

Reminders: TBPS Christmas Fair is on tonight, 7th December 2018, from 6:00pm till 8:00pm

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 Multi Skills Y1-3 3.05pm Nerf Wars Y4-6	Woodwind Lessons 3.05 pm Elite Football Y1-3 3.05pm Nerf Wars Y1-3	3.05 pm Football Club Y4-6 3.05 pm Young Engineers Club Y3-6	Sparkle Day—non uniform 3.05 pm Top Score Multi Sports Y 4-6 3.05 pm Musical Theatre

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— Y1—Victorian Day, Y1 & Y2—Data Collection Sheets

TBPS Christmas Fair

Every year Birchwood Primary holds its annual School Christmas Fair. This is a extremely popular and very important event in our school calendar.

The children all really enjoy the Christmas Fair and have been looking forward to it for weeks. It is very important to us that our children feel fully involved in the fair and take ownership of it. During enterprise week each class planned two stalls that they would be running at the Christmas Fair. One of the stalls will be used to sell Christmas products, crafts or treats that have been designed and handmade by the children themselves. The other stall will host a Christmas game, challenge or activity for our visitors to take part in. Again each of these have been dreamed up and created by our pupils. The children had to pitch their ideas in the Dragon's Den to members of Team Birchwood in the hope of being given an investment to support their idea. The Team Birchwood members were extremely impressed with the quality of all the pitches and made the decision to invest in all their ideas, some classes were even awarded more funding than they asked for! On the night of our Christmas Fair staff and Year 6 pupils will help man these stalls. Please go and join in the fun and pay them all a visit in our Lower School Hall.

Team Birchwood have been extremely busy planning the Christmas Fair. Preparations for tonight started way back in September and as it has got closer to the big night, I have seen more and more of Team Birchwood in school. At this time of the year it must feel like a full time job for some of the members! Some of the stalls on offer on the night include teddy tombola, TBPS Christmas crafts, tumbling penguins, chocolate tombola, bottle tombola, wine and water game, jingle jars, lucky dip, raffle tickets, cake stalls, refreshments and our two most popular stalls – Elfridges gift room and Santa's grotto. Last year TBPS raised £2481, a fantastic achievement! This year they hope to do just as well, but secretly, maybe even a little bit better.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful volunteers from Team Birchwood for all the work, time and effort that they have put into running this brilliant event. I would also like to thank all our brilliant school staff, who support the event in large numbers. Thank you also to all of our children for their efforts with their stalls and to all our fantastic parents for the very generous donations that have been sent into school. Our school fair really wouldn't work without the team efforts of all of you!

I very much look forward to seeing all of our children and their families at tonight's event. I am sure a great time will be had by all and together we will raise a significant amount of money to spend on 'instances of delight' for all the children in school.

Thank you very much for your continued support.
Mr N Coleman – Headteacher



Christmas Fair preparations

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

Spotlight on Excellence

Our focus this week is: SEND



Children in our school have a wide range of talents, strengths and needs and we, as a school, work hard to ensure that we recognise, and support them to achieve all they can. Sometimes that can mean they need something a little bit different in school to make sure that happens. They might need someone to talk to about their emotions, help in a small group with maths or writing, extra reading with an adult, a piece of equipment to help them concentrate, help to develop their speech or movement skills, work with an adult on their turn taking and social skills, or a change to the way they come into school in the morning. Sometimes we get the advice of other agencies such as the school nurse, Speech and Language Service, or the Educational Psychology service to help us make sure that we are doing all we can to help every child in school achieve all they can.

The extra support our SEND children receive makes a big difference to their confidence as well as their work. I often spot children around school who are keen to show me what they have been up to in their group work and how their skills are improving. Celebrating their achievements is key to continued success and we are always really proud of all their hard work.

M Day—Associate Headteacher

Doctors/Dentist appointments in school time

We prefer parents to avoid booking appointments during the school day because of children missing important work in school. However, we do understand that this is sometimes unavoidable.

We would ask parents to let us know of any appointments **in advance** and send in a copy of the appointment card/letter for school records.

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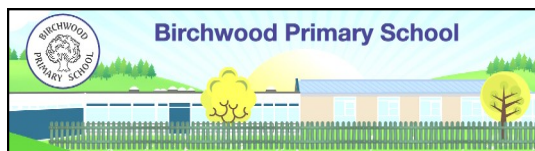
Please ensure you **KEEP** a copy of the schools procedures for school closure, in case of particularly poor weather.

Procedure for entering school during poor weather conditions

Following poor weather, such as snow, it is almost impossible to clear all of the paved areas and playgrounds to make sure they are safe. During the last period of significant snow fall, clearing the paths took our Facilities Team, many hours of hard physical labour.

