

Letters home this week: All - Protecting our Children from Harm, Y6 - Manor Adventure

## What's on in school next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library - 3.05..... Y1,2 - Top Score Multi Skills Y3,4 - Embodiment Dance Y4, 5 - Keyboard Y5,6 - Painting	Pine - Swimming Y1,2 - Aston Villa Y3-6 - Choir	Y1,2 - Look What I Have Made Y2 - Nature Club Y3,4 - Brain Puzzles	Y2 - Selly Manor Museum Y3,4 - Top Score Multi Skills Y4 - Drawing Y6 - Ukelele	Y5 - Drayton Manor Oak - Swimming Library - 3.05 - .... Eco Councillors - Gardening Club Y2-6 - Musical Theatre

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

**REMINDER : Can parents please use [birchwoodparents@welearn365.com](mailto:birchwoodparents@welearn365.com) when emailing school.**

## School Committees

At Birchwood, our children take an active role in the life of our school. Now year groups are able to mix again, we have been busy re-establishing our school committees and are keen for our children to once again have a positive impact on how our school is run.

Across school, we have several different committees who each have a clear role and responsibility to play in the success of our school:

**School Council** – Our school council is formed of children across school and usually, has a member from each class. They are elected at the beginning of the school year by their peers and have the role of representing their class and their views. Our school council provides a meaningful way for children's views to be considered in decisions which impact them. They meet every two weeks and so far they have already chosen 'Mind' as their charity for the year. Today's 'Hats on' event, was their first fundraising activity. The next job for our council will be to decide on which endangered animal we choose to sponsor for the year. Our school council are also consulted in a number of decisions we make when introducing any change in school.

**Eco Council** – Our Eco Council's role is to raise environmental awareness and improve our school environment. They help others to follow our eco code, monitor our use of energy in school and encourage teachers and children to support our school in turning greener by following our 3 R's – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. This year, we are aiming to achieve the Eco Schools Green Flag award.

**House Captains** – Our large school is separated into four family houses (Blue-Morris, Red-Chaytor, Yellow-Goodere and Green-Chetwynd). All children and staff are associated with a house in school. The role of our House Captains is to organise and support house activities, including inter-house competitions. They also support and model positive behaviour and demonstrate 'Consideration and Respect' at all times. Year 6 children hold presentations to the rest of their house and are elected by the majority.

**Digital Leaders** – Our Digital Leaders support teachers to deliver our computing and online safety curriculum to their own class and others in school. They produce and deliver assemblies about online safety and acceptable use of equipment, devices and programs. They are also used to demonstrate how to use technology in the classroom.

Later in the year, we are also planning to put together other committees including our Science Council, Art Council and Sport Leaders in school. Being part of any of the committees supports children to develop their skills in communication, negotiation and can improve confidence. We hope that lots of our children take the opportunity to be part of at least one of our committees during their time at Birchwood.



## Hats on to MIND!!

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

Please see ParentPay for details.

## Spotlight this week is ...

### Our School Library

We are incredibly proud of our school library, which was given a whole new look in the summer and renamed 'Willis's World of Words' in honour of Mrs Willis, who had led the library provision for a number of years in school. With over 15,000 books within it, the new name is very appropriate!

Children have already visited the library with their class, and had the opportunity to borrow a book to read for pleasure at home. There is a huge range of fiction including featured author sections, a wide and varied range of non-fiction and poetry books including anthologies so you can read poems from different poets and find the ones you like best. Each week, classes have a slot to come and change their books with their class teacher or Mrs Povey, who along with Mrs Hill, supports provision in our library. They are also helped at lunchtimes by our team of year 6 librarians.

We also encourage families to come into our library together when it is open after school on a Monday and a Friday. Children receive special stickers for coming to the library with their parents to choose new books and earn library certificates which will be presented in our Celebration Assemblies in school.

**Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher**

### School Dinners

To help our catering staff with ordering supplies, we ask that if children choose to be dinners/packed lunch that they stick to this meal choice for a whole week. Thank you.

### Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2010 and 31/08/2011** are due to start Secondary School in September 2021. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2021.**

Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary and Secondary places at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool). You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047.



### Holiday Absence

#### **Parents please note:**

Leave which is taken for the following reasons will not be authorised:

- Availability of cheaper holidays
- Availability of desired accommodation
- Poor weather experienced in school holidays
- Overlap with beginning or end of term

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development and for this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible and we all need to play our part.

#### **Why attendance matters:**

- Less than 5 days absence = 98% + attendance
- 14 days absence (approx.) = 93.5% attendance
- 20 days absence (approx.) = 90% attendance
- More than 30 days absence = 88% attendance

### Registering for School

Parents can now apply for Primary school places. The deadline for **Primary school applications** for reception places is **15th January 2022.**

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/applyforschool](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool). You can also apply by calling 01926 414143.



