

Letters home this week: Reception –Special to me.

What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05 Embody Dance Y1-6 Violin and Keyboard Lessons 3.10 - After School Library	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 3.10 -After School Library 3.05-Boogie Bounce Y4-6 3.05 -Eco Club	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

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Home Learning and Reading at Home.

At Birchwood we are always looking to improve how we do things and are always looking for ways to give children more choice and independence in their learning. This year we have made some positive changes to our approach to Home Learning across school.

Children will no longer receive a piece of written Home Learning each week. Instead they will receive a selection of project choices at the start of each term. These are based on the themes they will be studying and others will be skills or curriculum knowledge based. Each half term, we will be asking children to complete 2 choices, one theme based and one other option, making a total of 4 choices over the full term. Children will be able to choose how they show and share their learning, for example through photos, making, writing or drawing.

We hope that the changes made to Home Learning will not only increase the choice, independence and enjoyment of children's learning at home, but will also allow more flexibility in the way families can approach learning at home. Removing the weekly written piece of Home Learning will enable families to focus more on encouraging children to read during the week, whilst providing flexibility over the timings of the completion of Home Learning project choices.

This week the children brought in the first of their completed choices. During the week they have had the opportunity to share their learning with adults and children and receive feedback and praise on their learning. We were blown away with the response from children and are really proud of the outstanding 'Learning Behaviours' shown by our children. My favourite comment from a child was 'Home Learning? This is more like Home Fun!' I hope our new approach to learning at home continues to be popular with both our children and parents.

The other stop off dates for this term are Monday 21st October, Monday 25th November and Monday 16th December 2019. Text message reminders will be sent out a week before each Home Learning stop off date.

Weekly reading remains the most important aspect of Home Learning! There is an expectation that **ALL** children read at **least 4 times a week**. Regular reading is crucial for development in all subject areas and has the most impact on children's learning and progress across the curriculum.

Mr N Coleman - Headteacher



Happy Home Learner!

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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is:...the importance of being on time



The start of the school day is an important time for children, not only do they get the chance to say hello to their friends, which is a key social experience, but it is also a vital time for them to get into the routine of organising themselves ready for the day. Putting away their things, getting themselves started on exciting maths, or writing challenges, that teachers have set in a calm start to school. Coming in late means a rushed start to the day at this time, and can lead to a more difficult start to the day for children. Missed learning and also increased anxiety levels. Teachers often give out vital information and instructions during registration, so even missing just a few minutes can really impact on children's understanding of the day.

Sometimes children find the transition from home to school challenging. In these circumstances, try talking to them about their worries, but always focus on the positive, encouraging them to come in with a smile and minimise the time you spend 'handing over' at the gate or door. In the vast majority of cases, children are absolutely fine 10 seconds after you have left, and we will always call you if needed.

Mrs M Day - Associate Headteacher

Reception Class Tea Party

Our Reception children have made a wonderful start to school life at Birchwood and they were very excited yesterday to invite their grown ups in to share drinks and cake provided by Team Birchwood.

Children showed their grown ups around their classroom and every one had a wonderful time. A big thank you to Team Birchwood for a lovely tea party!



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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School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a School Crossing Patrol Operative outside of Birchwood School. Times are to be confirmed, but the position will require morning and afternoon cover, at the busiest times of the school day. Usually shifts are around 30 minutes each. The position is for Monday to Friday term time only (38 weeks per year spread across 12 monthly payments.) Pay for this position is £8.61 per hour plus holiday enhancements. A uniform and full training will be provided.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please contact the School Crossing Patrol Service for more details, on 01926 412661 or email scp@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Application packs can be downloaded at <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolcrossingpatrols> or collected from the school office.



Road Works

Please be aware that there will be resurfacing works on the M42 between J9 and J10 Northbound and Southbound over the next few weeks.



- M42 J10 to J9 Southbound
7th October– 11th October, 10pm until 6am.
- M42 J9 to J10 Northbound
14th October - 20th October, 10pm until 6am.
- M42 J10 to J9 Southbound
21st October - 26th October, 10pm until 6am.
- M42 J10 Southbound exit slip
28th October to 6 November, 9pm until 6am.

If you should require any more information about these closures then call 0300 123 5000 or email info@highwaysengland.co.uk . Alternatively visit the website, highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/ .

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

HOME LEARNING



CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

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

Birchwood Primary School Website



Want to know what is 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

Academic Year 2018-2019

Academic Year 2019/2020 Autumn Term 2019

Y2 Twycross Zoo Trip
EYFS Phonics Talk
TBPS Movie Night
Grandparents Lunch
New Intake Morning
Y4 Conkers Trip
Y5 Wroxeter Trip
Half Term (1 week)
Professional Development Day
Children Return to School
Y1 Toy Museum Trip
Late Parents Evening
Early Parents Evening
Y5 Class Assemblies
New Intake Morning
KS2 Pantomime trip
TBPS Christmas Fair
Nasal Flu Immunisations
Y1 Polesworth Abbey Trip
Lower School Christmas Perf.
Lower School Christmas Perf.
Upper School Christmas Perf.
Upper School Christmas Perf.
Christmas Dinner
Term Ends for Christmas (2 weeks)

Wednesday 9th October
Thursday 10th October
Thursday 17th October
Friday 18th October
Monday 21st October
Monday 21st October
Tuesday 22nd October
Monday 28th October
Monday 4th November
Tuesday 5th November
Weds 6th November
Weds 13th November
Thursday 14th November
Thursday 28th November
Monday 2nd December
Weds 4th December
Friday 6th December
Tuesday 10th December
Weds 11th December
Monday 16th December
Tuesday 17th December
Weds 18th December
Thursday 19th December
Friday 20th December
Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2020

Professional Development Day
Children Return to School
Half Term (1 week)
Professional Development Day
Children Return to School
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)

Monday 6th January
Tuesday 7th January
Monday 17th February
Monday 24th February
Tuesday 25th February
Friday 3rd April

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 17th July and 20th December. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to

Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air

Ambulance. Let us keep this service flying.

Are you planning on having a clear out ready for winter? If so, we have a collection point on site for any clothing, bedding, paired shoes, belts and bags if you would like to support our local air ambulance service. Look for the big yellow collection box to the right of the main school drive. This is emptied on a regular basis and the Air Ambulance Service appreciate all of the donations made.



Thank you.

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WORD MANIA

Make as many words as you can before the time runs out !!!



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.



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