

Letters home this week: ALL - Change Makers

What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05 Embody Dance Y1-6 3.10 After School Library Keyboard and Violin- Lessons	3.05 Bake Off Club Y5-6 3.05 Aston Villa Club Y1-3 Drum and Guitar Lessons	3.05 Circus Skills Club Y3-4	3.10 After School Library Clarinet Lessons	3.05 Top Score Club Y4-6 3.05 Musical Theatre Y2-6 Swimming Lessons- Maple 3 Cello Lessons

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

REMINDER : Please return your completed yellow data sheets to school, if you have not already done so.

Feedback to Learning at Birchwood

At Birchwood we believe improving and developing children's learning is a two-way process. Feedback, whether verbal or written, is a vital part of the learning and assessment process. It is important that progress and achievement are recognised and constructive comments are made to help children improve.

Feedback should provide constructive advice to every child, focusing on success and improvement needs against learning intentions; enabling children to become reflective learners and helping them to close the gap between current and desired performance. Feedback is an essential tool in the assessment of children's learning.

We ask our teaching staff to exercise their professional judgment in matching the type of feedback given against the task set, the age of the learners and the impact of the task on future learning. Our aim is to ensure that children are provided with timely and purposeful feedback that furthers their learning, and that teachers are able to gather feedback and assessments that enable them to adjust their teaching both within and across a sequence of lessons.

Our principles of effective feedback are:

- Feedback and marking should further children's learning.
- It should celebrate the successes achieved by the child.
- Give recognition and appropriate praise for achievement.
- Is incidental to the process; additional evidence for external verification is not provided.
- Written comments should only be used where they are accessible to pupils according to age and ability.
- Children should receive feedback either within the lesson itself or in the next appropriate lesson. The 'next step' is usually the next lesson.
- Feedback should empower children to take responsibility for improving their own work to provide an appropriate level of challenge to pupils in lessons, allowing them to make good progress.

Whenever possible, verbal and written feedback should involve the child directly. For younger children and those with SEN issues, the more important it is that the feedback is oral and immediate. The comments made, either verbally or recorded, will relate to the learning intention of the lesson. Our children are encouraged to review their learning against the success criteria before it is handed to the teacher. There will be time built into lessons for children to reflect on any written feedback and respond to it.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



Reflecting On Learning

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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is ...

Young Voices

This Thursday saw our much anticipated Young Voices concert at the Genting Arena with over 50 of our pupils getting the opportunity to show off their singing skills as part of a choir of over 6000 children. After rehearsing their vocal performance and dance moves in school since September, it was a fantastic opportunity, including the opportunity to rehearse and perform with a live band. As any of the children who have been to this event will tell you, there is nothing like the moment the lights go down and they realise they are finally 'on stage'.

The atmosphere is incredible and the musical skills the children learn as part of the process both leading up to and during the concert are vast. For example, this year we have learnt to sing in 2 and 3 part harmony as well as in unison. This year saw the return of Tony Hadley as a guest singer, and he was joined by The Shires who were equally superb.

Thank you to all the children for their hard work and to all those parents and staff who kindly volunteered to help on the day. It was another wonderful event. Look out for photos of the event in next weeks newsletter!

Mrs Day
Associate Headteacher

Myths and Legends ...

'The school won't let me take my child on holiday in term time!'

Wrong! In actual fact the law will not let you, and the school has no option but to follow the law or it can also get in trouble. The Department for Education say:

*'The current law **does not** give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must be in exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave.'*

Parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school; indeed **parents at our school have already received large fines for doing so.**

- It is important that children attend school regularly if they are to benefit from the learning opportunities provided.
- Children who are absent from school due to a holiday in term time will miss out on important learning.
- The time teachers have to help all the children in a class is reduced if they spend time helping a child to catch up after a holiday.
- Educational experiences in school missed as a result of a family holiday cannot be re-captured later.
- If your child does not attend school regularly, he/she will not be able to keep up with the work. This will have a serious impact on opportunities later in life.

