

Letters home this week: School Class photographs, Y6—arrangements for Leaving Event, All— Operation Encompass

## What's on in school next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Early Finish - 1pm		

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

**REMINDER : Please can you ensure any outstanding balances on ParentPay are paid, thank you.**

## Thanks, from all at Birchwood

In our final newsletter, in what has been the most challenging of school years, I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to our whole school community. Together we have demonstrated the team work and support that are at the heart of Birchwood Primary School.

I feel very privileged and proud to be the Head teacher of a Primary School that is at the centre of such a positive, engaging and supportive community. I know I repeatedly say how brilliant all of our children are, but I genuinely mean it and it is at times like these that shows just how fantastic they are and what an absolute credit they are to our school and you as parents. Seeing how upset our children have been this year when they have not been allowed to be in school has been difficult. But this just goes to show how much they really enjoy being here!

I want to pass on my thanks to all of our parents, grandparents and carers, who, throughout this year, have been so positive, thankful and appreciative of all we have tried to do. Together we have done a brilliant job supporting our children with their remote learning at home. The teamwork, communication and support between home and school ensured that our children continued to learn during periods of lockdown and time away from school. The kind words and messages to staff and myself were very welcomed and much appreciated. Thank you.

The staff at Birchwood, without exception, have again risen to all the challenges put before them and have continued to do so in their usual positive, friendly and caring way. A crucial part of my role is to ensure that we recruit the very best people to work at our school. Not only do they have to be brilliant at their jobs, but they have to really care about our school, our children and our vision and values. Our staff invest more than just their time and expertise, they constantly go above and beyond for our children and each other. Their continued professionalism, expertise and support, is never taken for granted.

I could not end my last newsletter of the year without mentioning our school leavers. Our Year 6 children have missed out on so much over the last 18 months, despite the school's best efforts to make up for lost time. They have never moaned once about all things they have missed, but not being able to complete the end of their

**HAPPY  
RETIREMENT**

**We Will Miss You**



school year was a tough one to take. I am really pleased that we have been able to organise for all the Year 6 children to come back into school on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September to put on their end of year production of School of Rock, to join us for their leavers BBQ and to give them an opportunity to say a proper goodbye to staff and Birchwood. We will miss them greatly, but know that they will all go on to great things.

Unfortunately, we also have to say goodbye to a number of long serving staff who are leaving us at the end of this year. Mrs Ryle (Admin Assistant 24 years), Mrs Haskell (Senior Lunchtime Supervisor 16 years), Mrs Fisher (Teaching Assistant 14 years) and Mrs Willis (Class teacher and Early Years Co-ordinator 34 years!) have all made the difficult decision to retire. We will be recognising their contributions in school next week, but I am sure you would all like to join me in sending out thanks to them for everything they have done and we wish them all a very happy and long retirement. We do hope that they will be frequent visitors to Birchwood in the future, but they will all be missed greatly.

We are all looking forward to a well-deserved summer break, giving us an opportunity to relax and recharge the batteries. We look forward to welcoming back all of our children in September and to getting to know our new Reception children, who we have not had the pleasure to have met properly yet.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone connected to our school a lovely summer break. Next year our aim, as always, is to come back to school bigger and brighter than ever. **Mr Coleman - Headteacher**

# SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Well done to all of the children for their brilliant results on their sports days. The house points collected are shown below.

**CHETWYND 592**

**CHAYTOR 563**

**GOODERE 560**

**MORRIS 545**



## Spotlight this week is ...

### Reflecting on success

This week has seen children taking home their books from this year as well as their end of year reports ready to share with you at home. This time is a lovely opportunity to celebrate with children how far they have come in the year at school. Perhaps this will be in terms of their academic success in maths, reading or writing, or subjects such as History, Design Technology or PE.

However, just as important is to take time to reflect on their achievements in their learning behaviours, perhaps they have achieved a new presentation pen through slowing down and not rushing their work, learned a new way of resolving a fall out with friends, learned to do zips on their coat by themselves, overcome something that was a big worry for them, or found that actually they can do it if they persevere. These skills for learning, start with even the youngest children in school, where learning how to focus and concentrate for increasingly longer periods is a massive skill to begin to master.

As you look back on this year with your child, remember to celebrate all their achievements on their unique learning journey and remind them of all the things they can now do that they could not way back in September. It is also a good opportunity to think about what they want to achieve next year.

Have a fantastic summer. Stay safe and we will look forward to seeing everyone back at Birchwood for another year of fantastic learning in September.

