

Emails/Letters home this week: Multiple letters regarding Remote Learning and Key Worker Child Places

What's on in school next week?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

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

REMINDER : If your child is in school, please follow the usual absence procedures when absent.

Birchwood Staff and Parents

Firstly, I would like to wish all our staff, families and friends a very Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that we are only a week into the new year, as so much has happened already.

On Monday night the country was informed that we would be entering another period of lockdown. Again, the daily lives and routines of people across the country would be affected and the announcement created much uncertainty.

The notice that schools were closing until February half term came as a surprise to many of us. It also immediately created huge pressures for schools and families, with very short time frames to put necessary requirements in place.

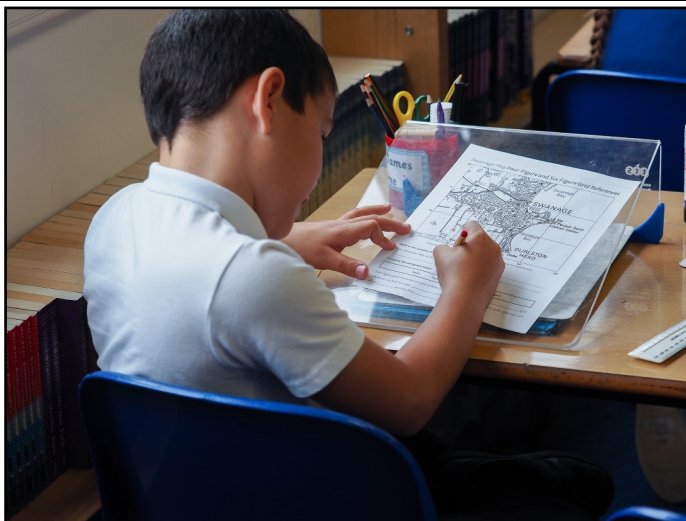
At Birchwood our children are extremely lucky to have such positive and resilient parents and staff. Despite all of the changes going on around them this week, the disruption to their education has been kept to a minimal.

Schools often talk about the importance of relationships between home and school, but not many of them are as fortunate as we are to have the quality relationships we have developed together. It is times like these that demonstrate the strength and depth of the relationships we have between home and school and why these are so important to our children's development and education.

In school all of our staff have once again shown their positivity and can do attitude in the face of yet more changes and the challenges they bring. I would like to thank all of our Teachers who have planned, resourced, delivered, assessed and given feedback on remote learning for all our children. I want to thank all of our Teaching Assistants for their support with children's remote learning and for supporting follow up learning with children in school. I would also like to share my thanks to our Admin, Site Team and Lunchtime Supervisors for their continued efforts in keeping our school running.

Finally, I want to thank all our parents for their continued support of our school and their children's education. We understand the added pressures home schooling has on our parents and families and we are determined to do all we can to help and support you with children's learning whilst they are at home. Take care and stay safe.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



REMOTE LEARNING!

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

Poppy Appeal



Thank you to everyone who supported this years Poppy Appeal. We have received a certificate to say that our school raised

£231.83.

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 2021**.

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 this week ...

Mrs Dow

Hello! I have been a teaching assistant at Birchwood for 10 years.

Within this time I have been fortunate enough to work in many different year groups. This has enabled me to see how the children progress as they move through the school each year.

When I am not at school, I enjoy gardening, I grow my own fruit and vegetables in my green house!

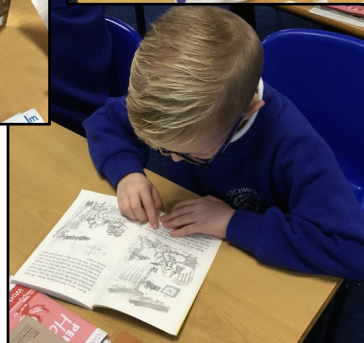
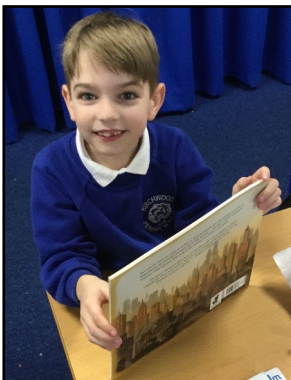
I love taking my dog for long walks, which keeps me fit and healthy.

