

Letters home this week: Team Birchwood End of Year Disco

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05 pm Embody Dance Club Y1-6	3.05pm Multi Skills Club Y1-3 Drum Lessons	3.05pm Football Club Y1-3	3.05pm Athletics Club Y 3-6 Guitar, Woodwind, Violin and Keyboard Lessons	Y 5 Cello 3.05pm 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: Do not forget to look on twitter for lots of updates throughout the school day.

Our Arrangement for Next Year

Last week we sent out letters to parents informing them which class their children will be taught in, in September. The children were all very excited to find out who would be teaching them next year.

Preparing children properly for a new school year starts months ahead and is always very important. We take a great deal of trouble to get it right. Looking ahead and preparing well every year ensures our children come back in September excited about what is ahead of them, rather than being frightened by the unknown.

As part of our planned induction we organise an exciting 'moving up day'. On our moving up day the children are registered by their current class teacher and then move to their 'new class'. During the day we spend some time on agreeing a set of positive class rules based around 'consideration'. We also give the children an opportunity to complete some writing about themselves and complete a short maths activity. When the children come back in September we make sure they are greeted by the work they complete which is displayed in their new classroom.

At Birchwood we also spend a great deal of time ensuring that key transition information about each class and pupil is shared with next year's Teacher and Teaching Assistant. We ensure that the wealth of knowledge and information built up over the course of this year and previous years is passed on. This ensures that we can maximise learning potential and opportunities from day one, catering for all individual needs.

As well as our pupils, our school staff are also looking forward to next year. At the end of every school year there are always mixed emotions. Teachers and Teaching Assistants get very attached to their class and pupils. They spend a great deal of time and energy planning, preparing and delivering exciting learning opportunities. Over the course of the year they share a lot of experiences together and get to know each other very closely. Staff are often sad at the thought of not teaching or seeing their old class on a daily basis, but at the same time excited at the prospect of working with and getting to know another set of fantastic Birchwood pupils.

In September we will be losing a fantastic cohort of children as they take their next step in their learning journey to The Polesworth School, but hopefully they will all come back to see us and keep us updated on how they are getting on. At the same time we will be welcoming a brand new cohort of children who will be starting off their learning journey in Reception with Mrs Willis and her Early Years team.

September sees a lot of change, but one thing that will not change is our commitment to ensuring that Birchwood remains at its brilliant best and ensures that all our pupils receive 'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences'.

Neil Coleman
Headteacher



Moving to pastures new!!

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

Parent View

Every week we are inundated with parents passing on their thanks, or sharing some really positive comments and messages about our school and their children's learning. These are always very welcome and are well received by all staff. It is nice to know that you think we are doing such a good job and I am really pleased that we have such loyal and supportive parents.

These comments mean a lot to us and are a great way to share your thanks to our staff for all the hard work and commitment they give to the children at Birchwood. We would love to be able to bottle all of these comments up to share when we receive any internal or external reviews of our school. One way we could capture this positivity is by using Parent View. Parent View enables parents to share their views about their child's school. If you have 5 minutes and would like to share some positive views about our school please follow the link below and the short set of instructions. This link can also be accessed via our school website under 'Parents'.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Register now
Add Email address
Link will be sent
Set password
Click on give your views
Search school
Name: Birchwood Primary
Address: Tamworth
Click on the first school that appears
Answer the 11 short questions



Parent View
Your child's school

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this short review and for your continued support of Birchwood Primary School.

Birchwood Farmer's market 2019

ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO! Birchwood is on countdown to its 2nd annual Farmer's market being held next Friday 5th July 3:05-4pm. Please come and join us for a variety of sweet and savoury treats that are either homemade or home grown.

The School Council would like to use the opportunity for one final fundraising event for their chosen charity the NSPCC. They are asking people to send in homemade cakes on the Friday, that they will then sell on their dedicated stall.

A reminder that the Eco Council are requesting donations of home grown fruit and veg to also be sent in on the Friday to supplement their kitchen garden crops and fund next year's activities.

Year 1 will now be making bear paw cookies and strawberry mice in place of seedy bread.

Entrance will be through the main office if it is sunny or the Key Stage 2 hall doors if it is raining.

If you would be interested in having a stall at the event, either this year or next, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Webb via the school office.

Spotlight on Excellence this week is: **Smooth Transitions**



This week saw children spending time in their new classes and meeting their new teachers for the first time. For most children this is a very exciting time of year, and they are keen to find out all about the year ahead. On Thursday children were busy sharing all about their interests with their teachers through a wide range of activities from creating number sentences to show their ages and how many people in their family, to showing their creativity in making work ready for display in September.

Some children however can find the upcoming change a little daunting. In school we organise a range of extra visits, and activities in addition to moving up day to help with this for many children in school. However, if your child does mention worries about transition then it is helpful to talk with them at home about the things that they might have questions about. Sometimes the smallest things can be the source of the biggest worry, for example not knowing where to put their coat. In reality of course their peg will be labelled when they arrive, but pointing this out will probably help calm their fears. Reminding them of all the things that will still be the same will also be helpful, for example, the friends they will still be with or the playground they will still be going to.

Perhaps the most important thing to reinforce with all children is that while change can sometimes be unsettling for a little while, it is also exciting and that new and interesting challenges are ahead.

Mrs M Day
Associate Headteacher

Myths and Legends....

'It doesn't matter if my child is late for school'

Not what the children would say! They absolutely hate being late. They arrive after all their friends are already sat down in school and enter a classroom of 30 others looking at them. 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. Apart from this 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.

