

Letters sent home this week— Y3—The Waterhorse film clips, Y2—Food Tasting

What's on in school after half term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05pm Y6 Netball Club 3.05pm Embody Dance Club Y1-6	Y4 Trip Sealife/Synagogue Guitar Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Bubbles Club Y4-6	Woodwind Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Bubbles Club Y1-3	World Book Day Violin & Keyboard Lessons	Cello & Drum Lessons 3.05pm Musical Theatre Y3-6 3.05pm Multi Sports Y4-6

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

REMINDER: Children should not enter the school playgrounds before 8.30 a.m.

Maintaining the Highest standards in School

All of the schools who are part of the Community Academies Trust, are subject to an annual review of standards. These internal reviews are known as 'Peer Reviews' and are conducted by teams of staff from across our 16 schools.

On Tuesday, a team of five staff, led by Mr May, came to spend the day at Birchwood to observe our brilliant practice and to talk with staff and children. In the morning the Peer Review Team conducted learning walks across school, visiting lessons, talking to children about their learning and observing standards in classes. In the afternoon, the Team interviewed the Senior Leadership Team and spoke to our Teaching Assistants and School Council. They also reviewed learning and progress in a large range of children's books and learning journals.

Feedback was shared with the Senior Leadership Team at the end of the day and a full written report will be sent into school later in the term. In summary, we received very positive feedback from all members of the review team. Some of the highlights included:

- Children's excellent general and learning behaviour
- Positive relationships between staff and children
- Fantastic learning behaviours demonstrated by all children
- Good and outstanding teaching across school
- High expectations, standards and progress in children's books
- Positive, supportive and happy parents who praised our 'Amazing Staff'
- Excellent levels of communication
- Happy, engaged, enthusiastic children who feel safe in school
- A rich, broad and exciting curriculum which engages and promotes learning
- Quality provision, interventions, support and safeguarding for SEN and Pupil Premium children
- Strong leadership that supports continued professional development of all staff

We also have a couple of points to consider; cross curricular writing, challenge and extension through mastery of maths and methods of feeding back to children on progress made. These are already being reviewed by school and practice is being refined.

I am extremely pleased for all the children, staff, Governors and parents, that our excellent practice and hard work are recognised, acknowledged and celebrated. Many thanks for your continued support of our school.

Mr N Coleman - Headteacher



Keeping an eye on standards

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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is: Keeping everyone safe online

The online world is brilliant but as recent events such as the Momo videos have shown, it is vitally important for everyone to know how to stay safe in the online world just as much as their everyday lives. Online safety is as important as staying safe around roads, or safety in the home.

In school, both our taught computing curriculum and our work with our digital leaders and our assemblies for example, teach and constantly reinforce a key simple rule. That if children see anything online that makes them get their early warning signs; that 'uh oh' feeling; then they need to stop and tell a trusted adult straight away.

As adults, children can often seem to be a step ahead of you in their digital skills. It is important to take an interest in what they are getting up to online, and set boundaries, not only about time spent online but also about digital content. Making sure you set parental controls on search engines, You Tube and the apps they use for example, is an easy way to support their safety online.

The National Online Safety guidance for parents published this week in light of the Momo videos has some useful hints around helping children stay safe online and can be found both as a link on our twitter feed and at: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

Mrs M Day—Associate Headteacher



SEND National Crisis
Warwickshire

How do we make
sure that children
with SEND get
the education
they deserve?

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday 7th March
7-9pm Assembly Room,
Leamington Town Hall,
CV32 4AT

SEND National Crisis
March and Rally: Leamington
(Top Park to Pump Room Gardens)
Thursday 30th May (details tbc)

Speakers include:

- Matt Western MP
 - Vikie Shanks, autism
campaigner
 - Simon Morris, parent
 - Headteacher
 - SEND National
Crisis representative
- Chair: Emma Mort, parent,
teacher, Divisional Secretary,
Warwickshire NEU

Join SENDNationalCrisis Warwickshire Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2326771570698096/>

Twitter:
@SENDCrisisWarks

Year 4/5/6 Cross Country Race

On Thursday 14th February, Birchwood took part in the third leg of the North Warwickshire Cross Country Competition. The final race was at Warton Nethersole's Primary School – it was a tough course! Despite this Birchwood ran amazingly. The boys team came third overall and the girls team came second overall. We are very proud of all the runners and the effort they have put in coming to practises twice a week.

A special mention goes to Lewis (Yr 6) who came fifth and Bobbie (Yr 5) who came eighth in this final race. Both of these children have got through to the Inter District Race next week where they will be representing North Warwickshire, good luck to both of them.

