

Letters home this week: Y6 - Addams Family, Y5 - Black Country Museum, ALL - Home Learning, Free school meals, Childrens Choice school meals

What's on in school next week.

Monday 6th Jan	Tuesday 7th Jan	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05 Embody Dance Y1-6 3.10 After School Library Keyboard and Violin- Lessons	3.05 Bake Off Club Y5-6 3.05 Aston Villa Club Y1-3 Drum and Guitar Lessons	3.05 Circus Skills Club Y3-4	Young Voices 3.10 After School Library Clarinet Lessons	3.05 Top Score Club Y4-6 3.05 Musical Theatre Y2-6 Swimming Lessons- Maple 3 Cello Lessons

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

REMINDER : If the weather is icy, please follow entry instruction signs when you reach school.

Happy 2020 from all at Birchwood Primary School.

It was great to see all of the children back again, excited to tell us all about their lovely winter break, the wonderful things they got up to and the presents they received. Even though the Christmas period is a magical time to spend with family and friends, it is always nice to see and hear how much the children all enjoy being back at school. Children genuinely miss their friends and staff when they are not in school.

The children all looked very smart on their return and are a real credit to our parents and school. We really appreciate your efforts to send children into school in our smart uniform, it really does create a positive ethos and mind-set and shows the pride the children have of Birchwood.

This year will be another exciting and challenging one for us. We have lots of curriculum developments happening, particularly in all of our Foundation subjects, which will engage the children and make their learning really creative and interesting. All of our teaching staff have been extremely busy planning exciting topic work for the Spring term which include trips out of school and visitors into school.

We look forward to welcoming you into school again this term to attend one of the many opportunities we arrange to encourage you to get further involved in the life of our school and your child's education. Apart from our weekly Assemblies, we would be delighted to see you at one of our Maths and Reading curriculum events, parent's evenings, or just to help us out on trips or hear children read.

In school we are lucky enough to celebrate two new years, the new academic year and the new calendar year. At the beginning of a new year it is tradition to set yourself resolutions. In assembly this week we asked the children to think of one thing that they wanted to do more of and one thing that they want to do less of, to ensure that 2020 is better than 2019. I intend to find more time to spend with family this year and spend less time worrying about what still needs to be done in my garden!

It has been brilliant this week to hear what the children have decided to do more and less of this year. Let us see how long all our resolutions last!

Wishing you all a very prosperous and happy 2020.

Mr Coleman
Headteacher



Happy Friends at Birchwood!

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

Registering for School

We are fast approaching the deadline when parents must apply for Primary school. The deadline for **Primary school applications** for reception places is **15th January 2020**.

It is essential that this deadline is met or your child may be at risk of losing a place at your preferred school. Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions. You can also apply by calling 01926 414143.



Who's Who

Hi, I'm Miss Johal and this is currently my fifth year of teaching. I have recently relocated from a school in the Sandwell area.

I have joined Birchwood as a year 4 class teacher, and now teach Pine 4. Already, I have had some wonderful moments with my new class and I am looking forward to continuing this academic year with success. The pupils and the Birchwood team have been very welcoming; I feel very fortunate to have joined such a wonderful, success-driven school!

Miss Johal
Year 4 Class Teacher



NEVER LATE CERTIFICATES

'Rewarding children for ALWAYS getting to school on time'

Each term we award a 'Limited Edition' certificate for children who have never been late that term. Being on time for school is vital. At the start of the day, not only do we take registers, but give out vital instructions for the school day. Children tell us that they really hate being late for school because **'Everyone looks at you'** and **'You do not know what you are meant to be doing'**.



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. After **8.40am** children must enter school through the office entrance to be registered separately.

SEWING SKILLS

Before the Christmas holidays, Year 5 spent a fun packed day working with textiles and using their amazing sewing skills to create this enormous wall hanging based upon our British values. Thank you 'Crazy Mary' for your support!



ZELLWEGER UK.
Amount raised so far: £812.67

Dordon Community Café

Dordon Community Café is a new venture, primarily for Dordon residents. The café is run by volunteers and is supported by the Borough Council and the Dordon Activities Group.

