school, but also the variety of trips, visits, extra activities and home learning that children engage with.

Just over the last few weeks in school, we have had trips to Tamworth Castle, The Black Country Museum, The Polesworth School to watch The Addams Family and to sing in Young Voices at the NEC. We have welcomed visitors to teach children about life in the Stone Age, and Mr Rosten from The Polesworth School not to mention the clubs running after school in activities as wide ranging as football, Musical Theatre and Circus Skills. Our Base Skills academy on a Friday afternoon has clubs from Dodgeball to Lego via Yoga and Mindful Colouring and Orienteering. Children are certainly never short of a new opportunity to revisit and extend their knowledge and skills at school.

We have also had the latest of our class assemblies this week, where year 4 taught us about the oceans of the world, the underwater habitats and the importance of reducing our plastic use to help the marine environment. Well done to all involved, they were fantastic to see and another opportunity for children to show their learning.

**Mrs Day—Associate Headteacher**

# Permanent Vacancy

**Midday 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. We would also be interested in applications for this role in a cover capacity.

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 14th February.** Interviews will be held on week commencing 24th February

## Holidays in Term Time

Government legislation has tightened up very significantly in this area and it is now highly unlikely that holidays will be approved in term times. Apart from the fact that Government legislation is very strong in this area the school also does not support parents taking children out for holidays and missing vital lessons.

## Academic Year 2018-2019

### Academic Year 2019/2020 Spring Term 2020

<b>Rec Chinese Activities</b>	<b>Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February</b>
<b>Y2 Pirate Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 12th Feb</b>
Grandparent's Lunch	Friday 14th February
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 17th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 24th February
Children Return to School	Tuesday 25th February
<b>Late Parents Evening</b>	<b>Wednesday 4th March</b>
<b>Early Parents Evening</b>	<b>Thursday 5th March</b>
<b>Y6 &amp; R Heights and Weights</b>	<b>Monday 9th March</b>
<b>Rec Vision Screening</b>	<b>Wednesday 18th March</b>
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 3rd April

### Summer Term 2020

May Bank Holiday	Friday 8th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th May
Children return to School	Monday 1st June
Manor Adventure	Friday 5th June – Monday 8th June
Professional Development Day	Friday 19th June
Warwickshire Moving Up Day	Wednesday 8th July
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 17th July
Children return to school	Wednesday 2nd Sept

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. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

## Warwickshire Primary Mental Health Team North

### Warwickshire District – 2019/2020

**The next Parent Information session will be:-**

Understanding and supporting healthy Emotional Development in children aged 3-11 years

You will learn about healthy emotional development in childhood and understand what healthy emotional development looks like at different ages. You will learn about the challenges children and parents face at different ages and what can you do to help. You will learn practical strategies and techniques that may be helpful to support your child's emotional development and you will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.

This will be held on 10th February 2020, The Ratcliffe Centre, Ratcliffe Road, Atherstone, CV9 1LF.

**PLEASE NOTE, these sessions are for parents/carers ONLY & booking is ESSENTIAL.**

**Please do NOT bring children to these sessions**

Please email

[risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

or call 07917 504682



**Autism Drop In Session** -Taking the mystery out of an autism diagnosis. What does it really mean and what are the benefits and drawbacks of this diagnosis?



**When:** Monday 3rd February 2020  
**Time :** 18.15–20.15

**Where:** Wellbeing Centre  
Newtown Chambers  
Corporation Street  
Nuneaton CV11 5AG



CHILDREN  
& FAMILY  
SUPPORT



CHILDREN  
& FAMILY  
CENTRE

## Drop in for support and advice

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

**When:**

**Wednesday 8th January 2020**

**Wednesday 22nd January 2020**

**Wednesday 5th February 2020**

**From:** 1.30pm – 3.30pm

**At:** Buds Building Birchwood  
Primary School, Birchwood  
Avenue, Dordon B78 1QU

**For all families in North Warwickshire**



The Early Help and Targeted Support Team



# Digital Leaders Visit to BETT 2020





### Dordon Community Café

Dordon Community Café is a new venture, primarily for Dordon residents. The café is run by volunteers and is supported by the Borough Council and the Dordon Activities Group.

The cafe serves free nutritious meals for everyone, but donations are gratefully accepted. The café is at the Dordon Village Hall one Friday per month as follows:

- ☺ Friday 7th February
- ☺ Friday 6th March
- ☺ Friday 3rd April
- ☺ Friday 1st May

More dates will be added later and it is hoped they will be more frequent.



### TBPS News

We have decided it is time for a change and we are not running the usual Mother's Day shop this year.

Instead we have two new, exciting fundraisers planned. This week your children have designed coasters which can be ordered to come as a Mother's Day card or a stand alone coaster. **The deadline for orders is**

**Friday 14th February.** Look out for details, coming soon, about our Family Cream Tea.



**Our registered charity 2020  
ZELLWEGER UK.  
Amount raised so far: £862.51**

<https://www.jobcentrejobs.co.uk/>



## CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

### FUN CHILDREN'S 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

Cameodance.co.uk cameodance@rocketmail.com

Facebook Charlotte Kate Cameo

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.



### **Our 'Quieter Hour' takes place every Saturday in all stores from 9-10am**

This new initiative has been created with the support of the National Autistic Society. Many people who are autistic or those with autistic children can find

shopping in a supermarket an anxious experience. Having carried out a trial earlier in the year in our Lincoln, Woking and Gainsborough stores, we identified improvements that could be made as well as the best time for the 'Quieter Hour' to take place

During 'Quieter Hours', our stores will:

- Dim the lights
- Turn music and radio off
- Avoid making tannoy announcements
- Reduce movement of trolleys and baskets
- Turn checkout beeps and other electrical noises down
- Place a poster outside to tell customers it is Quieter Hour



#### **10 Minutes a Day Times Table**

Practise for 10 minutes a day and become a Maths Star!



**BASED AT  
THE DORDON CLUB  
LONG ST.  
B78 1PZ**

### **DANCE & FITNESS CLASSES**

**BALLET / TAP / MODERN /**

**COMMERCIAL JAZZ /**

**NATIONAL FOLK /**

**FLEXIBILITY /**

**ZUMBA / PILATES /**

**LBT / DANCE FIT /**

**PERFORMING ARTS**

**+ GROUP & INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL TRAINING**

**07880 714532**

**www.TJHDANCEANDFITNESS.CO.UK**

**Information leaflets and adverts sent or published by Birchwood Primary School**

Birchwood Primary does not endorse any of the services, or products advertised and does not give any representation or warranty about any of the organisations. Birchwood Primary School is not an agent for any of these organisations and any enquiry concerning their services and/or products should be referred directly to them.