

Emails/Letters home this week: All— Warwickshire County Council Guidance, Y6– SATS info,

What's on in school next week?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Children Return to School				World Book Day

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

REMINDER : Parents please use birchwoodparents@welearn365.com when emailing school.

Ready to Reopen

It has been a long time since we were able to have all our children back in school. For nearly two thirds of our children, it will have been 80 days since they last spent time in school with their friends and class teachers. We want to make sure that we make the most of all the time we have in school between now and the summer.

Over the course of the next 4 weeks, staff will be working towards achieving 4 main objectives. Firstly, we want our children to return to a positive environment, establish a can do attitude and a shared sense of achievement. We want to support our children's social development and help them to re-establish friendships and relationships. We want to accurately assess and evaluate current levels of learning and plan carefully the curriculum coverage required in the summer term for each of our year groups.

Some reminders for parents and carers:

- From Monday 8th March attendance in school will be mandatory. The usual rules on attendance still apply and parents have a duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school.
- School uniform requirements remain the same as these play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and support us in setting an appropriate tone.
- Children will return to their normal classrooms and will be supported in class by their class teacher and TA. Year group bubbles will continue as children will not be able to mix with other children from different year groups whilst in school.
- Systems of control in school remain to ensure that we keep our school safe for all our families and staff. Reminders of classroom and school routines will be shared with children and we will continue to enforce 'Hands, Face, Space' when in school.
- To support year group bubbles, we will continue with a staggered day across school, including start and finish times to the school day and staggered break and dinner times.
- We will continue to operate a one way system into and out of school and parents will not be able to enter the school building. We ask that all parents wear a face covering when on our school site.
- Communication with school will be through the 'Me to You' system for class teachers and via phone and email. If you do have any questions please continue to use the dedicated parents school email birchwoodparents@welearn365.com or alternatively speak to the school office on 01827 892913.

We are really looking forward to having all of our children back in school. We miss our full classrooms and our busy break and dinner times. Most of all we miss our children and their smiles in school.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



Looking Forward to Full Playgrounds Again!

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

Spotlight this week is on...

Support for returning to school

We are, as I am sure you and your children are, really looking forward to having all the children back into school next week. However, for some children, change after a long period of learning from home can understandably cause a few worries.

It is really important to listen to what your child is thinking and feeling. What may seem a very trivial concern to an adult can be a huge part of a child's daily experience, and thinking about things from their perspective can often provide a fresh point of view on their concerns.

Most worries are short term and can be talked through with a trusted adult. It is important to remind children to focus on what will be the same when they return to school. Familiar adults, friends and classrooms will all help provide stability and routine for them.

If your child is feeling a little anxious about the return to school, Coventry and Warwickshire MIND have, this week, released a 'Return to school guide' which can be accessed via the Support for Families at home section of the Wellbeing tab on the Birchwood School Website. This guide provides great simple ideas to help with those natural moments when we all feel a little anxious, including some ideas on breathing techniques, mindfulness and resilience as well as some great planning for school ideas.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school very soon.

Mrs Day

Associate Headteacher

Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

Children Return to school	Monday 8th March
World Book Day	Friday 12th March
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

Children 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
Children Return to School	Monday 6th September

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.

Birchwood Best Practice

Design and Technology

Design and technology inspires creativity and imagination and enables pupils to design and make products that solve real and relevant problems within a variety of contexts.

Our aim is for children to acquire a broad range of subject knowledge and draw on other areas of the curriculum such as mathematics, science, computing and art to become resourceful, innovative, enterprising and capable citizens.

Through the evaluation of past and present design and technology, our children develop a critical understanding of its impact on daily life and the wider world.

Our projects focus on a range of skills linked to structures, textiles, electrical systems, mechanisms and mechanical structures.

Design and Technology also includes cooking and understanding the importance of nutrition. We are very lucky here at Birchwood to have a wonderful food technology room where we can prepare a wide range of different recipes, including using foods which we grow here at school in our orchard and kitchen garden. - **Mrs Clarke**



Covid Test Results

Please can we remind you that Covid test results should be emailed into school straight away, including over the weekend, to birchwoodparents@welearn365.com. Thank you.

Who's Who this week ...

Mrs Clarke



I joined Birchwood Primary School many years ago as an newly qualified teacher and never left. This says a lot about how much I love Birchwood and what a wonderful place it is to work.

One of my roles in school is to support student teachers as they are starting out on their careers. I really enjoy this role and having the opportunity to share my experiences and to learn from them too. Teaching changes so much all the time and as teachers we never stop learning alongside the children.

My other role in school is to lead Design and Technology. One of the best things about this is children from across school coming to share with me all of the wonderful things they have made and telling me about their learning.

Out of school I enjoy spending time with my family. I have two children, Mia and Isaac, who keep me very busy! We enjoy going for family days out, walks in the countryside and meals out too.

My School Fund

Join the My School Fund initiative!

Birchwood Primary is part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work? - You can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things you buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you will receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website, we will also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

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