

Letters sent home this week— Y6—SAT's information

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05pm Y6 Netball Club 3.05 pm Embody Dance Club Y1-6	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	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: Please ensure that children choose to take a cooked meal or a packed lunch for a whole week.

A curriculum that is more than just Maths and English

At Birchwood our whole school curriculum is concerned with the holistic needs of all of our children. We are committed to teaching all of the National Curriculum and have developed a localised curriculum that is embedded in our curriculum plans. Our curriculum aims to develop key skills across a range of subjects to enable effective learning. Birchwood is a place where learning is fun and all children succeed.

Our curriculum is stimulating, challenging and enriching with the highest aspirations for achievement and progress. We enrich the National Curriculum subjects by teaching through cross curricular themes that are aimed to improve the children's ability to; ask questions, investigate, interrogate information, whilst developing a range of skills and deep knowledge. Our curriculum is designed to be flexible to the changing needs of our children and community. As such it is under a continuous cycle of review and evaluation. Our children contribute to curriculum design by informing us how they learn best and what they enjoy learning most.

The specific aims of our curriculum include: promoting the very highest standards in Literacy, Numeracy, Science and Computing; enabling children to acquire knowledge and key skills across the curriculum; promoting spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and in doing so ensuring high levels of involvement and wellbeing. We want to ensure children have the opportunities to participate in the arts, to grow an awareness of the humanities including R.E and to prepare our children for transition to secondary school and the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

At Birchwood our children experience a broad and balanced curriculum enabling them to grow and learn in a nurturing environment. The curriculum aims to equip children for their futures in a rapidly changing world recognising the importance of technology, science and communication. We help children develop a sense of identity, promoting fundamental shared values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance. We want our children to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show consideration and understand how they can contribute positively to society. Children learn the benefits of physically and emotionally healthy lifestyles, through personal, social and health education.

'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences' enable children to explore their talents and abilities through developing and appreciation of the arts, taking part in a wide range of physical activities, developing a sense of self in a supportive environment, experience music through performing, singing and playing instruments and by experiencing social, moral, spiritual and cultural education, broadening their awareness and understanding of the world and their place within it.

Neil Coleman—Headteacher



Think like a proton and stay positive!

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

**Spotlight on Excellence this week is:
Junior Choir Festival**



This week the choir were invited to sing at Bedworth Civic Hall in the Warwickshire Music Junior Choir Festival. Our choir were one of only 7 schools from across Warwickshire to take part and despite being the smallest group there, they were superb and we were very proud of them. I was asked by one of the parents if she could write my spotlight for the newsletter after she came to see her children in the festival, and of course I was happy to oblige, so over to her.

A big thank you and congratulations to Birchwood Choir, Mrs Day and Miss Slater for all their hard work and dedication for the Warwickshire Music Junior Choir Festival on Tuesday 26th March 2019. Can I say how proud I was that all the children looked very smart in their uniforms. They sang their hearts out. Their rendition of 'God help the Outcasts' was sung so beautifully that it left myself, my mum and others around us reduced to tears. I am sure that all the parents who attended the festival felt the same. A huge thank you to everyone in the Birchwood Choir.

Miss Lewis, Parent of George and Aimee-Louise, Year 5 and 3.

Excellent Attendance Certificates

'Rewarding children for attendance'

We are keen to reward children who achieve a great rate of attendance and also support parents who wish to encourage children to carry on when they have only minor ailments. It is fine for children to come into school with a sniffle or a tickly throat. Adults do not take days off work for very minor ailments and children do not need to either!

Our 'excellent attendance' certificates are not only awarded for perfect attendance, but take account of one or two days off, to ensure that children do not come in unwell just to gain a certificate.



'Bee Bots' causing a buzz in Reception



**COMIC
RELIEF**

Thank you to all children and parents for the wonderful support for Comic Relief last week. Our collection came to **£330.49**.

It was lovely to see all of the children dressed in red and we look forward to our next fundraising event, which is being run by Team Birchwood Primary School next month.

