

Reminders: All uniform and kit should be clearly named. This helps us to get lost property back to children quickly.

What's on in school next week...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Violin & Keyboard Lessons 3.05 pm Embody Dance Playtastic Orchestra	Drum & Guitar Lessons 3.05 pm Aston Villa Multi Skills Y1-3	Woodwind Lessons 3.05 pm Elite Football Y1-3	3.05 pm Top Score Football Club Y4-6	Cello Lessons 3.05 pm Top Score Multi Sports Y 4-6 3.05 pm Musical Theatre

Letters sent home this week: If your child has not received their copy of these letters or the 'Bugle' please contact their class teacher or the office

Letters sent home this week: Y6—Brownlee Foundation Triathlon

Birchwood House System

Our House families are a really important part of life at Birchwood. We are very proud of our reputation in our local community. As a very popular and full school we have over 430 pupils across our 14 classes. Due to our size we are always looking for ways for our pupils to talk, socialise and share learning together. Being part of a house gives children an opportunity to work together and get to know children in other year groups and classes.

At Birchwood we have 4 Houses: Chaytor (Red), Morris (Blue), Goodere (Yellow) and Chetwynd (Green). Our house names are based on local historical families. Some of the local streets around our school are also named after these same families. All of our pupils are placed into one of the houses and we make sure that we keep families together. All of our staff at school are also connected to one of our 4 Houses.

On Friday 14th September all the children gathered together in their houses to vote for their new House Captains for this academic year. Nearly half the children in Year 6 put themselves forward for the role. The children spent all week preparing and practicing their speeches to try and convince the rest of their house mates that they are the best person for the job. At the end of all the speeches the children voted for the person they wanted as their captain. I am pleased to announce the following:

Chaytor House Captain – Isabella
Goodere House Captain – Frankie
Chetwynd House Captain – Layton
Morris House Captain – Holly

Every half term we hold a House Competition. The House that has the most number of entries wins the House Trophy for that half term and 4 house points to add to their total. Second place gets 3 house points, third place 2 and fourth place 1 house point. After 6 years of House Competitions the totals stand at:

Chaytor – 51 House Points
Goodere – 52 House Points
Chetwynd – 48 House Points
Morris – 43 House Points

This half term's Autumn Maths House Challenge is titled 'Maths in a Story'. House Captains will be introducing the new House competition on Monday 1st October in our school assembly. They are very excited about leading their first competition and are all keen for their house to be the winners of the Maths Challenge Cup.

I look forward to seeing all the fantastic story entries and how our new House Captains grow into their role of responsibility in school.

Mr N Coleman – Headteacher



Birchwood House Captains

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

Spotlight on 'Young Voices'.

This week school has once again begun to ring with the sound of singing at lunchtimes as Young Voices rehearsals have started in preparation for our concert on 25th January 2019. As you are aware, we are always keen for as many children as possible to experience 'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences' in school and children who are interested in coming to the concert have been given a letter to officially sign up as final choir numbers have to be submitted next week. If you would like to help on the day as a parent or helper, even if you have mentioned it before, please let me know as we also need to finalise our helpers too!

This years' songs have already included a Moana medley, a collection of songs linked by the theme of 'days' and 'swing' style songs. Young Voices is an amazing opportunity not only for children to develop their vocal skills, but also to experience working alongside a live band and a conductor on the day as well. How many children can say they have actually taken part in a concert at the Genting Arena?

If you or your child would like to join in please make sure that you let us know as soon as possible. Our choir are sounding great and we look forward to sharing it with you nearer to the concert.

Mrs Day—Associate Headteacher

Academic Year 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Year 6 Class Assemblies	Thursday 27th September
School Photographs	Thursday 11th October
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 29th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 5th November
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th November
Nasal Flu Immunisations	Friday 9th November
Late Parents Evening	Wednesday 14th November
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 15th November
Year 5 Class Assemblies	Thursday 29th November
TBPS Christmas Fair	Friday 7th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Monday 17th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Tuesday 18th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Wednesday 19th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Thursday 20th December
Term Ends for Christmas (Early)	Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Professional Development Day	Monday 7th January
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 18th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 25th February
Children return to school	Tuesday 26th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Children return to school	Monday 29th April
May Day	Monday 6th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 27th May
Children return to school	Monday 3rd June
Professional Development Day	Friday 21st June
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 1 pm early finish on 21st December and 19th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

Myths and Legends....