We find it very embarrassing being put in the position of refusing holiday absences when these are requested, especially when we regularly remind parents that holidays should **NOT** be taken during the term time.

Change Makers

On Monday 27th January 2020, Birchwood is hosting an interactive nutritional workshop for parents run through Change Makers. This will be held in the Lower School hall and run from 8.50 a.m. to 10.20 a.m. There will be lots of useful tips and information available.

All parents are invited. Please return the slip from the letter sent home this week if you will be attending.

We look forward to welcoming you to Birchwood.



TBPS NEWS

Now that we are all back into the swing of school routine following the Christmas break, Team Birchwood are getting together for a meeting to discuss our upcoming events on Wednesday 22nd January at 6pm in the Conference Room at school. We would love you to join us, so please come along if you can. It would be great to hear some new ideas!

If you can not make the meeting but you would like to get involved, please contact us at tbps2619@welearn365.com.

Watch this space for details on our exciting new Mothers Day and Fathers Day events.



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

ROADWORKS

We would just like to inform parents of some information we have received about roadworks that are going to be carried out on the M42.



Works will be taking place between Junction 10 and Junction 11 from Monday 13th January until Friday 24th January, Monday to Friday 9pm - 5am. This is subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

A single diversion route has been agreed with North Warwickshire Borough Council, North bound and South bound but emergency vehicles will have access through the work.

If you have any questions please call 0300 123 5000 or email info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You can also visit highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/ or write to Highways England, National Traffic operations centre, 3 Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park, Birmingham, B32 1AF.

Birchwood Primary School Website



Want to know what is 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

Year 1 visit Tamworth Castle



Year 1 took a trip back to the Norman times as we visited Tamworth Castle. We toured the castle grounds and got to see inside Lady Ferris' chamber.



We braved the heights of the tower tops and escaped the gloomy dungeons. We helped the servants prepare the table for the Lady and Lord's luncheon and dressed in period costume (as the Lord and Lady were not impressed with our appearance!) Finally, we were taught by the knights on how to dress in armour, how weapons were used and shown how to take part in a drill. Working in the castle was hard work!

Year 3 Stone Age Day

Year 3 began their fun filled day by learning about excavation. They excavated some exciting artefacts and created their own museums to teach each other about what they had found. They then learnt about how archaeologists work. To do this, they recreated broken pots and made stories based on artefacts that they were given.

During the afternoon, they learnt about life in the Stone Age and Bronze Age. They created their own Stone Age string, made Bronze Age jewellery, had a go at weaving 'animal skin' and ground some barley to make flour. They also created their very own piece of Neolithic pottery.



Academic Year 2018-2019

Academic Year 2019/2020 Spring Term 2020

Y6 Addams Family Show	Monday 20th January
Y5 Black Country Museum	Thursday 30th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 17th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 24th February
Children Return to School	Tuesday 25th February
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.

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.



Busy Things

Another great problem solver app for younger children from busy things.



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CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

FUN CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES HELD IN POLESWORTH

Little Dancers from age 2 1/2

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

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Our registered charity 2020
ZELLWEGER UK.
Amount raised so far: £812.67



GROUP DAYS

Leicester Tigers School Offer

Leicester Tigers are offering you special prices to experience the thrill of a live Gallagher Premiership match at Welford Road!

Leicester Tigers v Wasps
Saturday, February 15, 3.00pm kick-off.

Our special offer prices for this match:

Standing: Adults £15, U18's £6

Seated*: Adults from £20, U18's from £8

Share this with your friends and family for a fun day out!

There will be a variety of FREE activities to join in with before kick-off, so head down early to enjoy what's on offer, including free access to our VIP Junior Tigers Club.

Your Discount Code:

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To purchase tickets use the above code at the checkout, or call the ticket office on **0116 319 8888** (option 2) quoting the offer code.

Please note, if you are booking as a group, in order to sit together you will need to book in one transaction.

* Only available in Cat 4 and 5

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