

Letters home this week: ALL- Shoesday, Grandparents Lunch, Childrens Choice Menu, Movie Night Y6-Manor Adventure Y5-Wroxeter Y4-Conkers Y2-Twycross Zoo

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	8.20 Cross Country Club Y4-6 3.05 Aston Villa Multi Skills Y1-3 Drum and Guitar Lessons	3.05 Elite Football Skills Y4-6	8.20 Cross Country Club Y4-6 Clarinet Lessons 3.10 -After School Library 3.05-Boogie Bounce 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 :Our photographer will be in school on 4th October to take single head photographs and family groups

Celebrating Positive Behaviour - BASE Skills Academy

At Birchwood we view primary education as far more than just Maths and English. We firmly believe in providing all our pupils with 'rich opportunities and memorable experiences'. We have a very creative thematic curriculum that supports the development of skills in all foundation subjects, offering pupils a broad and balanced curriculum experience. We strive to improve children's development in the foundation subjects and in recent years have been awarded with 'Science Gold Quality Mark', 'Arts Mark Gold', '360 online safety mark', 'Food For Life Silver award' and 'Young Carers Silver award', as recognition for our efforts.

At Birchwood we are very keen to celebrate children who are brilliantly behaved and considerate all of the time. To reward them for being at their Birchwood Best, the children get to choose and take part in 'Skills Academy' to support our BASE (Birchwood Additional School Experience) programme. If pupils have followed our one school rule of Consideration all week and have tried their very best in all their learning, they will be entitled to thirty minutes of BASE skills academy time. During BASE Skills time, pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of enjoyable skills based activities of their choice, run by our fabulous teachers and teaching assistants. Skills academy runs between 2:30 and 3:00pm in phases – Year 1-2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6. Pupils will get to choose from a range of different skills activities in each phase including lego, football, music, art, dance, cooking and many more. They will spend the half term practicing and refining these skills during their BASE time. Each half term there will be a new set of skills activities for the children to choose.

There are many advantages to our Skills Academy. Children have the opportunity to learn and develop new skills in a wide range of enjoyable activities. They will get to learn with children from other classes, work in smaller groups and develop positive relationships with different teachers and teaching assistants. It also gives us all something fun and exciting to look forward to at the end of the school week.

At Birchwood we are proud that our pupil's enjoy coming to school and that they look forward to their skills time after doing their Birchwood Best all week. We believe that every child in our school is good at something and it is our aim to find, nurture and celebrate those talents. We know that our 'BASE Skills Academy' helps support us to achieve this.

Mr N Coleman
Headteacher



Reading Club!

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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is:

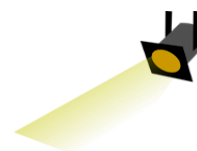
.....Home Learning

With the first stop off for our new home learning approaching next Monday, we are all looking forward to sharing with the children what they have been up to at home this half term already. Some sneak previews and clues have been coming in with children telling us about videos and photos of trips they have been on and performances they have created at home. While other children have been creative and been busily making projects which they are keen to share.

We hope that parents have enjoyed having a different approach to learning at home this term, and this approach has meant that they can spend a bit more time enjoying sharing a book more regularly, and spending time together sharing in the learning experiences with their children.

If you have not quite finished your first project yet then there is still time to complete it this weekend ready for Monday's stop off. We look forward to sharing some photos of the first stop off learning projects being shared in the newsletter next week.

Mrs M Day
Associate Headteacher



NO IFS ... NO BUTS ... NO EXCUSE KEEP THE ZIG-ZAGS CLEAR !!!

The zig –zags are there for a purpose.

To provide a clear area in which children can cross MORE safely.

Because of their size, children cannot see if the road is clear from behind parked cars

Drivers cannot see small children hidden by parked cars.



School Crossing Patrol Vacancy



A vacancy has arisen for a School Crossing Patrol Operative outside of Birchwood School. Times are to be confirmed, but the position will require morning and afternoon cover, at the busiest times of the school day. Usually shifts are around 30 minutes each. The position is for Monday to Friday term time only (38 weeks per year spread across 12 monthly payments.) Pay for this position is £8.61 per hour plus holiday enhancements. A uniform and full training will be provided.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please contact the School Crossing Patrol Service for more details, on 01926 412661 or email scp@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Application packs can be downloaded at <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolcrossingpatrols> or collected from the school office.



Trading Cards

Please can we ask that children do not bring trading cards such as Pokémon and football cards into school.

Myths and Legends.

'It doesn't matter if my child is late for school'

Not what the children would say! They absolutely hate being late. They arrive after all their friends are already sat down in school and enter a classroom of 30 others looking at them. At the start of the day teachers take registers, explain to the children what they will be doing for the day and all sorts of other important instructions about what will be happening around school. Persistent lateness will often result in contact from Education Social Workers who inspect our registers and will prosecute for persistent cases.

School Photographs

School photographs are being taken Friday 4th October. Younger siblings can be brought to school for family photos from 8.30am.

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 or call 07917 504682



Base Skills Academy

Our children enjoying their Base Skills activities on Friday afternoon including Music Club, Craft Club, Bug Hunting and Forest School.



Children's Choice Menu

Over the last few years, Birchwood have worked very closely with Educaterers to create an exciting school meal menu.



On Thursday 3rd October 2019, Birchwood are having a Children's Choice Menu in school, which will be a choice of hot dog or pizza served with sweetcorn or baked beans and cross cut fries or a jacket potato with a choice of fillings. Dessert will be a choice of cracknel or ice cream.

As one of our census days, the money allocated to school for school meals is partly based on the number of children who take a meal on that day. We are therefore very keen to get as many children taking a school meal as possible particularly Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 children who are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. For children in years 3-6 the cost of this one meal will be £2.25 which can be paid for on ParentPay.

Normally if children choose school meals they are required to do so for the whole week, but as a one off they can just take the school meal on that day if they wish to. We hope as many children as possible take the opportunity to try this delicious school meal.

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

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

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.



Let's do Mental Maths!

Practise mental maths skills against the clock



NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

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!

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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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

Junior 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

Facebook Charlotte Kate Cameo

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