



BIRCHWOOD BUGLE



Assembly Theme: The Power of a Smile

28th May 2021

Emails/Letters home this week: All - Lego House Competition, Holiday Travel Guidance, YR4 - War Horse Film, Teeth Brushing

What's on in school after half term?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Staff Inset Day	R - Aston Villa Y2 - Board Games Y6 - Rounders	Y2 - Top Score Y5 - Rounders/Recorders	R - Storybox/Forest Schools Y1 - Top Score Y2 - Team Games Y4 Now Press Play Y5 - Tennis	Y3 - Top Score Y6 - Ukelele

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

REMINDER : Please can you put your child's name and class on all email correspondence, thank you.

Trips and Visits

To support our aim to provide all our children with 'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences' we have been very busy organising school trips for each year group for next half term. Our whole school curriculum is based on knowing more and remembering more. We like to provide a context to children's learning, and trips and visits help provide practical and hands on experiences that support us in bringing our curriculum to life. No matter how old you are, everyone remembers their school trips!

Over the last 15 months all of our children have missed out on their usual entitlement of a trip or educational visit each term. During this period our Year 6 children have missed out on lots of experiences that Birchwood children always look forward to. Some of these include: our trip up north to spend a few days in County Durham with our partner school – Lanchester EP Primary, an opportunity to visit Packington Farm or attending the Bett Show in London, and most importantly our residential trip to Manor Adventure.

Like all of us, our children have also missed out on many experiences outside of school like day trips, weekends away or family holidays. To try and make up for lost time, our teaching and office staff have been arranging and organising trips for next half term. As you can imagine, visitor centres and attractions have been booking up quickly since restrictions have started to lift and coach firms have also been inundated by a huge increase in demand. But due to having brilliant, proactive and determined staff, we have managed to arrange a school trip for each of our year groups for next half term.

School trips:

Reception – Broomey Croft Children's Farm, Kingsbury

Year 1 – Ash End House Children's Farm, Tamworth

Year 2 – Conkers Adventure National Forest, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

Year 3 – Botanical Gardens and Glasshouses, Birmingham

Year 4 – Thinktank Science Museum, Birmingham

Year 5 – Drayton Manor Park – Tamworth

Year 6 – Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre, Rugeley

We are all really looking forward to bringing school trips back into our curriculum and can not wait to tell you all about them and share with you some photograph pages of what we get up too. I might even try and squeeze some time into my diary to join the children on one or two of the visits!

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



Summer Trips?

Lets hope coats are not needed!

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

Spotlight this week is on...

Road Safety

As a school which is situated on a very busy road, we are always keen to remind children about keeping themselves safe around roads and traffic. Our Junior Road Safety officers in school work alongside staff to give out key messages to children in both class and assembly situations.

It is really important that children of all ages are aware of the dangers of traffic, and are reminded to walk safely on pavements whenever possible. As adults we often take for granted that we are aware of looking out for cars approaching or emerging from drives and side roads, but making it clear to children that we need to keep an eye out around us for any traffic is an important skill.

The key message of how to cross the road safely, by choosing a safe place to cross and following 'Stop, Look and Listen' is especially important in our local area. Parents can all help in this by considering pedestrians and our local neighbours when parking their cars, and making sure that they do not park on any zig zag markings which are there to ensure the safety of all children around the school entrance.

As lockdown restrictions ease, the amount of traffic on the roads is increasing again, so please take this opportunity to share these important road safety messages with your children to keep everyone safe on and around our roads.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher



Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

Half Term (1 week)	Monday 31st May
Professional Development Day	Monday 7th June
Class Photographs	Friday 11th June
Professional Development Day	Friday 18th June
Term Ends for Summer	Wednesday 21st July

Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Professional Development Day	Thursday 2nd Sept
Professional Development Day	Friday 3rd Sept
Children Return to School	Monday 6th September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 1st November
Term Ends for Christmas	Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January '22
Children Return to School	Wednesday 5th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 21st February
Professional Development Day	Monday 28th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 8th April

Summer Term 2022

May Day	Monday 2nd May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 30th May
Professional Development Day	Friday 24th June
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 22nd 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 early finish on 21st July 2021. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

Who's Who this week ...

Miss Lowe

Hello everyone, I am Miss Lowe and this is currently my fifth year of teaching. I have been at Birchwood since my NQT year, teaching in both Year 1 and EYFS. I thoroughly enjoy teaching the children of Birchwood, seeing their enthusiasm for learning grow and having such lovely conversations with them and their families.

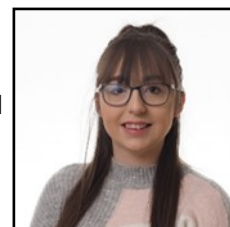
Outside of school I am a bit of a book worm and enjoy reading stories on the sofa with a cup of tea. One of my favourite children's books, which I enjoy sharing with my class is 'The Gruffalo'.

I also enjoy spending time with my family and friends, having bbq's, going on holiday and making lots of memories.

Throughout the year, I also support my partner by attending many motorsport events in which he participates. It is very exciting watching them race around the track and I am even expanding my car knowledge!

I thought I would finish my Who's Who with one of my favourite quotes that I try to stick to at all times...

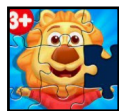
"Promise me you'll remember, you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think" (Winnie the Pooh, A.A. Milne)



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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National Smile Month

National Smile Month is from 17th May until 17th June and is a great time to talk about how we can best look after our teeth. This year, there are 3 key messages to focus on:

- regularly brushing our teeth
- reducing how much sugary food and drink we consume
- regularly visiting the dentist.

Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Service has useful information for parents/carers and can provide any support you may need with your child's oral health. Please visit <http://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/National-smile-month-parent-resource.pdf> for useful information and fun activities and resources for children and young people.



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