

Letters home this week: Y3-6 Beauty and the Beast

## 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	3.05 Aston Villa Multi Skills Y1-3 Drum and Guitar Lessons 8.20 Cross Country Club Y4-6	3.05 Elite Football Skills Y4-6	Clarinet Lessons 3.10 -After School Library 3.05-Boogie Bounce Y4-6 8.20 Cross Country Club Y4-6	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

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

## 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 currently have 436 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 four Houses.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, all the children gathered together in their houses to vote for their new House Captains for this academic year. Over half the children in Year 6 put themselves forward for the role. The children spent all week preparing and practising 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 new House Captains:

**Chaytor House — Faith**      **Goodere House — Bobbie**  
**Chetwynd House — Grace**      **Morris House — Callum**

Every half term we hold a House Competition. This year Mr Hammersley will be setting all the House Competitions, with the help of our 4 new House Captains. 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 get 2 and forth place get 1 house point. After 6 years of House Competitions the totals stand at:

**Chaytor – 59 House Points**      **Goodere – 60 House Points**  
**Chetwynd – 56 House Points**      **Morris – 51 House Points**

This half term's Autumn Maths House Challenge is titled 'The Cost of Shopping!' House Captains will be introducing the new House Competition on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 entries for our first House Competition and watching our new House Captains grow into their role of responsibility in school.

**Mr N Coleman—Headteacher**



## Our New House Captains!

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 washing your hands



Washing your hands sounds like such a simple thing to do, but it is also one of the most important things we do in our daily routine. It is also the one children forget most easily. Eager to get back to playing, learning and having fun with their friends, it is easy to forget this vital task. Yet the importance of good handwashing cannot be underestimated; there can be more than 1000 bacteria living on just 1 square centimetre of your hands. Illnesses such as diarrhoea and threadworms, amongst others, can be avoided by keeping our hands clean.

At Birchwood we remind children of the importance of washing their hands within our work in class and our assemblies as part of our PSHE as well as part of routines in school. However it is really important to keep reminding children all the time, both at home and at school, of how vital this simple job is in keeping them healthy everyday.

**Mrs M Day—Associate Headteacher**

## Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2008** and **31/08/2009** are due to start Secondary School in September 2020. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2019.**



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

### Holidays in Term Time

In actual fact THE LAW is very strict about holidays in term time and the school has no choice!!! The school is inspected by OFSTED to make sure it follows the rules properly and the Warwickshire Attendance Service (WAS) have a legal responsibility to monitor school attendance on behalf of the Local Authority. WAS will inspect registers and if unhappy will prosecute parents.

Parents often think it is the school that make up the rules. This is wrong. The school must simply follow the rules laid down by others. We hate upsetting parents who we have a great relationship with, but we often feel at the sharp end of apparently being responsible for the law.

### Aldi's Team GB Competition for Schools

Aldi has launched a competition to give 20 primary schools across the UK the chance to win £20,000 each to build a health legacy.

The Kit for Schools competition launched on 6 September and is part of Aldi's long-standing partnership with Team GB.

Every UK school that signs up to the initiative will receive a sticker poster, and each school which completes their poster with Team GB stickers, will receive one entry into the final prize draw to win £20,000 to build a health legacy along with a mini school sports day kit.

Aldi shoppers will receive stickers every time they spend £30 or more in store, which can be taken into schools and added to their sticker poster.



# Drop in for support and advice

For all families in Warwickshire

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

**Mondays: 12.30-3.30pm**

At: Atherstone Children & Family Centre.

Kings Avenue, Atherstone,  
CV9 1JZ



The Early Help and Targeted Support Team



## Warwickshire Primary Mental Health Team North Warwickshire District – 2019/2020

### Parent Information Sessions/ Coffee Chats

Warwickshire Primary Mental Health Team offer FREE Parent Information Sessions and Coffee Chats within the local community! At these sessions you will have the opportunity to meet other parents and learn about common emotional wellbeing concerns in children/young people and find out what you can do to help! Parent Information Sessions are more structured sessions on a particular topic and afterwards, Coffee Chats are more informal, where you can get to know other parents and have a 'chat' about your experiences!