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face

'Dinner ladies make my child eat food they hate!'

'Midday Supervisors', as we now know them, never force children to eat what they don't like. However, we DO encourage children to try new foods, and 'have one more mouthful' because we know that some children are notoriously 'picky' eaters. Our Midday Supervisors also do a really important job in checking that children have had a good go at eating their packed lunches.

With the attraction of a chocolate covered biscuit or cake for pudding, encouraging children to eat a ham sandwich is always a big challenge!



Transport Costs

The cost of hiring coaches has risen significantly this year. This will inevitably have a knock on effect with our school trips. School will still continue to subsidise trip costs wherever possible. We would like to assure our parents that school always seeks the best price for our parents pocket and the highest quality coaches for our children's comfort.

Reception Children arriving at school

Please may we remind parents of children in Acorn and Chestnut classes to remain with your child/children until handing them over to the teachers at 8.40 a.m.

Thank you.



Birchwood Primary School

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.



Uniform Orders



Q When can I order uniform?

A Anytime !! Simply log onto our Birchwood Primary School website at www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com and click on the "Parents" tab, then click "ParentPay" and finally click onto "Parentpay Uniform Shop"

Q When will my uniform be ready for collection?

A Uniform is ready for collection on the following Wednesday after your order has been placed. Our uniform shop is open each Wednesday from 3.05pm until 3.30pm.

Q Can I collect at any other time?

A If you are unable to collect on a Wednesday, between 3.05pm and 3.30pm, please contact our office and we will do our best to make alternative arrangements.

Q Can my child bring a uniform order home?

A We prefer to avoid this option, as uniform can easily be lost this way. We would not be able to replace any orders that are lost.

Q Is home delivery available?

A Unfortunately we do not have this option available. Orders are only available to collect.

A trim trail treat

Our Reception and KS1 children had a lovely surprise when they returned to school after the summer holiday.



A brand new trim trail had been installed alongside the lower school playground

The children have had lots of fun using the new equipment.





Permanent Vacancy

Birchwood Primary School is seeking to appoint a cleaner for 12.5 hours per week term time, plus two weeks holiday cleaning (times to be discussed/40 week contract). Actual salary £4907.26.

Birchwood is a very popular successful school recognised as an 'Outstanding' school (OFSTED 2014/15). We are looking for someone to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed cleaning team on a permanent basis, working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need.

Application form and a job description are available from the school office or on our website

www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com. Please return completed forms to school no later than 9.00am on Monday 1st October 2018.

Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2007** and **31/08/2008** are due to start Secondary School in September 2019. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2018.**

Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary and Secondary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool. You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047.



Flu Immunisations for Warwickshire children

Warwickshire Health Authority is responsible for the planning and delivery of all school-based immunisation programmes across the county, according to a schedule agreed with Public Health England.

Warwickshire has its own localised team who are responsible for the delivery of the NHS national campaigns. They are available to provide expert advice to children, families, other professionals and schools regarding immunisation and vaccination issues and can offer extra support to those children and young people who are worried about receiving vaccinations or who have additional needs.

All the vaccinations will be delivered in school and parents will be issued an information pack ahead of time. If your child is unwell or absent from school on the day of the immunisation a follow up session or clinic appointment will be offered.

The school health team will be at Birchwood Primary School on Friday 9th November to deliver nasal flu immunisations to children from Reception to Year 5. Look out for the information packs and consent forms coming home very soon.

For further information on the immunisation program, please follow the link below. <https://www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/service-detail/health-service/immunisation-service-school-age-120/>

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App of the week



Lets do Mental Maths !!

Practise mental maths skills against the clock

This years chosen charity to be revealed soon!!

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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