

Emails/Letters home this week: ALL - Embody Dance, Music Sessions

What's on in school next week?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

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

REMINDER : If your child is in school, please follow the usual absence procedures when absent.

Supporting Remote Learning

Our Remote Learning Plan is designed to provide continued support for children's learning whether in school or learning from home. We aim to deliver high-quality daily learning opportunities that align as closely as possible with in-school provision. Each year group are doing their best to continue to work through our planned curriculum, adapting practice where necessary.

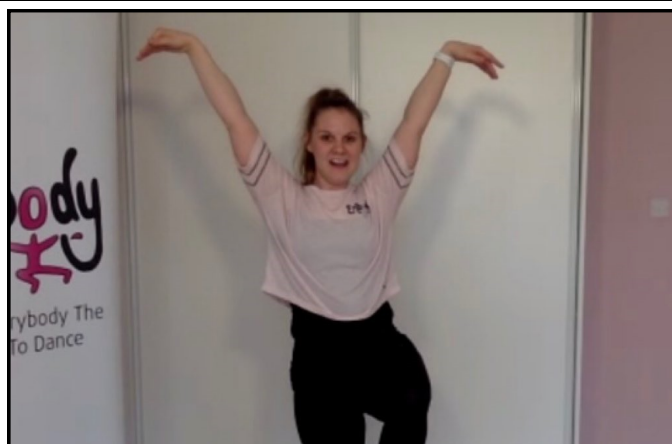
Each day children receive three live sessions. The purpose of these is to provide children with instructions, guidance and support for the learning task that follows each session. As part of these, key teaching points will be shared and modelled with children and questions will be asked as part of ongoing assessment.

We have timetabled the three daily sessions to be divided across the day and have split times to try and support families who have children in different year groups. Unfortunately, we are unable to ensure that all our families of children have different times and apologise if there are any clashes.

We hope the daily sessions are helping to keep our children engaged with their learning, but also hope that parents are finding them supportive in their role as home educators. One of the main reasons behind delivering live sessions as opposed to uploaded pre-recorded videos, is that our children have the opportunity to see their friends and teachers and engage in the sessions. We think that this is really important for children's wellbeing and social interaction.

This week we have launched our bespoke dance and music sessions. These additional sessions have been added to our remote learning offer to support the delivery of our arts curriculum and are being led by specialist teachers Miss Slater and Mrs Bright. These sessions have been really well received with the classes who have taken part this week. All classes will experience at least one dance and one music session before the end of this half term.

We know that our children learn best when they are in school with their friends and teaching staff. Under the current conditions, I believe we are all doing as much as we can to limit the disruption to children's education. My thanks once again to all our Birchwood staff and parents for the brilliant job you are all doing in these difficult times.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher


Embody Bespoke Dance Sessions!

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Spotlight this week is on...



Supporting Children at Home

This week I have spoken to a number of parents about advice on how best to support their children at home with their learning. Children are all, as we know, totally unique. Some are really independent learners, others need reassurance that they are on the right track.

Teachers are always happy to see children's independent work. However, if your child asks for your help or you wish to support them in their remote learning then maybe ask them to stop and think. What do you already know that can help you? Remind them to think about the teacher's instructions and their previous learning.

It can be very tempting, especially when the answer is very clear to us as adults, to simply tell children the answer or 'do it for them'. While this is often quicker, it does not help children to see how to solve a problem, or to find the answer for themselves. Instead suggest a starting point down the right path, 'Why don't you try....' and then encourage positive steps in the right direction.

Parents often ask if they should be correcting every spelling mistake. Our advice is to focus on the key common words such as 'we, the, them, then' or for older children words such as 'after' or 'because'. Encourage children to use their phonics to sound out unfamiliar longer words. Remind children to use their capital letters and full stops correctly though, this is really important for all ages.

Encouragement is a key factor in helping your child with any learning task and this is something we know that none of our children are short of from you as parents. In this new situation we find ourselves in, remember that you and your children are doing the very best for each other.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher

Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

Half Term	Monday 15th February
Professional Development day	Monday 22nd February
Children Planned Return to School	Tuesday 23rd February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

Children Planned 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

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.



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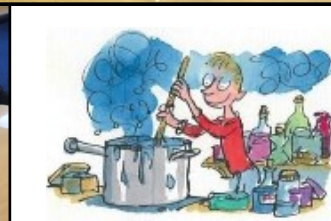


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