Team Birchwood News



Thank you for coming along this week to support our Mother's Day sale, we are always blown away by how popular and busy it is.

We also want to say Thank you for all the chocolate egg donations today. It will really help to make our Chocolate Bingo event successful and help to raise funds for school.

Do not forget Tickets go on sale for the Chocolate Bingo Night on Monday at 8.30 am in the Conference Room. Just £1 per ticket which includes the first book. Tickets will be on sale Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between these times 8.30-9am and 3.00-3.30pm. If you are not able to purchase tickets in person but would still like to attend please email tbps2619@welearn365.com or text 07919 431220



Dinosaur Experts in Reception



Dinner Arrangements

Please may we remind parents that due to ordering arrangements, Birchwood's policy is for children to choose to be dinners or packed lunch for a **week at a time**. If there is an emergency situation, then please speak to the school office.

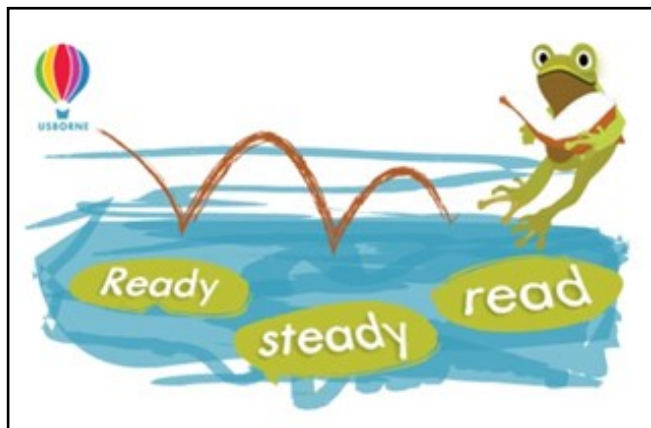


Easter Sponsored Read!!

Over Easter we will be running a sponsored read. The aim is to promote reading for pleasure as well as raise money for us to buy new books in school.

A letter will be coming home next week with more information but we hope to have lots of participants ready to...

Ready, Steady, Read!!!



Food For Life Silver Award



Three Eco Councillors travelled across to Rugby on Tuesday to collect the prestigious Food For Life Award. We were one of only three schools in the region to be awarded the Silver level, which requires schools to embed cooking and growing skills into their curriculum in a way that promotes healthy choices and the development of life skills.

The award was presented by the Mayor of Rugby and guests included the Associate Director of the National FFL program and representatives from Warwickshire Educaterers.

The pupils were treated to a variety of food and craft activities as well as a delicious buffet for their efforts.

Well done Birchwood!





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

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Monster Numbers

A cool maths game that combines fun and education.

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 fundraising so far this year is :
£1300.75

Thank you very much for all of your support.

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FUN CHILDRENS DANCE CLASSES HELD IN
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Little Dancers; from age 2 ½

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

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Academic Year 2018-2019

Spring Term 2019

Year 3 Botanical Gardens Trip	Monday 1st April
TBPS Chocolate Bingo Evening	Friday 5th April
Year 1 & Year 5 Fire Safety	Friday 5th April
Year R & Year 1 Dental Survey	Friday 5th April
Own Clothes Day	Friday 12th April
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April
Payment due for Manor Adventure	Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Y1 Class Assemblies	Thursday 9th May
Manor Adventure Trip	Friday 7th June to Monday 10th June
Children return to school	Monday 29th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 17th May
Manor Adventure Meeting	Monday 20th May
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 27th May
Children return to school	Monday 3rd June
Class Photographs	Tuesday 18th June
Y2 Class Assemblies	Thursday 20th June
Professional Development Day	Friday 21st June
Warwickshire Moving Up Day	Thursday 27th June
Sports Day	Monday 1st July
Reserve Sports Day	Tuesday 2nd July
Show and Share Evening	Thursday 11th July
Y6 Leavers Performance	Monday 15th July
Y6 Disco and BBQ	Thursday 18th July
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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