

**Reminders:** All uniform and kit should be clearly named. This helps us to get lost property back to children quickly.

### What's on in school next week...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Violin & Keyboard Lessons 3.05 pm Embody Dance Playtastic Orchestra	Drum & Guitar Lessons 3.05 pm Aston Villa Multi Skills Y1-3	Woodwind Lessons 3.05 pm Elite Football Y1-3	3.05 pm Top Score Football Club Y4-6	Cello Lessons 3.05 pm Top Score Multi Sports Y 4-6 3.05 pm Musical Theatre

**Letters sent home this week:** 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- Grandparents Lunch, TPS Movie Night, Y2 Infant Agility, Y3-6 Pantomime, Y6—Manor Adventure

## School Attendance

I am very proud of the excellent attendance record our pupils at Birchwood have. Our pupils love coming to school to learn and I often hear of children who hate having to miss a day through illness. Many of our children come to school even if they are not feeling 100%. As a result we have made a really good start to this academic year and our average attendance across school is 98%. This is fantastic!

This sounds obvious but children are far more likely to succeed when they attend school consistently. It is not just about the learning that is missed when children are absent from school. We also know that children find it very difficult to engage in lessons when they immediately return back to school. It is a bit like missing an episode of a T.V programme in the middle of a series. Nowadays we get the chance to watch on 'catch up' so we don't miss anything and we know what is going on in the next episode. For children who miss a day in school, it is almost impossible to 'catch up' on the 5 lessons missed before being taught their new learning for the day.

Good attendance at school is vital for children to achieve their full educational potential. Children with excellent attendance records benefit in the following ways:-

*Continuity of learning which makes progress and retention easier*

*Enhanced performance in lessons and examinations*

*Continuity of relationships and friendships with adults and peers*

*Good habits that are formed for later life*

Children by law must attend school and all schools are required to record details of pupils' attendance and absence at school. We do so at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session and within strict time limits. We are also required to report on poor attendance. Our focus is however very much on reward. We encourage children to be on time and attend by giving children lots of praise when they are 'being brave for carrying on' with minor ailments like a cold. We reward 'never lates' and 'good attendance' by giving children certificates on a termly basis, which the children are very proud of. We do however understand that children are sometimes unwell and certainly do not wish children to come into school unwell just to achieve an attendance reward, and for this reason we also include children whose attendance is also very slightly below 100%. We also award our attendance trophy to the class in each celebration hall who have the highest attendance that week. The children are always very pleased to show off their trophy in their classroom.

I am also very proud of all the wonderful staff at Birchwood. Their attendance rates are brilliant and it is very rare for our staff to have a day off school. On many occasions I have had to tell staff that they 'need to go home' when they have been unwell. They know how important consistency is and want the very best for all the children at Birchwood. They all work extremely hard and are very tired by the end of the week. Even when they are not feeling 100% themselves, they still manage to smile when in school.

Thank you all for your continued support.

**Neil Coleman—Headteacher**



## Celebrating 100% Attendance

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

## Parking outside Birchwood and The Polesworth School.



## PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE!

We are asking for your support in ensuring the safety of all our children. It is imperative that children and their families are able to walk on the pavement and are not forced to walk in the road in order to navigate their way around parked cars. Putting our children in danger by inconsiderate parking is not acceptable and is something that needs to be rectified as soon as possible. Both schools are in contact with the local police in order to ensure that our children and families are able to arrive and leave school as safely as possible. We ask that **ALL** parents are extra vigilant and ask that you drive and park responsibly outside of school.

## **Academic Year 2018-2019**

### **Autumn Term 2018**

School Photographs	Thursday 11th October
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 29th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 5th November
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th November
Nasal Flu Immunisations	Friday 9th November
Late Parents Evening	Wednesday 14th November
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 15th November
Year 5 Class Assemblies	Thursday 29th November
TBPS Christmas Fair	Friday 7th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Monday 17th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Tuesday 18th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Wednesday 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
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 18th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 25th February
Children return to school	Tuesday 26th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April

### **Summer Term 2019**

Children return to school	Monday 29th April
May Day	Monday 6th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 27th May
Children return to school	Monday 3rd June
Professional Development Day	Friday 21st June
Term Ends for Summer (Early)	Friday 19th 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 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 Update**

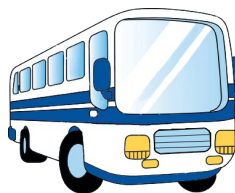
Our next event is our Movie Night, on Thursday 18th October. Flyers will be in book bags today. Please log on to ParentPay by 4 p.m. on Thursday 11th October to pay for the event and make snack choices.

