

Letters home this week:

## What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

A copy of the Birchwood Bugle will be shared on the front page of our school website every Friday.

**REMINDER : Please order your uniform as normal on the school website. Thank you.**

## Full opening of schools

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 the government issued their latest guidance for full school opening. From September the government's plan is that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the Autumn term.

The latest guidance on full opening states 'Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development. This impact can affect both current levels of learning and children's future ability to learn, and therefore we need to ensure all pupils can return to school sooner rather than later. The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school. We know that school is a vital point of contact for public health and safeguarding services that are critical to the wellbeing of children and families. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the Autumn term.'

Over the course of next week, we will be putting a plan together to ensure that we are able to welcome back all pupils into school for the start of the new school year. Our plan, when implemented in line with a revised risk assessment, will ensure measures create an inherently safer environment for children and staff where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced.

We will continue to communicate regularly with all parents regarding our plan for full opening. It will be essential that all pupils return in September to be able to support children to catch up on any missed education, to support their progress and to promote their wellbeing and wider development.

We have already successfully implemented measures to ensure a safe and enjoyable return to school for the majority of our children, before the Summer break. The lifting of some of the current restrictions will enable us to welcome back all children on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. With the continued help and support of all staff, parents and children, I know that we will very soon have back a full and vibrant Birchwood School.

**N. Coleman**

**Headteacher**



## Fun Final Friday for Year2!

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

## Spotlight on Excellence this week is ...

### Transitions for All

Last week we published on the class pages of our school website the classes that all children will be moving to in September. For most children this is a very exciting time of year, and they are keen to find out all about who they will be working with, and looking forward to getting back to spending time with their friends.

Some children however can find the upcoming change a little daunting, especially at the moment. 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 be with.

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.

The Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service has produced a 20 minute long pre-recorded webinar for parents and carers, 'The New Normal: Preparing your child for a return to school' If you think this would be useful to you please call the Educational Psychology Telephone Line on: 01926 742 921 to receive a link to this.

**Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher**

## Who's Who this week ...

### Mrs Haskell

Hi my name is Debra Haskell, I joined Birchwood School in September 2005 having previously worked at Nethersole School as a midday supervisor for 6 years.

I have two grown up children and four grandchildren, three of whom are at Birchwood and one at Birchwood Pre-school.

When I'm not working in school I love to cook, read and tend my garden.

I also keep the school well supplied with classroom resources.

I am Team Leader of a fantastic team of Midday Supervisors who strive to make lunchtimes count for the children and to keep them safe.

I feel very privileged to work at Birchwood School with such a wonderful and dedicated staff.



## Birchwood Best Practice

### BASE Skills

Hi, over the past two years I have volunteered for the Base Skills on a Friday afternoon, this is one of my favourite parts of the week.

I have a small group of 8 different children every half term for Craft. In those weeks we try out many various forms of craft work from making clay cups and saucers, which is the children's favourite task, to making Kites, Easter baskets, cards, painted stones in bright colours for the garden and so much more.

It is lovely to see the children come into my group on Friday afternoons, they are so enthusiastic about what they are going to be making. We chat about the school day and what they might be doing over that weekend. I go home happy to see how happy they all are.

Mrs Haskell.



## Help to Protect Against Serious Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

During Covid-19 local GPs have reported a drop in the uptake of pregnancy, infant and pre-school booster vaccinations in Warwickshire.

Attending routine vaccination appointments is important, as it helps to stop an outbreak of serious vaccine-preventable diseases such as Measles, Meningitis and whooping cough.

If you are pregnant or have young children, it is important that you continue to attend your scheduled vaccination appointments on time. If you cancelled these appointments during lockdown, please rebook now.



Your GP surgery will have all the necessary precautions in place to keep you and your child safe from COVID-19. If you have any questions about the steps they have put in place, why not talk to the receptionist to help ease your concerns.

Attending your routine vaccination appointments not only protects you and your children from very serious illnesses, but also protects more vulnerable people who would be at very great risk if they were to contract these diseases.

If you are unsure about the schedule and when vaccinations are due, check your child's Red Book or visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

For more information call your GP or text:

Warwickshire health visitors on CHAT **Health: 07520 615293** anytime (responses Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm).

Warwickshire school nursing on **03300 245 204** or text Parentline on **07520 619 376**.

## Keeping Parents and Children Safe Online Updates



Here at Birchwood, we aim to ensure that the online world is a safe world for our parents, children, staff and community.

The Department for Education have updated their guidance for keeping parents and children safe online, with additional information on apps, 'Own It'

and 'SafeToNet'. The BBC website app, 'Own It' contains content for children to help them navigate their online lives.