### **NO IFS ... NO BUTS ... NO EXCUSE KEEP THE ZIG-ZAGS CLEAR !!!**

**The zig-zags are there for a purpose.**

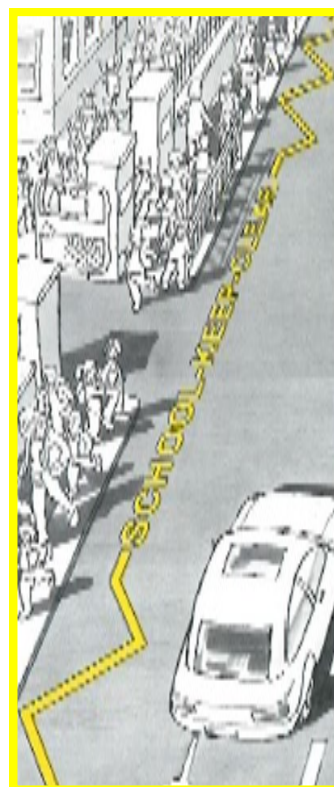
To provide a clear area in which children can cross MORE safely.

Because of their size, children cannot see if the road is clear from behind parked cars

Drivers cannot see small children hidden by parked cars.

When children go to and from school, there is usually a lot of traffic.

Put all these problems together and you have the perfect setting for an accident



## **Permanent Vacancy**

#### **Lunchtime Supervisor, Scale band B**

**6.25 hours per week - (1hr 15 mins per day)**

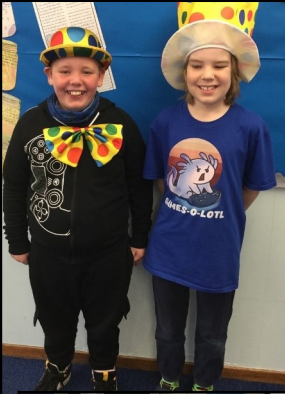
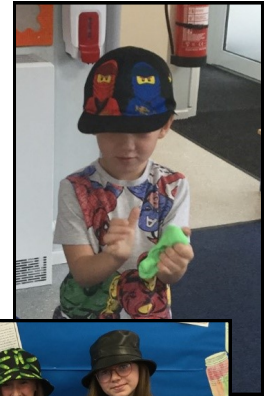
**Monday to Friday - term time only (39 weeks plus staff training days)**

**Actual salary £2603.87 per annum**

Birchwood is a very popular successful school. 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 22nd October 2021 and interviews will take place w/c 1st November 2021**

Birchwood Primary School is a proud member of The Community Academies Trust and we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to enhanced DBS disclosure.



## Academic Year 2021-2022

**Y2 Selly Manor Museum**

**Y5 Drayton Manor Trip**

Half Term (1 week)

Professional Development Day

Open Morning for New Starters

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

Year 5 Assembly

Open Morning for New Starters

Term Ends for Christmas 1 pm

**Thursday 14th October**

**Friday 15th October**

Monday 25th October

Monday 1st November

Tuesday 2nd November

Tuesday 9th November

Wed 10th November

Thursday 18th November

Friday 26th November

Friday 17th December

### Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset Day

Children Return to School

Y4 Assembly

Half Term (1 week)

Professional Development Day

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

Y3 Assembly

Easter Hats/Eggs

Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)

Tuesday 4th January

Wednesday 5th January

Thursday 20th January

Monday 21st February

Monday 28th February

Tuesday 8th March

Wednesday 9th March

Thursday 17th March

Friday 8th April

Friday 8th April

### Summer Term 2022

May Day

Y1 Assembly

Class Photographs

Sponsored Walk

Half Term (1 week)

Y2 Assembly

Professional Developments Day

Farmers Market

Warwickshire Moving Up Day

Show and Share Evening

Y6 Leavers Disco and BBQ

Term Ends for Summer

Monday 2nd May

Thursday 12th May

Monday 16th May

Friday 27th May

Monday 30th May

Thursday 16th June

Friday 24th June

Friday 1st July

Wednesday 6th July

Thursday 14th July

Tuesday 19th July

Thursday 21st July

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.

Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Please note the early finish on 17th December 2021 and 21st July 2022. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

## Our registered charity 2020/21

**ZELLWEGER UK. Amount raised so far:**

**£2343.17**



## Birchwood Primary School Website



## Heritage and Culture Warwickshire.

Warwickshire Museum have lots of exciting half term holiday activities for children and families. For information on these events and also activities which can be downloaded, please visit:



<http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/whats/holiday-family-activities>

## Act on Energy

With energy costs rising at this time, the Family Information Service have asked us to share with our families information from Act on Energy who provide free and impartial advice on energy conservation to householders and small businesses in our area. They can be contacted at: <http://actonenergy.org.uk/> or call: 0800 988 2881

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

jobcentreplus

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.

## Information leaflets and adverts sent or published by Birchwood Primary School

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**YOUTH CLUB**

**Sports activities**  
**Dance classes**

Pool Table  
Xbox  
Food and Drink  
Milkshake Bar

Wednesdays  
Under 12years  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

**The Dordon Club**  
Long Street  
Dordon  
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**£4**  
PER SESSION

For More Information  
contact:  
Richard: 07826516579  
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**CAMEO DANCE** EST.2003

**FUN CHILDRENS DANCE CLASSES HELD IN POLESWORTH**

**Little Dancers from age 2 ½, Tuesdays & Fridays**  
4:30 – 5:30pm The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

**Juniors from age 7, 5:30 – 7:30pm**  
The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

**Tuesdays & Fridays 5:30 – 7:30**  
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, with no pressure

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**Covid-19 Secure \* See Facebook for up to date opening information**