The cafe serves free nutritious meals for everyone, but donations are gratefully accepted. The café is at the Dordon Village Hall one Friday per month as follows:

- ☺ Friday 10th January
- ☺ Friday 7th February
- ☺ Friday 6th March
- ☺ Friday 3rd April
- ☺ Friday 1st May

More dates will be added later and it is hoped they will be more frequent.



Drop in for support and advice

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

When:

Wednesday 8th January 2020

Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Wednesday 5th February 2020

From: 1.30pm – 3.30pm

**At: Buds Building Birchwood
Primary School, Birchwood
Avenue, Dordon B78 1QU**

**For all families in
North Warwickshire**



**The Early Help and
Targeted Support Team**

ROADWORKS

We would just like to inform parents of some information we have received about roadworks that are going to be carried out on the M42.

Works will be taking place between Junction 10 and Junction 11 from Monday 13th January until Friday 24th January, Monday to Friday 9pm - 5am. This is subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances.



A single diversion route has been agreed with North Warwickshire Borough Council, North bound and South bound but emergency vehicles will have access through the work.

If you have any questions please call 0300 123 5000 or email info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You can also visit highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/ or write to Highways England, National Traffic operations centre, 3 Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park, Birmingham, B32 1AF.

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

Reception - Snowdome Trip

Boris the polar bear came to visit us from the zoo. He had heard we were learning about cold countries. We decided to take him to the Snowdome as Boris had not seen snow before. It was very cold but Boris had a great time playing in the snow and so did we!



Hook Day

YEAR 4 - After watching some clips from Blue Planet, we discovered how aquatic creatures have adapted to live within a particular layer of the ocean. Some of the animals living within the midnight layer have adapted so that they create their own light as it is too dark for them to see!

After finding out some interesting facts from David Attenborough, we created our own aquatic creature. We decided which layer of the ocean we thought it was well adapted to and what adaptations it has developed for it to live there. We then placed it onto our 'ocean' working wall.



YEAR 5 - On Tuesday pupils from Year 5 agreed to help the local historical society after they received an email with details about a Victorian time capsule being buried on school grounds over 100 years ago. With the aid of a metal detector, the pupils set out in earnest to find it. After a couple of red herrings in the form of bottle tops, they finally unearthed an old biscuit tin containing artefacts. They then spent the remainder of the morning using their inference skills to identify as much about the original owner as possible. Well done Year 5!



Academic Year 2018-2019

Academic Year 2019/2020 Spring Term 2020

Y1 Tamworth Castle Trip	Monday 13th January
Y3 Stone Age Day	Monday 13th January
Y6 Addams Family Show	Monday 20th January
Y5 Black Country Museum	Thursday 30th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 17th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 24th February
Children Return to School	Tuesday 25th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

May Bank Holiday	Friday 8th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th May
Children return to School	Monday 1st June
Professional Development Day	Friday 19th June
Warwickshire Moving Up Day	Wednesday 8th July
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 17th July
Children return to school	Wednesday 2nd Sept

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 17th July. 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.



Squeebles Times Tables

Perfect fun times table practise for
5-11 year olds



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autism**

Together with Autism Conference

Saturday January 18th 2020
10 am - 4 pm

Myton School • Myton Road • Warwick

**FREE
Event**

A unique event for parents and professionals to come together and hear from autism professionals and autistic children and young people. There will be representatives from the many services in Warwickshire that support young autistic children and their families. Join us for talks, workshops, information stands and quality conversations.

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Fridays 5:30 – 7:30, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

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Facebook Charlotte Kate Cameo

Monthly Autism Support and Service

Workshops

Priority for each of these workshops will be given to parents of children involved with the Act for Autism service (www.actforautism.co.uk). Booking via Eventbrite is essential. Links to Eventbrite will be emailed to everyone on their mailing list as they go live.

Join the mailing list here: <http://eepurl.com/gzvN5T>.

The Nuneaton workshops are on Mondays 6.15-8.15pm

- 13th January
- 3rd February
- 9th March
- 27 April

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