'SafeToNet' is an app for parents to help you safeguard your children from online risks, such as cyberbullying. The SafeToNet Foundation is providing UK families with free access to 1 million licences during coronavirus.

The full updates are available on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

In partnership with Dordon Community Spirit and Dordon Community Cafe

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**Food Cupboard Supplies: Pay what you can afford.**

Any queries contact Julie on 07702031960.

Items available will vary and at present are non-perishable items only. This is subject to change.



## Free Maths eBooks to Support Home School Learning

The 'Times Table & Rhyme' series is full of catchy, amusing rhymes to help make learning your times tables.....EASY & ENJOYABLE! Tried and tested in schools. Recommended by teachers and parents. Hours of FUN and LEARNING!

There are currently 3 titles in the series: (Available as paperbacks too)

**Fabulous Football Times Tables** - Rhymes about the best Premier League sides and all the star players - including the England international teams.

**Trips and Treats** - Themes particularly suitable for KS1 (trips to the Zoo, the beach, school disco, baking a cake, snow, sweets, Bonfire night etc.)

**Terrifying Times Tables** - Themes include an alien invasion, a haunted house, a 'Deadly-Dentist' and sky-diving out a plane!

The books are an ideal resource to help children learn their times tables in a relaxed way. Each rhyme (linked to a particular times table) tells a story and this will help your child to internalise and memorise the number pattern more quickly and in doing so will help them to develop faster recall of their multiplication (and division) facts. The books contain fun challenges throughout where pupils can test their progress. These will help to improve greater accuracy and speed of recall of their multiplication facts and develop greater confidence in their maths.

**'Times Table & Rhyme' FREE Maths eBook LAUNCH starts 8 p.m. On...**

**Fabulous Football Times Tables:** Saturday July 4th - Wednesday 8th July.

**Trips and Treats:** Saturday July 11th - Wednesday 15th July.

**Terrifying Times Tables:** Saturday July 11th - Wednesday 15th July.

All the books are free to download from [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) during these dates. (Kindle app is free to download, for use with iPad/laptop/PC)



## WELCOME BACK YEAR 2!

Last week it was lovely to welcome back many of our year 2 children. They had a great week in class seeing their friends and their teachers. On their final afternoon they had a sing song with Mr Bright on his guitar, out in the sunshine. It was lovely to hear them enjoying themselves and even Mr Coleman joined in.



## Academic Year 2019-2020

Term Ends for Summer

Friday 17th July

## Academic Year 2020-2021

**(If term time back to normal)**

### Autumn Term 2020

Professional Development Day	Tuesday 1st Sept
Children Return to School	Wednesday 2nd Sept
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 26th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 2nd November
Children Return to School	Tuesday 3rd November
Term Ends for Christmas	Friday 18th December

### Spring Term 2021

Professional Development Day	Monday 4th January
Children Return to School	Tuesday 5th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 15th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 22nd February
Children return to school	Tuesday 23rd February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Thursday 1st April

### Summer Term 2021

Children Return to School	Monday 19th April
May Day	Monday 3rd May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 31st May
Professional Development Day	Monday 7th June
Children return to school	Tuesday 8th June
Professional Development Day	Friday 18th June
Term Ends for Summer	Wednesday 21st 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 1pm early finish on 17th July and 18th December. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

Children will return to school on Thursday 2nd September 2021

## National Child Measurement Programme – Parent/Carer Workshops

Earlier in the academic year, Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service wrote to you inviting your child, in Year 6 or Reception class, to take part in the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). I am pleased to report that the majority of children expected to be included in the NCMP were able to be measured before the Coronavirus outbreak. Many families have been offered support from Change Makers, our healthy lifestyles team.

As the pandemic has placed new and varied demands on our service, we have had to rethink our approach to supporting families and will now be hosting Change Maker sessions virtually via Zoom. These will be covering a number of healthy lifestyle topics.

Please click [www.compass-uk.org/make-a-change/](http://www.compass-uk.org/make-a-change/) for further information and to book onto a session.

If you have any questions, please contact our team via:

**Email:** [warwickshireschoolhealth@compass-uk.org](mailto:warwickshireschoolhealth@compass-uk.org)

**Phone:** 03300 245 204

**Parentline text service:** 07520 619 376

[www.compass-uk.org/services/warwickshire-school-health-wellbeing-service/](http://www.compass-uk.org/services/warwickshire-school-health-wellbeing-service/)



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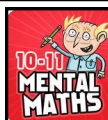


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