

Letters home this week: YR3- Dudley Canal Trust, YR4 -Viking Day

What's on in school after Half Term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Staff inset day. Children not in school.	8.20 Cross Country Club Y4-6 3.05 Aston Villa Multi Skills Y1-3 Drum and Guitar Lessons	3.05 Elite Football Skills Y4-6	8.20 Cross Country Club Y4-6 Clarinet Lessons 3.05 Boogie Bounce	3.05 Top Score Football Y1-3 Swimming Lessons - Oak 3 Cello Lessons 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 :Children return to school after half term on Tuesday 5th November

Birchwood School Council 2019/20

Zellweger UK – Chosen Charity for the Year

Borneo Orangutan – Adopted endangered animal.

At Birchwood we believe that it is crucial that our children have a voice and a say in their school and how it is run. Our children are at the forefront of every decision we make in school and so who better to contribute and support those decisions, than our own wonderful children.

Last week our School Councillors and Vice Councillors met to vote on our charity for 2019/20. After discussing all the charities suggested by children and staff in school, we have decided that 'Zellweger UK' will be our chosen charity for the year.

Zellweger is a very rare genetic condition that only affects 1 in 50,000 babies born. It is so rare that most doctors have never heard of it and because of this the charity receives hardly any funding to research and to look into treatments of this condition. Most children do not live into adulthood and have to deal with delays in their development which also include deafness, blindness and a lot of other health issues.

Zellweger UK is made up of a team of volunteers: parents, family and friends of affected children. All funds raised go directly to supporting both research in finding treatments and to support families affected by this devastating disorder. The school council have set themselves an ambitious target of raising £2000 and they are already busy thinking up exciting ways to raise funds towards this target. We are going to be working very closely with the Maw family in school who nominated this charity to us after losing their 16 month old cousin to this rare condition earlier this year. I look forward to keeping you all up to date with the fundraising work of our school council and their progress towards reaching their target amount.

The Council also received some very persuasive letters this week from Year 2 children asking them to consider choosing an orangutan as our endangered animal to sponsor this year. During their trip to Twycross Zoo, the children all fell in love with a baby orangutan who was playing 'peek a boo' with them. After some research, we discovered that there has been a 50% decline in orangutan numbers in the last 60 years and that 3000 orangutans are illegally killed every year. We hope that our sponsorship will help to fund projects to monitor orangutans and create protected areas of rainforest for them. Please keep an eye on our School Council noticeboard for more information on Zellweger UK and our Orangutan adoption.

Mr N Coleman - Headteacher



Birchwood's Chosen Charity!

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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is....

Trips and Visits

This week has seen both Year 4 and Year 5 out on visits to support their learning. Year 4 visited Conkers, learning all about survival techniques, and taking part in den building among other outdoor activities. While Year 5 went back in time and visited Wroxeter to learn about life in Roman times, including life as a soldier.

Our commitment as a school to ensuring that lessons are linked to wider experiences such as these, means that the learning is really brought to life for children, giving it a purpose and a meaning, and gives children a chance to apply their learning in a new way, as well as being great fun for all.

All children across school go on a visit each term, meaning that they get to experience something different and new with their friends, which is often their favourite part of the day. We are always really proud of how they behave during their visits and it is often commented on by the staff at the places visited how polite and well behaved Birchwood children are, which is always brilliant to hear.

Mrs M Day

Associate Headteacher





Community Governor Vacancy

Birchwood Primary School is looking to recruit high quality Community Governors to join the Local Governing Body.

We are looking for members of the local community who have the skill to act as a 'critical friend' and ask challenging questions about performance and use their skills and experience to support the school in addressing its aims. You will be involved in creating and developing a strategic plan for the school, setting and agreeing objectives, and monitoring and evaluating the schools' success by focusing on progress and outcomes. Your role will also include collectively allocating and controlling the school budget as well as being influential in the appointment of staff.

If you are over 18, able to commit approximately 10-15 hours per term to the role we would be delighted to hear from you. You do not need to be a parent of a student at the school. No prior knowledge is needed – training and support is offered and available to all new and existing governors.

This is an extremely rewarding role, one which holds great importance within our school and Trust. If you feel that you have skills which could be transferred to help make a real difference to children's lives, please contact us for further information.

For further information please contact:

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Tamworth
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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 hrs** 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.

PANTS

NSPCC Initiative to keep children safe.

This week is 'N'

No means no

Make sure your child understands that they have the right to say "no" to unwanted touch - even to a family member or someone they know or love.

