

Letters home this week:

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 - Outdoor Collage Art Y2 - Running Club Y3 - Dodgeball Y4 - Embroidery Dance Y5 - Cooking	R - Aston Villa Y3 - Rounders Y6 - Art/Drawing	Y5 - Top Score	R - Forest School Y2 - Retro Playground Games Y3 - Gardening Y4 - Drama Y6 - Top Score	Y4 - 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 : If you have not already done so, please pay for your children's choice menu meal on ParentPay.

Birchwood School Uniform

Our school uniform is an important part of our school's identity. It is extremely important to us, particularly our Birchwood school badge, which demonstrates how proud we are to be part of our school and gives our children a sense of belonging.

Wearing our school uniform teaches children to dress smartly and to take a pride in their appearance. Our uniform is a representation of the standards we set and supports our children and school to give a positive first impression to people whom we go to visit, or who come to visit us.

A school uniform raises children's expectations of themselves and others. When dressed neatly and seriously, children tend to behave better, are more considerate, polite and attentive. Children feel more confident in the way they look and therefore have more confidence in themselves. Uniforms help to improve discipline, self-esteem, and self-respect. They focus attention on learning and away from distractions such as fashion and competition and is a great leveller of children from all backgrounds.

We have taken great care to ensure that our uniform is comfortable, practical, and affordable. Another benefit of our uniform is that it teaches children to dress according to guidelines. This is good practice for later life as many jobs and roles require uniforms or dress codes.

Our school uniform also supports children's health and safety. Our policy and guidelines on appropriate footwear and jewellery are designed to keep children safe and to prevent accidents and injuries.

At Birchwood we ask that all children wear a **sweatshirt or school cardigan with our logo on**. The rest of our school uniform is plain, to try and keep costs down for parents. We ask that children wear black trousers, or skirts and that children come to school in black shoes. Our P.E kit is also simple, a plain white t-shirt and black shorts. A full copy of our school uniform has been included in this week's newsletter, which details clearly all of the expectations.

Can I remind parents that it is our expectation that



YEAR 6 SETTING STANDARDS!

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

continued.....children wear shoes, not trainers, that hairbands are plain blue or black, that jewellery is not permitted (ear rings should be silver or gold studs only) and that short shaven haircuts or unnatural hair dye colours are not permitted.

Children now change only once if they are having PE, Skills academy on a Friday or if they attend a sporting after school club. This cuts down the changing time, allowing more time for activities and learning.

A big thank you to all parents and children who continue to maintain high standards of uniform. You have all been brilliant at getting uniforms ready after school lockdowns. It really does make a difference and it is very noticeable when we are out in the community. It is always nice when people comment about how smart our children look, as well as how well behaved and happy they are.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Birchwood Best Practice

Outdoor Learning

Whenever we get the opportunity at Birchwood, we love to get the children outside. Outdoor learning is great for a child's physical and mental health and becomes a different learning platform from the classroom.



Wherever possible we will conduct PE lessons outside, we have a gardening club and many of our BASE sessions are based outside, including my own sessions which have consisted of outdoor games, survival skills, scavenger hunts and eating s'mores!!

We are fortunate at Birchwood to have a qualified Forest School teacher who can provide a host of skills including safe fire lighting, building bug hotels and dens and observing nature. - Mr Smith

Who's Who this week ...

Hi, my name is Mr Smith and I currently work as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1. Although I only started working at Birchwood in September 2020, I have a long relationship with the school. All four of my children attended Birchwood, the oldest 20 years ago, I was Chair of the PTA for 5 years and for the last 10 years I have been involved with the Year 6 residential trip to Manor Adventure.



Outside of school I am the Beaver Scout Leader at Polesworth Scouts, a position I have held for 10 years. I love this role, it gives me the chance to provide fantastic opportunities for young people such as camping, archery (I am an archery instructor for the Scout Association), kayaking and life skills.

ATTENDANCE

Myths and Legends.....

'Missing an afternoon for a dentist appointment doesn't matter, they will catch up'

Missing school does matter.



Children follow a precise programme of work and if they miss school it is difficult to reteach two hours of work missed. We understand that it is really difficult to make appointments outside of school but doing so makes a big difference for children.

National Smile Month

National Smile Month is from 17th May until 17th June.

Look out for more information on looking after our teeth and where to go for advice in next week's newsletter.



Spotlight this week is ...

on Looking After Our School



This week in our assemblies we have been thinking about how we work together to look after our school. Our one school rule of 'Consideration and Respect' helps us all to do this, because we show this not just for the people around us but for the environment we are in as well.