LOCATION: The Ratcliffe Centre, Ratcliffe Road, Atherstone, CV9 1LF

The next session will be:

#### Understanding and supporting children aged 3-11 years with Anxiety - 7th Oct 2019

You will learn about anxiety and how can we help our children people manage their worries. You will learn to identify the signs & symptoms of anxiety and how it might present in children of different ages. You will learn to differentiate between the usual stresses of childhood, and anxiety that may be more problematic for your child. You will learn practical strategies and techniques you can do at home to support your child when they are feeling anxious. You will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.

**PLEASE NOTE, these sessions are for parents/carers ONLY & booking is ESSENTIAL.**

**Please do NOT bring children to these sessions**

**Please email [risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk) or call 07917 504682**



# BIRCHWOOD BEST!

Our children worked very hard last academic year and this was reflected in their annual reports, which are sent home just before the summer holidays. We would like to share some of the positive comments we received back from parents.

What a report! The teacher's comments made me cry. So, so pleased with his progress. Thank you so much!!

I am very pleased with my daughter's progress. She always tries her best and is happy at school. I can not thank staff enough for all their help. A very proud mum today!

Our son has made great progress during year 5. Thank you all for your support, you are all amazing!!

Our son loves coming to school and it is lovely to see him so enthusiastic about learning.

We are so pleased with our daughter's report and can see how well she has developed since her first day. We love that she loves to learn and hope that she continues to feel that way. No regrets in choosing Birchwood.

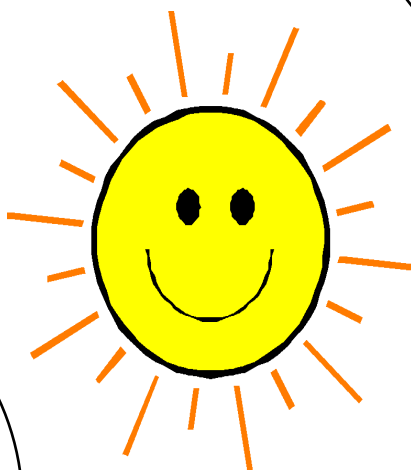
I am so proud of my son and want to say thank you to you all for encouraging his brilliance as this was one thing I was worried about when choosing schools. I am so happy he got accepted here. He loves coming to school and learning. Thank you!

My son's confidence has grown so much this year, his report was brilliant. Thank you.

Another fantastic year with so much progress. We are so proud of you. A huge thank you to staff for your teaching, guidance and patience.

It's great to hear about my daughter's positive qualities, she has worked hard to achieve greater depth- thank you for your support and hard work in helping her. She said she will miss you next year.

I am really pleased with how my son's handwriting has improved, I know he has worked hard. Thank you for continuing to push him to achieve his target of getting his pen!



Thank you for your support in raising **£2487** for last year's chosen charity the **NSPCC**.  
This year's chosen charity will be announced soon. Watch this space!

## Woodwind Instruments

Birchwood Primary in conjunction with Independent Music Services would like to give children the opportunity to take Woodwind Instrument lessons.

YR2-6 Recorder

YR3-6 Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone.

If your child is interested in playing one of the above instruments then please go to the school office for more information.



## 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**

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.



### Let's do Mental Maths !

Practise mental maths skills against the clock



## Academic Year 2018-2019

### Academic Year 2019/2020 Autumn Term 2019

Reception Class Tea Party	Tuesday 1st October
School Photographs	Friday 4th October
TBPS Movie Night	Thursday 17th October
New Intake Morning	Monday 21st October
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 28th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 4th November
Children Return to School	Tuesday 5th November
Term Ends for Christmas (2 weeks)	Friday 20th December

### Spring Term 2020

Professional Development Day	Monday 6th January
Children Return to School	Tuesday 7th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 17th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 24th February
Children Return to School	Tuesday 25th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 3rd April

### Summer Term 2020

Children Return to School	Monday 20th April
May Day	Friday 8th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th May
Professional Development Day	Friday 19th June
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 17th 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 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 a member of staff.

## Sickness

There is a common misconception that children should be kept off school for 48 hours in the event of any illness. In reality this advice was published for Noro virus, the 'winter vomiting bug'. 48 hour's absence is not required for every type of illness. In general, a child should stay away from school until they have been free from symptoms for about 24 hours.

## CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

### FUN CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES HELD IN POLESWORTH

#### Little Dancers from age 2 ½

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

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