Improve your wellbeing by developing your resilience

Being self-aware and knowing strategies to help ourselves is vital for both adults and children if they are to become effective practitioners in successfully managing their own well-being. It is for this reason, that we not only share these with the children in lessons but also with the wider school community through our newsletters and on-line links. We hope you found last week's article on **confidence** useful and are ready for our third instalment which will focus on **connection**.

Connection: *Developing close ties with family, friends and the community to help develop a sense of security. This helps prevent children seeking alternative destructive paths when reaching out for love and attention.*

Help children connect with others by:

- ☺ Building a sense of emotional safety. Being mindful of the words we choose and our tone of voice is critical when communicating with others. Sarcasm and jokes can often cause emotional harm rather than disperse worries. Phrases such as 'man up' can often make people feel inadequate and do not offer practical suggestions on how to manage a situation.
- ☺ Building a sense of both physical safety. When someone believes they are at risk of harm, such as lack of food, shelter or protection from physical danger, then their brain will not be able to access their higher order thinking skills in order to assess a situation logically or identify solutions. For this reason, sharing concerns over these matters with children without any answers as to solutions may negatively affect their well-being. Giving children precise information when they ask about the set up at a new club or venue can often alleviate worries. If you do have worries of your own about any of these issues, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. We are able to sign post people to support services and can offer a range of support through the school.
- ☺ Allowing children to express their emotions to different people in different circumstances. This helps the child feel more comfortable in reaching out during difficult times. It also provides opportunities to address conflict openly and resolve problems.
- ☺ Fostering healthy relationships helps to reinforce positive messages and values. Children will look to both other children and adults as examples of how to behave and manage a variety of situations. Integrity is quickly lost if a child is given advice by someone who does not follow that advice themselves. Spending time together, communicating and taking part in shared activities helps children build up trust.

Next week we will be looking at two elements of resilience; **Character and Contribution**, and how important developing and being aware of our own set of morals and using these to guide our actions, can benefit both us and others. If you have any questions or would like more information on developing health and wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact us either through class teachers or the main office.

LANCHESTER 2019



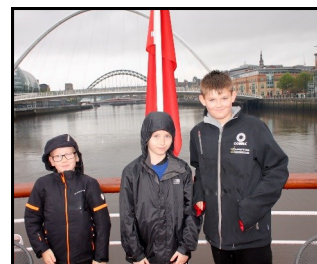
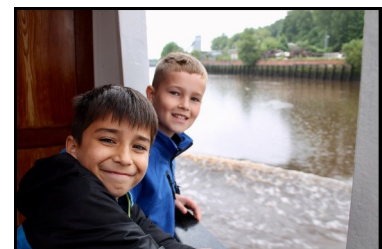
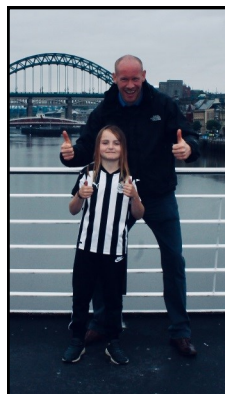
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FUN, GAMES AND PIZZA AT LANCHESTER SCHOOL



RIVER CRUISE



School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a School Crossing Patrol Operative outside of Birchwood School. Times are to be confirmed, but the position will require morning and afternoon cover, at the busiest times of the school day. Usually shifts are around 30 minutes each. The position is for Monday to Friday term time only (38 weeks per year spread across 12 monthly payments.) Pay for this position is £8.61 per hour plus holiday



enhancements. A uniform and full training will be provided.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please contact the School Crossing Patrol Service for more details, on 01926 412661 or email scp@warwickshire.gov.uk. Application

packs can be downloaded at <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolcrossingpatrols> or collected from the school office.



Team Birchwood News

We are pleased to share with you that the raffle for the Slime Workshop raised **£77.60** which means our total is now **£4701.60**.

During Sports day on the 1st July (reserve date of 2nd July), our refreshment stall will be set up, with a selection of snacks available from 20p and drinks priced from 70p. We would please ask that you try and bring change with you!

The next Team Birchwood Meeting is on Wednesday 3rd July at 6pm in the Conference Room. If you would like to get involved please come along.

Now for the final event of the year ... It's time to Disco! Please see the posters on the Team Birchwood Noticeboards in the playgrounds and flyers which have been sent home today.

NSPCC fundraising so far this year is :

£1958.33

Thank you very much for all of your support.

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Academic Year 2018-2019

Summer Term 2019

Sports Day	Monday 1st July
Reserve Sports Day	Tuesday 2nd July
Show and Share Evening	Thursday 11th July
Y6 Leavers Performance	Monday 15th July
Y6 Disco and BBQ	Thursday 18th July
Term ends for Summer (Early)	Friday 19th July

Academic Year 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019

Professional Development Day	Monday 2nd September
Children Return to School	Tuesday 3rd September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 28th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 4th November
Children Return to School	Tuesday 5th November
Term Ends for Christmas (2 weeks)	Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2020

Professional Development Day	Monday 6th January
Children Return to School	Tuesday 7th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 17th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 24th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

Children Return to School	Monday 20th April
May Day	Friday 8th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th May
Professional Development Day	Friday 19th June
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 17th 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 May Day 2020 is on a Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Please note the 1pm early finish on 19th July and 20th December, 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.

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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

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Cameo is a great place to build confidence, develop dance skills, and make good friends whilst working towards our annual show weekend

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