Should we experience further poor weather in the future the following will happen:

1. A single path will be cleared from ONE pedestrian gate, all the way around to Pre-School and the Junior Entrance. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should enter as normal via this path. The other pedestrian gate and path will be closed.
2. A crossing will be marked across the driveway for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who should enter school via the front door. By the end of the day we will have attempted to have cleared the path and part of the playground for children in Reception to Year 2.



Birchwood Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in school? Go to www.birchwoodprimarieschool.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

Academic Year 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Sparkle Day (Non-Uniform)	Friday 14th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Monday 17th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Tuesday 18th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Weds 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
Reception Trip - Snowdome	Thursday 10th January
Year 6 & R Heights & Weights	Tuesday 15th January
Young Voices - Genting Arena	Friday 25th January
Year 4 Class Assemblies	Thursday 31st January
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 15th February
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 18th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 25th February
Children return to school	Tuesday 26th February
Late Parents Evening	Weds 6th March
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 7th March
Year 3 Class Assemblies	Thursday 21st March
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.

Uniform Orders



PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR COLLECTION DAY HAS CHANGED FROM A WEDNESDAY TO A TUESDAY, DUE TO STAFFING IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Any uniform orders placed from Tuesday to Monday will be available to collect the following week on a Tuesday. Thank you.

Friday 21st December 2018

Just a brief recap of the arrangements for Friday 21st December.

- Children may bring a toy into school for the last morning. Please do not bring in expensive electronic toys.
- Children may come to school in their festive/winter jumper.
- The menu today will be Christmas Dinner. For those children not having a dinner, packed lunches should be sent into school.
- School closes at 1 p.m. Please make arrangements to collect children from school early.

Miss Trudy Tree



Our tree is standing very majestically in our foyer... proudly bearing the wonderful decorations that our children have lovingly made for her. Here are just a few of them.

Our special thanks go to Friezeland Farm at Market Bosworth for once again supplying us with such a beautiful tree.

Friezeland Farm is opposite Bosworth Water Park and is open to the public. We sent home fliers last week with details of the trees available and Santa's Grotto.



Y1 Visit to Coventry Cathedral



On Wednesday Y1 visited Coventry Cathedral on a Religious Education trip where they participated in their annual Christingle event along with other local primary schools.

The children looked at the different parts of the Christingle and discussed their importance. The children also sang Away in a Manger.

Following this the children were taken on a guided tour of the new and ruined cathedral, where they looked at the signs and symbols that linked to Christianity.



Polesworth Community Association

Polesworth Community Association are holding a FREE Christmas party for children up to the age of 10, to be held at Polesworth Memorial Hall on Saturday 15th December 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Santa will be visiting! Please call Lyn on 07976 608181 or 01827 892731 to book a place.



School Crossing Patrol Vacancy



A vacancy has arisen for a School Crossing Patrol Operative outside of Birchwood School. Times are to be confirmed, but the position will require morning and afternoon cover, at the busiest times of the school day. Usually shifts are around 30 minutes each. The position is for Monday to Friday term time only (38 weeks per year spread across 12 monthly payments.) Pay for this position is £8.61 per hour plus holiday enhancements. A uniform and full training will be provided.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please contact the School Crossing Patrol Service for more details, on 01926 412661 or email scp@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Application packs can be downloaded at <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolcrossingpatrols>



TBPS News



After lots of planning and lots of donations the event of the year is finally here! We can't wait to see you all at the Christmas Fair tonight. We hope you have lots of fun and that we raise lots of money for the school at the same time! We will let you know next week the grand total that we raise.



Please bring along a bag or two to carry home your shopping and prizes!

Thank you again for all of your support.



Online Safety: Weekly Tip!

"Don't let devices get in the way of your parenting or let the tech make you feel you're not in control. The parenting techniques you use to get them to do their homework or eat their veg work for digital rules as well."

Vicki Shotbolt, CEO, Parent Zone, the UK's leading parenting organisation specialising in the digital world.



App of the week the week



Elf Yourself
Become a star of your own personalised Christmas video!!

NSPCC fundraising so far this year is £182.71

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.

Out of Uniform Days

The School Council have arranged the following non-uniform day during December and have written a piece for our newsletter to tell you all about it.



Sparkle Day

On 14th December, we are proud to say that we are holding a sponsorship day to raise funds for our registered charity the NSPCC. The charity have suggested a 'Sparkle Day', where pupils may wear sparkly items. Don't worry if you don't have anything sparkly to wear, because tinsel around your hair or wrist are just fine too.

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Fun Children's Dance Classes held in Polesworth

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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)

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