It is wonderful to come into school each day, seeing the enthusiasm the children have for their learning and how much they all love coming to school.



Winter Books

Before the school broke up for the Christmas break, all children were given a winter book as a gift. We hope that the children enjoyed their new books over the holidays. Here are just few pictures of the children receiving their new books.



Birchwood Best Practice

Accelerated Progress

Accelerated progress is designed to help children have a more in depth learning experience. Support is available for children who require more knowledge or information with regards to certain areas of the school curriculum.



We ensure that all the children fully understand the learning that has taken place. Should they require additional support, accelerated progress is a brilliant resource to build the children's confidence and fulfil each child's expectation and understanding.

It also gives a better understanding of where the children are and how we can help them further with specific needs.

We strive to fill any gaps that the children are generally unsure of to help them become the very best learners that they can be.

Spotlight this week is on...

Our 5 a Day



We have probably all heard about 5 a day, all to do with fruit and vegetables right? Well not quite, this week I am asking you to think about 5 a day to help keep your mind healthy which is just as important as eating well to keep your body healthy. 5 a day for your mind means taking time each day to:

1. Connect with other people, either face to face, on the phone or online. It is important not to rely on technology all of the time though.
2. Do something physically active. You could go for a walk, do a Joe Wicks workout, walk the dog or just dance around the house, it all counts.
3. Learn new skills. Doing something new each day helps to keep your brain active and growing. Maybe you could try cooking something new or taking up a new hobby that will let you be creative.
4. Give to others. It can be as simple as making someone at home a drink, or even just saying thank you to someone who has helped you. It makes you feel good as well as them.
5. Pay attention to things around you. Just taking a moment to listen to the birds in the garden, or to look up at the clouds in the sky. There is something to be enjoyed in the world around us all the time if we just take a moment to stop and look.

So remember, it is just as important to do these 5 a day and take care of your mind as it is to eat your 5 a day and take care of your body.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher

Using Xbox or PlayStation to access eSchools

An alternative method to access your remote learning during lockdown.

Xbox One

1. Plug a keyboard into the Xbox USB slot
(if you have one – if not you can still access the learning)
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in eSchools Birchwood Primary School
5. Enter your User name and Password.



You can then access all your uploaded work to complete daily.

PlayStation 3 and 4



1. Identify the PlayStation Internet browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go into applications and you will find internet browser
5. Type in eSchools Birchwood Primary School
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Academic Year 2020-2021

SpringTerm 2021

Half Term	Monday 15th February
Professional Development day	Monday 22nd February
Children Planned Return to School	Tuesday 23rd February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

Children Planned Return to School	Monday 19th April
May Day	Monday 3rd May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 31st May
Professional Development Day	Monday 7th June
Professional Development Day	Friday 18th June
Term Ends for Summer	Wednesday 21st 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 early finish on 21st July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

Our registered charity 2020

ZELLWEGER UK.

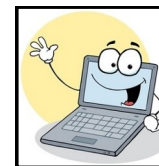
Amount raised so far: £1479.92



Internet Safety

Parents checklist: What you can do!

- Limit approved web sites and hours spent online.
- Set high security settings with browsers, membership, and social networking sites.
- Install and maintain Internet Security software and parental controls.
- Use parental controls to limit the web sites your child can visit.
- Monitor your child's computer use and sit with them when they're online, wherever possible.
- Talk about protecting private information (name, phone number etc.) and never sharing passwords with friends.



Teacher Emails

If you need to email teachers, please do so via birchwoodparents@welearn365.com. Their personal emails are only to be used to support remote learning at home. Thank you.

<https://www.jobcentrejobs.co.uk/>

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Birchwood Primary School Website



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.



Colors and Shapes

Teaching colours and shapes through fun learning games!



Want to know what is 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

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