This shows that they are in control of their body and their feelings should be respected. If a child feels confident to say no to their own family, they are more likely to say no to others.

Next week 'T'



POPPY APPEAL

If your child would like to purchase a **poppy** or **reflector** please send in a small donation(we suggest no less than **50p**)

We also have **Wristbands** available at a fixed price of **£1**.
Items will be available to purchase from 5th November 2019.



Warwickshire Primary Mental Health Team North Warwickshire District – 2019/2020

The next Parent Information session will be:-

Understanding and supporting children aged 12+ with Anxiety.

You will learn about anxiety in relation to young people aged 12+ years. You will also learn some new strategies to support a young person within this age group. You will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing. This will be held on 4th Nov 2019, The Ratcliffe Centre, Ratcliffe Road, Atherstone, CV9 1LF.

PLEASE NOTE, these sessions are for parents/carers ONLY & booking is ESSENTIAL.

Please do NOT bring children to these sessions

Please email
risecommuntyooffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk
or call 07917 504682



Permanent Vacancy

Midday Supervisor, Scale band B

6.25 hours per week - 11.50am to 1.05pm

Monday to Friday - term time only (39 weeks)

Actual salary £2392.56 per annum

Birchwood is a very popular successful school recognised as 'an outstanding school' (OFSTED 2014/15). We are looking for a permanent member of staff to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed team working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need. This is a great opportunity to do something really rewarding, working with wonderful children and gain some valuable extra experience for that CV! Further details and application forms are available from the school website. Completed applications should be returned to school no later than 12.00 noon on **Friday 8th November 2019**. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 12th November 2019.

YEAR 4 CONKERS TRIP

On Monday Yr 4 were lucky enough to visit Conkers. They learnt how to survive in the wilderness using minimal equipment. They created their own shelters using natural materials that they could find on the forest floor. They then created fires using steel and flint tools, cotton wool and wood shavings. They learnt the basic skills of survival and even got a treat at the end—a toasted marshmallow!



YEAR 5 WROXETER TRIP

Year 5 travelled across to Viroconium Cornoviorum, more commonly known today as Wroxeter. This town in Shropshire was once the fourth largest city in Roman Britain. They explored it's ruins, townhouse reconstruction and museum to help them deepen their knowledge about life in Roman Britain. They enjoyed creating mosaics and dressing up as different members of society too. Did you know that Watling street is the same road that leads right up to Wroxeter's gates? This is where the road, that originally started in Rome, finally ends. We have really enjoyed this topic and this was a great way to finish it off.

Well done Year 5!



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FUN CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES HELD IN POLESWORTH

Little Dancers from age 2 1/2

Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:30pm, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Fridays 4:30 – 5:30pm, The Tithe Barn, Polesworth

Juniors from age 7

Tuesdays 5:15 – 7:15, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

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

Classes include Ballet, Tap, Acrobatics, Modern plus lots more

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

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.

Safety Message

"How do you make sure you keep SUPER SAFE if you are going to a Bonfire Party?"

We remind children to wear bright clothing to be seen on dark nights, make sure they stay with a grown up or a grown up knows where they are at all times. Never touch fireworks, even if they appear to have already been discharged and be very careful when handling sparklers.



We wish you an enjoyable and safe bonfire weekend!!



Academic Year 2018-2019

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Autumn Term 2019

Half Term (1 week)	Monday 28th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 4th November
Children Return to School	Tuesday 5th November
Y1 Toy Museum Trip	Weds 6th November
Y3 Dudley Canal Trip	Monday 11th November
Late Parents Evening	Weds 13th November
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 14th November
Y5 Class Assemblies	Thursday 28th November
New Intake Morning	Monday 2nd December
KS2 Pantomime trip	Weds 4th December
TBPS Christmas Fair	Friday 6th December
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
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.

Team Birchwood News

Just a reminder that Christmas Card orders need to be returned to school by Friday 8th November. Please place order forms along with the correct payment in a sealed envelope marked with TBPS XMAS CARDS.

As we approach the next half term preparation for the Christmas Fair is now underway. You will find a flyer in with the children's From Me to You this week with the details of the donations we are looking for this year and when we will be collecting them. We will put a weekly reminder in the Bugle and details will also be on the playground notice boards.

You can contact us at tbps2619@welearn365.com

Thank you for your continued support!



This year's chosen charity is:
ZELLWEGER UK.



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