Please note: Practises will continue on a Wednesday and Thursday morning until Thursday 7th March. Year 3/4 cross country practises start on Wednesday 6th March



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>



Uniform Orders



Q When can I order uniform?

A Anytime !! Simply log onto our Birchwood Primary School website at www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com and click on the "Parents" tab, then click "ParentPay" and finally click onto "Parentpay Uniform Shop"

Q When will my uniform be ready for collection?

A You will receive a text message when your uniform is ready to collect. Our uniform shop is open each Tuesday from 3.05pm until 3.30pm for collections.

Q Can I collect at any other time?

A If you are unable to collect on a Tuesday, between 3.05pm and 3.30pm, please contact our office and we will do our best to make alternative arrangements.

Q Can my child bring a uniform order home?

A We prefer to avoid this option, as uniform can easily be lost this way. We would not be able to replace any orders that are lost.

Q Is home delivery available?

A Unfortunately we do not have this option available. Orders are only available to collect.

Illnesses and Absences

We certainly do not want children to come in unwell, but in reality children often do not need to stay off for 48 hours if they are sick. Children can be ill for all sorts of reasons and often not because of a bug. We recommend that children do not return to school until **24 hours** after the last episode of sickness, unless it has been diagnosed as "Norovirus" in which case we recommend that children stay off for 48 hours.

Procedures if your child is absent from school:

1. **Telephone** – PLEASE report absences by 8.30am on the day of absence by telephoning the school office leaving a message on the answerphone if necessary, giving the date, your child's class and reason for absence.

A telephone call is required **each** day of your child's absence. If we do not hear from you we need to PROTECT CHILDREN by calling parents to make sure that a child has not left home and then not appeared in school.

2. **Absence Note** – A note should be provided with a written explanation for a child's absence, which is signed and dated and should be sent into school on the **first** day of your child's return.



Children in Year 3 were introduced to Scottish Dancing with Mrs Willis! And tasted some Scottish food



A Fiery dragon has landed at Birchwood and the children in Year 2 are challenged to save Elspeth from him...Using 'Now Press Play' interactive technology

Hook into learning!

Each term, each class holds a 'Provocation Day' - which introduces the children to their theme for the coming weeks.



Children in Acorn and Chestnut classes arrived in school to find giant footprints and an egg in their play area... What could be inside?



Children in Year 6 are experiencing life in 1912 and being on board the Titanic



Children in Year 5 arrived to find their classroom a mess and giant footprints on the ground... Who has been lurking?



Children in Year 1 examine the crime scene.... Now to work out who did it?



Children in Year 4 were challenged to find out where our ocean water comes from and discover what lies beneath the blue abyss

Lost Jewellery

On 6th February at school pick up, one of our parents lost a 1 inch gold cross from her necklace within the school grounds. If anyone finds this, please could you hand it in to the school office.

The cross holds a lot of sentimental value and it would be wonderful if it was found and returned. Our parent is offering a small reward to whoever finds this.

Thank you.



Birchwood Primary School Website

Want to know what's 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



Comic Life

Turn your images into a comic to create projects, flyers or story boards.

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.

NSPCC

Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

NSPCC fundraising so far this year is :
£1300.75

Thank you very much for all of your support.

CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

FUN CHILDRENS DANCE CLASSES HELD IN
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Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:30pm, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth
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Fridays 5:30 – 7:30, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth
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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

Cameodance.co.uk cameodance@rocketmail.com

Facebook Charlotte Kate Cameo

Academic Year 2018-2019

Spring Term 2019

Year 4 Trip Sealife/Synagogue	Tuesday 5th March
Late Parents Evening	Wednesday 6th March
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 7th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March
Year 2 Trip Blakesley Hall	Tuesday 19th March
Kirkpatrick Cup at Twycross	Tuesday 19th March
Swimming Gala	Wednesday 20th March
Year 3 Class Assemblies	Thursday 21st March
Scholastic Book Fair (1 week)	Monday 25th March
Year 5/6 Author Visit	Friday 29th March
Year 3 Botanical Gardens Trip	Monday 1st April
Year 1 & Year 5 Fire Safety	Friday 5th April
Year R & Year 1 Dental Survey	Friday 5th April
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April
Payment due for Manor Adventure	Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Manor Adventure Trip	Friday 7th June to Monday 10th June
Children return to school	Monday 29th April
May Day Bank Holiday	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 1pm early finish on 19th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.



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