If you are able to help out at Movie Night, please return the slip on the flier or drop us an email at [tbps2619@welearn365.com](mailto:tbps2619@welearn365.com).

All helpers at the event will secure FREE entry for their child at the End of Year Disco!

Our first e-newsletter will be out very soon. If you haven't already returned the form sent out last term and would like to receive regular Team Birchwood updates and reminders, please email us at [tbps2619@welearn365.com](mailto:tbps2619@welearn365.com) with e-newsletter as the subject. We will require your full name and child's class details (please advise of siblings classes) and we will add you to the list.

Thank you Team Birchwood Primary School



## **Transport Costs**

The cost of hiring coaches has risen significantly this year. This will inevitably have a knock on effect with our school trips. School will still continue to subsidise trip costs wherever possible. We would like to assure our parents that school always seeks the best price for our parents pocket and the highest quality coaches for our children's comfort.

### **Warwickshire County Council Consultation**

Warwickshire County Council would like to hear your views on the School Health & Wellbeing Service. We would encourage you to visit the website and complete the survey before the closing date of 12th October 2018.

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/public-health/school-health-and-wellbeing-service/>



## **Birchwood Primary School**



### **Birchwood Primary School Website**

Want to know what's happening in school? Go to [www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com](http://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.

## **Holiday Absence**

### **Parents please note:**

Leave which is taken for the following reasons **will not** be authorised:

- Availability of cheaper holidays
- Availability of desired accommodation
- Poor weather experienced in school holidays
- Overlap with beginning or end of term

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development and for this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible and we all need to play our part.

### **Why attendance matters:**

- ❖ Less than 5 days absence = 98%+ attendance
- ❖ 14 days absence (approx.) = 93.5% attendance
- ❖ 20 days absence (approx.) = 90% attendance
- ❖ More than 30 days absence = 88% attendance





Yesterday Y2 had a wonderful experience when they got to try out zorbing.

After learning how to control the bubbles, their confidence grew and they all had a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

**Rich opportunities  
and memorable  
experiences**



# Zorbing fun in Year 2







The following **IMPORTANT NOTICE** is issued at all of our school events:



At this performance, photographs or recordings:

- **MAY** be taken by relatives for private family use
- **MUST** not be used on any social networking sites
- **MUST** not include any images of a child deemed embarrassing or unsuitable
- **IF** other children are shown in them, **MUST** not be distributed without direct consent of the parent
- **MAY** only be taken if doing so does **NOT** disturb the performance/event

**Please inform us immediately if you DO NOT wish your child to be photographed or recorded by visitors to this event.**

## Keeping our children safe



As promoted by Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board's Taking Care Scheme, please do not teach blanket 'stranger danger' messages to children. The reason for this is that sometimes a stranger is the only person who can help us and is a far safer option than not talking to anyone. e.g. a child lost in a shop is far safer to tell a stranger they are lost than to wander off looking for the person they have separated from. We may choose to discuss the likely 'safest' strangers in such scenarios such as a mother with a pram or small children or someone who works in the shop.

**However, we do need to clarify the stranger issue as plainly there are situations we may want to warn children about for their own safety ...**

- not to get in a car with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who / where / when etc and has given permission.
- not leaving school with someone other than who they were expecting unless their parent/guardian knows who / where / when etc and has given permission and they have checked with a school staff member.
- not to walk off with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who / where / when etc and has given permission.
- If someone tries to grab them it is ok to break all the rules of politeness to others e.g. scream, kick, punch, bite...etc. Whatever they need to do to draw attention to themselves and alert others to the fact they are in danger.

**Please reinforce these safety messages to your children regularly without giving them the idea that ALL strangers are 'bad'.**

## Cameo Dance est. 2003

### 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

**Juniors 6 ½ - 10yrs 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

Friday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

**NEW Juniors 6 ½ - 8yrs 5:15pm - 7:15pm**

(From 6th Feb 2018)

Tuesday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

[www.cameodance.co.uk](http://www.cameodance.co.uk) \* Call 07443421867

Facebook Charlotte Kate Cameo

First Trial Class FREE! Classes include many different dance styles!

## Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2007** and **31/08/2008** are due to start Secondary School in September 2019. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2018.**



Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary and Secondary places at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool). You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047.

## Keeping our parents up to date with 'Social Networking'

### Age-inappropriate content

The Internet provides access to all kinds of content at the click of a mouse - but not all of that content is suitable for children and young people to see. While you may have the appropriate parental controls set up on your computer your child may still be able to access inappropriate material if someone in their social networking circle makes it available to them.



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## App of the week

### Sandbox app

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number

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