

Don't forget to name label children's clothes. Order forms are available from the school office.

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05pm Embodiment Dance Club	Guitar Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Nerf Wars Club Y4-6	Woodwind Lessons Y1 Tamworth Castle Trip 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Nerf Wars Club Y1-3	Violin & Keyboard Lessons 3.05pm Young Engineers Club Y3-6	Drum Lessons 3.05pm Musical Theatre Y3-6 3.05pm Multi Sports Y4-6

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—Manor Adventure details

Happy New Year from all at Birchwood Primary School

It was fantastic to see all the children back again, excited to tell us all about their lovely winter break, the wonderful things they got up to and the presents they received. Even though the Christmas period is a magical time to spend with family and friends, it is always nice to see and hear how much the children all enjoy being back at school. Children genuinely miss their friends, teachers and teaching assistants when they are not at Birchwood.

The children all looked marvellously turned out and are a real credit to our parents and school. We really appreciate your efforts to send children into school in our smart uniform, it really does create a positive ethos and mind-set and shows the pride the children have in our school.

This year will be a very exciting one for us. We have lots of curriculum developments happening, particularly in writing, which will engage the children and make their learning really creative and interesting. All of our teaching staff have been extremely busy planning exciting topic work for the Spring term which include trips out of school and visitors into school.

In school we are lucky enough to celebrate two new years, the new academic year and the new calendar year. This gives us two opportunities to reflect on the previous year's achievements and successes and gives us two opportunities to set new goals and targets to make our new year even better than the one before.

At this time of year it is tradition to set yourself resolutions. In assembly this week we asked the children to think of one thing that they want to do more of and one thing that they want to do less of, to ensure that 2019 is better than 2018. My own resolutions were to not flick through my phone in bed, but to read instead and to do more smiling at staff, children and parents, even if I was in a grumpy mood. It has been brilliant this week to hear what the children have decided to do more and less of this year. Let's see how long we all last!

Wishing you all a very prosperous and happy 2019!

Mr Coleman
Headteacher



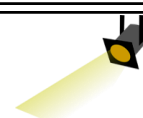
Y5 created a beautiful tapestry for our school wall

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

Spotlight on Excellence

Our focus this week is:

Digital Literacy



Computers and the digital world are all around us and learning to use those skills, to become digitally literate are key skills for all children to develop to be successful in a modern world. At Birchwood we use a range of strategies to build the confidence of our children in using technology, from learning to take photos, making their own books and comic strips using apps, creating presentations, to learning to write algorithms and code using beebots or more complex micro bits. Interestingly, recent research has shown that however fantastic screen based technology is, it doesn't help us sleep and that we should make sure we put it away at least an hour before bed to make sure we get the best rest we can. Mr Coleman and I spoke about this in our assemblies this week as one of our New Year 'things to do less of', because after all a good night's sleep is really important!

Mrs M Day - Associate Headteacher



Warwickshire Rise Partnership Community Offer

January 2019—July 2019

YOU MUST BOOK AN APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND



What we offer?

Coffee Mornings - (Group Sessions with Parents to discuss a particular topic stated on the leaflet)

Are you a parent or carer of a Warwickshire child?

Would you like to join us for a coffee, and learn about common emotional wellbeing concerns in childhood, and find out what you can do to help?

Our team of specialist mental health professionals are facilitating FREE coffee and information sessions.

Sessions will include a presentation of a topic, with refreshments available before and after, with a chance to meet other parents.

1-1 Consultations with a mental health clinician (Face to face appointments to speak with a Professional)

Consultation slots (up to 45 mins) are also available if you would like to have the opportunity to speak in confidence to a member of our Specialist Mental Health Professionals Team, via e-consultation, phone or in person. This is open to families of children and young people.

All coffee mornings and consultations are aimed at early intervention and prevention and may not be useful for those already involved with RISE Mental Health Services. These sessions are not suitable for parents of children with moderate learning difficulties.

To book your place on any of the sessions below, email risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk or call mobile 07917 504682

Coffee Mornings: Parent Group Session starts at 9.30am until 11.00am

The Ratcliffe Centre, Ratcliffe Road, Atherstone CV9 1LF

04/02/19—Understanding and Supporting healthy Emotional Development for children aged 3-11 years

03/06/19—Understanding and Managing challenging Behaviours in Children aged 4-12 years old

1:1 Consultations: Face to face consultation with a Professional

(Bookable by appointment only)

The Ratcliffe Centre, Ratcliffe Road, Atherstone CV9 1LF

28/01/19 , 25/03/19, 20/05/19, 08/07/19

Below are a list of topics discussed in our coffee mornings. Your child must be within the age range suggested for you to be eligible to attend.

Understanding and supporting children aged 3-11 years with **Anxiety**

Understanding and supporting young people aged 12-18 years with **Self Harm**

Understanding and Managing challenging **Behaviours** in children aged 4-12 years old

Understanding and supporting healthy **EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT** for children aged 3-11 years

Understanding and supporting children and young people for **School Refusal**



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Y1 Create Castles for homework



Myths and Legends

'We weren't late but they closed the door!!!'

We would never 'close' an outside door knowing a child was coming towards it to get in! In reality children are meant to be on the playground from 8.30am. Children should not be arriving at school at 8.40am, because this is when registration starts.

Very, very few of our children are ever late. The majority have no 'lates' at all, thanks to brilliant parents who make sure they get their children into school on time each and every day. A small handful of children are however persistently late in school. This upsets the children and gives them a dreadful start to the day. Being present at the very start of the day is really important. Children like to say hello to their friends and socialise. We also take our formal register and talk about lunches and we also introduce the work for the day. Arriving late causes a lot of problems for your child and disrupts the rest of the children in class.

Registering for School

We are fast approaching the deadline when parents must apply for Primary school. The deadline for **Primary school applications** for reception places is **15th January 2019**.



It is essential that this deadline is met or your child may be at risk of losing a place at your preferred school. Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions. You can also apply by calling 01926 414143.



TOCA KITCHEN MONSTERS
Prepare food and feed two hungry kitchen monsters.

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.



Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

NSPCC fundraising so far this year is :
£1300.75

Thank you very much for all of your support.

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Fun Children's Dance Classes held in Polesworth

Little Dancers 2 ½ - 6yrs 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Friday evenings in The Tithe Barn, Polesworth
Tuesday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Juniors 6 ½ - 10yrs 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

NEW Juniors 6 ½ - 8yrs 5:15pm - 7:15pm
(From 6th Feb 2018)

Tuesday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth
www.cameodance.co.uk * Call 07443421867

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Academic Year 2018-2019

Spring Term 2019

Year 6 & R Heights & Weights	Tuesday 15th January
Young Voices - Genting Arena	Friday 25th January
Year 4 Class Assemblies	Thursday 31st January
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 15th February
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 18th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 25th February
Children return to school	Tuesday 26th February
Late Parents Evening	Weds 6th March
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 7th March
Year 3 Class Assemblies	Thursday 21st March
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Children return to school	Monday 29th April
May Day Bank Holiday	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 1pm early finish on 19th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.



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