

Letters sent home this week: ALL-Football Shirt Friday, YR4-Science Experiment

### What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05 pm Embody Dance Club Y1-6	3.05pm Multi Skills Club Y1-3	8.20am Cross Country Y 3,4 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3	8.20am Cross Country Y 3,4 3.05pm Athletics Club Y 3-6	3.05pm Musical Theatre Y2-6 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: Children should not enter the school playgrounds until 8.30 a.m when staff will be on duty. Thank you.**

### A Testing Time at Birchwood

We approach a very important time at Birchwood, as our children prepare for national statutory tests (SATs).

Next week each child in Year 6 will be completing formal assessments to measure their progress and overall attainment. The national tests and teacher assessments we complete are designed to give parents and the school important information about how well each child is doing, what their next steps are, and allow us to judge how the school is doing overall.

We also undertake 'non-statutory' tests and assessments in most other year groups to indicate if a child is working at, above, or below their age related expectations. This also allows teachers to plan essential 'next steps' and ensure children are supported in precisely the correct way and identify any additional support that may be required.

We have completed national statutory tests for many years and are well aware of the problems caused by placing too much pressure on our children. We **ALWAYS** make sure that testing and assessment is never a frightening or unpleasant experience for the children. Years of experience have shown us that excellent preparation and relaxed and happy children, do far better in tests.

We do our very best to make sure that children achieve what they deserve by teaching them to the best of our ability. We support them in class, with early morning booster sessions, specialist tutors, revision packs and individualised support. Surprisingly many of our children actually look forward to completing tests, seeing them as an opportunity to show what they are capable of and as another chance to make their teachers and parents proud of them.

The SATs tests start the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The best preparation you can give your child is ensuring that they have a good night's sleep and that they arrive in school on time. All we want from every child is for them to try their very best. We are extremely proud of all the hard work and effort they have put into every lesson this year and I am sure they will all do very well.

**Mr N Coleman**  
Headteacher



### Doing their 'Birchwood Best'

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

### Spotlight on Excellence

#### This week the focus is: Networks

There are times when we all need someone to chat to about those little, or sometimes even those bigger worries we have, or just to share how we are feeling. At Birchwood, we describe the people we feel comfortable talking to at those times, as our network.

It is really important to have a network, rather than just one person in case the first person you go to speak to is not available, or is not where you are at the time. For example, if you had a worry in school and your network was only made up of people at home that would be a problem. Similarly, if you were at home and your whole network was made up of people at school you would be stuck!

As part of our work on 'Protective Behaviours', which describes a whole range of things we work on and teach children to help them know how to keep themselves safe, we encourage children to think about their networks and who they would be comfortable talking to, both in school and outside school. We use the idea of a network hand to try to get children to think about 5 people they would be able to talk to if they ever felt worried or unsafe.

Taking time to talk to someone when we feel worried is really important. If someone explains that you are on their network, or asks to talk about their worries with you, take the time to listen to what they have to say. Listening to them could be the little thing that changes their day for the better.

**Mrs M Day**  
Associate Headteacher

## Illnesses and absences

We certainly do not want children to come in unwell, but in reality children often do not need to stay off for 48 hours if they are sick. Children can be ill for all sorts of reasons and often not because of a bug. We recommend that children do not return to school until **24 hrs** after the last episode of sickness, unless it has been diagnosed as 'Norovirus' in which case we recommend that children stay off for 48 hours.

### **Procedures if your child is absent from school:**

**1. Telephone** – PLEASE report absences by 8.30am on the day of absence by telephoning the school office leaving a message on the answer phone if necessary, giving the date, your child's class and reason for absence.

A telephone call is required **each** day of your child's absence. If we do not hear from you we need to PROTECT CHILDREN by calling parents to make sure that a child has not left home and then not appeared in school.

**2. Absence Note** - A note should be provided with a written explanation for a child's absence, which is signed and dated and should be sent into school on the first day of your child's return.

## Weight management

By encouraging your child to eat a healthy balanced diet, restricting the amounts of foods containing sugar and fat, and encouraging your child to get plenty of physical activity they should maintain a healthy weight.

Even though your children are growing, it is important to make sure they get just the right amount of food for their age – not too little and not too much – here are a few tips;

- ◆ Give your children, children's size portions, it sounds obvious but an adult tummy is bigger than a children's tummy – so try to give them portions that matches their size.
- ◆ Watch packaging sizes. Lots of foods and drinks, like cans of pop, are designed for adults or for sharing.

If you are concerned about your child's physical activity please contact The Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service on 03300 245 204 – Option 3 or visit [nhs.uk/](https://www.nhs.uk/)

## **TBPS Update**

Thank you to everyone who came to our pre-loved uniform sale yesterday, we raised £44 for school. We still have lots of good quality brand new and used uniform available, so we will be looking to organise another sale... watch this space for the date.

An ideal time to pick up a bargain to see children through to the year end, especially if they are having a growth spurt!

Thank you for your continuing support.

email: [tbps2619@welearn365.com](mailto:tbps2619@welearn365.com)



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# Family friendly Picnic in the Park

**Thursday 30th May**  
**12:30 - 15:30**  
**Pump Room Gardens,  
Leamington Spa**

Bring a picnic, a blanket and help campaign for better funding and support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Stalls, face painting, animal encounter, bouncy castle, support for families, speakers, crafts and a sensory and quiet area

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## YEAR 6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT



The Year 6 Netball Team played in a High 5 Tournament at the Polesworth School on Wednesday. They won two games, drew a game and lost two games. They narrowly missed out on a place in the Semi Finals due to another school having a slightly higher goal difference. The heavy rain did not dampen the team's mood and staff from other schools commented on how well they played and how well mannered they were. Yet again, another sports team who were a credit to Birchwood!

## **Outstanding payments**

Please could we ask parents if they would kindly check if they have any outstanding payments for school dinners, school trips and clubs. If you have it would greatly appreciated if you would pay the outstanding amounts as soon as possible.



# Year 1 Class Assemblies

Year 1 treated their grown ups to a wonderful assembly yesterday. They took their audience through a journey, showcasing their amazing learning this year. They started in India, before heading to space to meet Tim Peake, The Victorian Times, Castles (with an unexpected visit from the Queen) and finally ended in the enchanted land of fairytales with a special visit from a Fairy Godmother.





## School Health & Wellbeing Service

The Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service (formerly known as the 'School Nursing Service') is a confidential service that is freely available to all school-aged children and young people from 5-19 years old (up to 25 years old for people with special educational needs) and their families and carers. The team comprises of Qualified School Nurses, School Staff Nurses, Healthcare Support Workers and Administrators. The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and The School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204 Option 3.



## Birchwood Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in school? Go to [www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com](http://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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NSPCC fundraising so far this year is :

**£1644.38**

Thank you very much for all of your support.

## CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

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Fridays 5:30 – 7:30, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Classes include Ballet, Tap, Acrobatics, Modern plus lots more

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## Academic Year 2018-2019

### Summer Term 2019

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
Manor Adventure Trip	Friday 7th June to Monday 10th 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.



### 10 Minutes a Day Times Table

Practise for 10 minutes a day and become a Maths Star



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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