

Letters home this week: ALL - Norovirus, R - Snowdome, Maple - Swimming

What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05 Embody Dance Y1-6	Nasal Flu Immunisations 3.05 Aston Villa Multi Skills Y1-3 Drum and Guitar Lessons	Y1 Polesworth Abbey Trip 3.05 Elite Football Skills Y4-6	Clarinet Lessons 3.05 Boogie Bounce Y 4-6	Swimming Lessons - Oak 3 Cello Lessons 3.05 Top Score Football Y1-3 3.05 Musical Theatre Y2-6

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

REMINDER : Tuesday is Nasal Flu Immunisation Day - it is not too late to return your form.

TBPS Christmas Fair

Every year Birchwood Primary holds its annual School Christmas Fair. This is an 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. Tonight some of our older 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 include: TBPS Christmas crafts, chocolate tombola, bottle tombola, 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 nearly £3000, 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 would not work without the team efforts of all of you!

TBPS Christmas Fair is on tonight, 6th December 2019, from 6:00pm till 8:00pm. 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



Parent Teacher and Friends Association
of Birchwood Primary School



All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy.

Spotlight on Excellence this week is

'Theatre Visit'

This week saw our Key Stage 2 children off to the Panto at Bedworth Civic Hall. Pupils from across Years 3 to 6 were treated to a performance of Beauty and the Beast, which included both an alternative version of the 12 days of Christmas and the audience getting wet! There was also the usual encouragement of audience participation for adults and children alike.

Teachers were, as always, delighted with the behaviour of the children throughout and feedback from all who went was that it was a great morning and very enjoyable. We are always keen to make sure children have opportunities to enjoy the arts in all their forms, and our now annual theatre visit plays a key part in this.

We look forward to seeing pupils from across school putting their theatrical skills into action over the next few weeks as rehearsals begin for the Christmas Nativity performances in the last week of term.

Mrs M Day
Associate Headteacher

Parking



Please may we remind parents/carers, that parking is not permitted in the schools car park. Please park courteously on the roads surrounding school. It is also important to ensure that driveways and pavements are not obstructed as this can prove dangerous for other road users, pedestrians and be frustrating for our neighbours. Thank you for your support and co-operation.



TEAM BIRCHWOOD

We almost cannot believe that after months of planning and preparation, the night of the Fair is finally here! We hope you can join us on what promises to be a fun-filled evening.

We do still have Santa's Grotto slots available, so do not miss out. You can pop along to the Grotto to buy your ticket. (Please note: Santa has moved his Grotto to Oak 3 classroom this year.)

Thank you for all of your kind donations. We look forward to updating you next week with how much we have raised.



WELLBEING AWARD

The wellbeing of staff and children alike is very important to us here at Birchwood and we are happy to report that Birchwood has achieved the Wellbeing Award for Schools. The assessor for the award commented that passion for wellbeing was evident across the whole school community.



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.

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



Academic Year 2018-2019

Academic Year 2019/2020

Nasal Flu Immunisations	Tuesday 10th December
Y1 Polesworth Abbey Trip	Weds 11th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Monday 16th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Tuesday 17th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Weds 18th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Thursday 19th December
Christmas Dinner	Friday 20th December
Term Ends for Christmas (2 weeks)	Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2020

Professional Development Day	Monday 6th January
Children Return to School	Tuesday 7th January
Reception Snowdome Trip	Wednesday 8th 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

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 20th December and 17th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.



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SUPPORT



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CENTRE

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



Warwickshire
County Council

The Early Help and
Targeted Support Team

DODGE BALL COMPETITION.

On Tuesday 3rd December a small group of our children took part in a dodge ball competition. The children performed really well, coming second overall, and qualifying for the regional final! Their behaviour and sportsmanship was superb, showing consideration and respect for their opponents throughout. They got better and better throughout the tournament, winning both of their final matches extremely quickly. Well done Birchwood!



CHRISTMAS CREATIONS

Our children have been busy this week making wonderful creations to sell at the Christmas fair. Here are a selection of photos showing their hard work.



GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNEMENT

The girls performed really well. They played against three other teams from the local area and showed excellent sportsmanship and determination. They drew one game and came third overall in the tournament. They kept smiling all the way through and showed excellent Birchwood manners and consideration to the other children at the tournament. Well done girls!



Going Green at Birchwood

Wow what a week! Well done to everyone who has brought in batteries for recycling. We now have 4 full tubs and have arranged our first collection. Keep collecting and bringing your used battery boxes in.

Did you know we also collect old spectacles, which get sent out to third world countries? So, if you were wondering what to do with your old frames and lenses... bring them to Birchwood!

Together, we can help give the gift of improved vision to others.





Coventry Blaze wish you a Happy Holidays

Christmas Cracker Hockey Offer

Sunday 15th December
Vs. Dundee Stars (5.30pm)
Inc. FULL team signing post-game

Sunday 22nd December
Vs. Guildford Flames (5.30pm)
Inc. FREE Skate with the Blaze post-game

Saturday 28th December
Vs. Nottingham Panthers (7pm)

Adults £10 Under-16's £7
Per-game | Max 5 per-booking | Usual price £18 and £10

Collect and pay for the tickets (in cash) on the night of the game.

Sport in the Community programme in partnership with Kits Academy

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Quote the name of our school

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Enjoy the show.

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

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FAMILY SUPPORT

For parents who would like to speak to a Family Support Worker for advice, please contact:

North Warwickshire Early Help & Targeted Support Team
Family Support Worker Duty Line Telephone Number
01926 412412

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