We have a number of children in school who have been elected by their classmates to our Eco Council and School council who help with sharing ideas and projects across school, to improve, and keep school, a place children love to learn. However, we all play our part in helping, whether that is by picking up our litter and putting it in the bin or making sure we are careful with the resources we use. By working together we can all ensure that our school is a great place to be everyday.

Mrs Day- Associate Headteacher

Permanent Vacancy

Lunchtime Supervisor, Scale band B

6.25 hours per week - (1hr 15 mins per day)

Monday to Friday - term time only (39 weeks plus staff training days)

Actual salary £2603.87 per annum

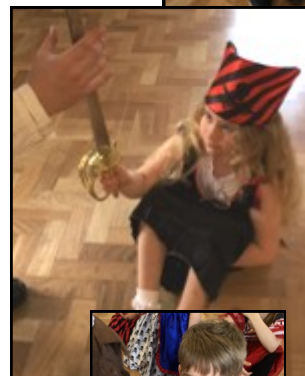
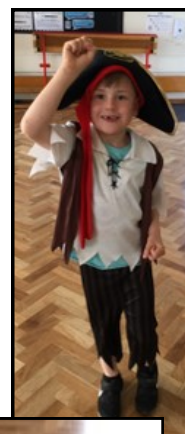
Birchwood is a very popular successful school. We are looking for a permanent member of staff to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed team working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

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 28th May 2021** and interviews will take place w/c 07/06/2021.

Birchwood Primary School is a proud member of The Community Academies Trust and we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to enhanced DBS disclosure.

YEAR 2 PIRATE DAY

On Wednesday Year 2 spent a swashbuckling day in the life of a pirate. They were joined by Richard from 'The History Squad' who taught them lots about pirates. To start with he taught them special pirate vocabulary such as 'stern', 'bow', 'port' and 'starboard'. When given orders by the Captain, they had to run to the correct place on the ship. He then showed them some artefacts. They were able to hold pieces of eight, canon balls, a cutlass and even had a go at firing a real pistol (don't worry it wasn't loaded!) Can you believe we played games that pirates would have played on their ships? It was a very fun day and the children learnt lots. Year 2 would like to say a big thank you to 'The History Squad'.



What should children wear in school?

Girls:

- Black (charcoal/grey is NOT permitted) 'school type' trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt (logo not required)
- Birchwood sweatshirt or V-necked cardigan with school logo
- Black school shoes (flat sole/low heels)
- Black/White socks/tights
- Blue check only dresses (Optional Summer term only)
- Plain blue/black hair band if required.

Boys:

- Black (charcoal/grey is NOT permitted) 'school type' trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt (logo not required)
- Birchwood sweatshirt with school logo
- Black school shoes (flat sole/low heels)
- Black/White socks

NB: Summer fashion shoes e.g. 'jelly beans', flip flops, open toed sandals, canvas shoes etc are **not permitted**.



PE

- Black shorts
- Black/white socks
- Plain white round neck T-Shirt
- Plain trainers for outside PE (reception classes summer term only)
- Name 'pump bag'
- Track suit in cold weather (limited logos, black/blue) except reception classes.

EVERY item of uniform MUST be marked with the child's full name

Swimming

- Girls - Plain one piece swimming costume.
- Boys - Plain swim-trunks.
- Towel.
- Swimming hats for long hair.



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 September
Professional Development Day	Friday 3rd September
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 Developments 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.

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Parking

Bearing in mind our one school rule of 'Consideration and Respect' please may we remind parents/carers to park courteously on the roads surrounding school. Thank you.



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

Our registered charity 2020/21

ZELLWEGER UK. Amount raised so far: £1750.14



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



Sandbox

Colour by numbers. Teach your children number recognition and work on fine motor skills.



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.

UNIFORM SHOP

We will no longer be holding a uniform shop for orders to be collected. Over the last year we have sent uniform orders home with the children and this process has worked well. So if you place a uniform order, the order will be processed within 3 working days and sent home with your child. If you have any questions regarding this please contact the school office staff.

Thank you.



CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

FUN CHILDRENS DANCE CLASSES HELD IN POLESWORTH

Little Dancers from age 2 ½, Tuesdays & Fridays

4:30 – 5:30pm The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Juniors from age 7, 5:30 – 7:30pm

The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Tuesdays & Fridays 5:30 – 7:30

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, with no pressure

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