**Mrs Day- Associate Headteacher**

## Sponsored Walk/Run

On Friday 9th July, our children set off on a walk/run to raise funds for our chosen charity, Zellweger UK. The route was mapped out around the school grounds and each year group took it in turns to complete their laps.



They were cheered on as they passed classroom windows, only pausing briefly to have their lap card stamped as they passed the checkpoint.



The children were amazing, jointly their kilometres covered would have taken us from Polesworth to Seville in Spain! Well done everyone! And when it was finally all over..... A well earned rest was in order, as our last picture shows :-)





# Year 1 Sports Day



Year 1 had so much fun taking part in their sports day, the weather held off raining for just long enough for the races to take place. It was so exciting, even Mr Smith had a go at a sack race! Mr Smith, we think you are a good sport! Well done everyone.



## YEAR 3 - BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

Year 3 had a brilliant day at Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Tuesday. They had fun searching for mini beasts in the woodland, and pond dipping to find out what lives in the water. They also had a great session handling lots of different animals including a corn snake, bearded dragon and a giant African land snail.





## Academic Year 2020-2021

### Spring Term 2021

Term Ends for Summer, 1pm Wednesday 21st July

## Academic Year 2021-2022

### Autumn Term 2021

Professional Development Day	Thursday 2nd September
Professional Development Day	Friday 3rd September
Children Return to School	Monday 6th September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 1st November
Term Ends for Christmas	Friday 17th December

### Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January '22
Children Return to School	Wednesday 5th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 21st February
Professional Development Day	Monday 28th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 8th April

### Summer Term 2022

May Day	Monday 2nd May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 30th May
Professional Developments Day	Friday 24th June
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 22nd 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 2021. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

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**ZELLWEGER UK. Amount raised so far:  
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Please note that although we check the suitability of Applications, they can be changed without notice. Parents should therefore check the Application BEFORE

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## Birchwood Primary School Website



### Class Photographs

The school class photographs taken by our school photographer have been distributed this week. Please check your child's bag.

Parent's of year 6 children who do not have any other children in school, may collect their pictures from school reception.



## Tennis Coaching

This Summer there are more chances than ever to get on court at Newton Regis Tennis Club, Recreational Ground, Austrey Lane, Newton Regis, B79 0NL. On Sunday the 25th of July we will be hosting a FREE open day where everyone is welcome to get on court and have a go. You will be given a warm welcome with refreshments available throughout the day.



### Free Sessions

Tennis Tots (3-5 year olds)	10:00 - 10:45am
Mini Tennis (5-10 year olds)	11:00 - 11:45am
Teen Tennis (11-17 year olds)	12:00 - 12:45pm
Cardio Tennis (adults)	1:00 - 1:45pm
Family Tennis (families)	2:00 - 2:45pm

To book your place go to [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/Events](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/Events) and enter your postcode to book the session you would like to attend.



### Summer Tennis

LTA Youth Start gives those aged 4-11 a first step into tennis with six group coaching sessions, a racket, t-shirt, tennis balls and sweat bands for only £29.99 (\*£5 p.p.). Course 1 Mon 26th - Fri 30th July. Course 2 Mon 16th - Fri 20th August. To book your space follow this link [www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/lta-youth/start/](http://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/lta-youth/start/)

### Term Time Lessons

From September regular weekly sessions will begin at Newton Regis with a range of sessions for those aged 4-18. Learn to play tennis, get active and have fun on court. If you are interested contact Duncan Coates.

Sessions are run following Government COVID guidelines by an LTA accredited coach who is DBS checked, first aid and safeguarding trained. For more information on any of these contact Duncan Coates at [duncan.tenniscoach@gmail.com](mailto:duncan.tenniscoach@gmail.com) or find me on Facebook Duncan Coates Coach.



**CAMEO DANCE** EST.2003

### FUN CHILDRENS DANCE CLASSES HELD IN POLESWORTH

**Little Dancers from age 2 ½, Tuesdays & Fridays 4:30 - 5:30pm The Memorial Hall, Polesworth**

**Juniors from age 7, 5:30 - 7:30pm**

**The Memorial Hall, Polesworth**

**Tuesdays & Fridays 5:30 - 7:30**

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, with no pressure

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## YOUTH CLUB

Wednesdays  
Under 12years  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

### Sports activities

### Dance classes

Pool Table

Xbox

Food and Drink

Milkshake Bar

**The Dordon Club**  
Long Street  
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