

Letters home this week: ALL - School Meal Menu, Relationships Education, Y1 - Victorian Day, Y6 - PSHE Transition

**What's on in school after half term:**

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   |
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| Y3,4 -Embody Dance<br>Y1,2 - Top Score<br>Y4,5 - Keyboard<br>Y3,4 - Painting<br>Library - 3.05 | Pine - Swimming<br>KS2 - Choir<br>Y1,2 - Aston Villa<br>Y2,3 - Kapla<br>Y3,4 - Forest Schools<br>Y2 - Peel Society Visit | <b>Flu Immunisations</b><br>Y1 - Victorian Day<br>Yr 3,4 - Look What I Have Made | Y3,4 - Top Score<br>Y6 - Ukelele<br>Y5,6 - Cooking Club | Oak - Swimming<br>Y2-6 - Musical Theatre<br>Library - 3.05 |

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

**REMINDER : The school nursing team will be in school on Wednesday 10th November to do the Flu immunisations.**

**Good Manners in School**

At Birchwood, we are extremely proud of the continual high standards our children set themselves and each other. We believe that it is very important that children show each other consideration and respect. The excellent manners our children demonstrate on a daily basis provide the platform for our warm, welcoming and inclusive school environment.

In school, our children all know what is expected of them. We discuss our one school rule and the positive ethos we want to achieve. We think that it is important to make our expectations clear and to model these ourselves so that our children can see good manners in action.

There are lots of ways that we can show good manners, but the 10 most important to us at Birchwood are:

1. Say 'please' – this shows consideration to others.
2. Say 'thank you' – this demonstrates appreciation and gratitude.
3. In return, say 'you are welcome' – this demonstrates that you are happy to help.
4. Apologise – this shows empathy and that you take responsibility for your actions.
5. Smile – this makes everything better for yourself and others.
6. Holding the door open for others – this demonstrates a kind gesture of support.
7. Ask questions of others – this shows interest in other's ideas and feelings.
8. Say, 'excuse me please' – this shows consideration for others.
9. Compliment each other – this makes others feel good and helps build relationships.
10. Share – this shows we care, helps us think of others and shows you appreciate what you have.

Reinforcing good manners isn't hard. We do this on a daily basis and is something that we have all come to expect off each other. Sometimes we reinforce these messages deliberately in assemblies or class discussions, but generally these are positively modelled by staff, parents and children themselves.

Starting each day with a friendly greeting and ending the day with a friendly goodbye, supports a positive day in-between. We are very appreciative of the role our families and parents play in supporting the manners our children display and the important role these have in the success of our school.

Just like smiles, manners are free! They both make a huge difference to how we feel about ourselves and each other!

**Mr Coleman – Headteacher**



**Thumbs Up for Good Manners!**

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

**Spotlight this week is ...**

**Uniform**

At Birchwood, we are really proud of our uniform. It helps our children look very smart and everyone to feel a part of our fantastic school. We have always tried to keep our uniform as simple and low-cost as possible. The only item of uniform that we ask children to wear that has a school badge on is our school jumper or cardigan, both of which can be purchased from our shop on our school website. All other items, white polo shirts, black trousers or skirts, can be purchased at a relatively low cost from many supermarkets. We do ask that children wear black school shoes and not trainers to school. Naming all items of uniform will enable any mislaid items to be returned to your child quickly.

As the weather is now getting increasingly cold, we would like to remind children to come in a warm and waterproof coat to school.

If parents have any concerns regarding uniform, including shoes, we would encourage them to come and speak to us in school.

**Mrs Day  
Associate Headteacher**

## Safety Message

**"How do you make sure you keep SUPER SAFE if you are going to a Bonfire Party?"**

We remind children to wear bright clothing to be seen on dark nights, make sure they stay with a grown up or make sure a grown up knows where they are at all times. Never touch fireworks, even if they appear to have already been discharged and be very careful when handling sparklers.

**We wish you an enjoyable and safe bonfire weekend!!**



## POPPY APPEAL

We are happy to say that we will still be selling poppies in school again this year. Each class will have a small selection of items in their classroom for children to purchase from Monday 8th November to Wednesday 10th November.



If your child would like to purchase an item please see the prices below:

- ◆ **Poppy or reflector** please send in a small donation( we suggest no less than 50p)
- ◆ **Wristbands - £1.**
- ◆ **Various stationary items - 50p**
- ◆ **Zip pulls - 50p**
- ◆ **Enamel poppy bracelet - £1.50**

Items will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Unfortunately, once items have sold out, we are unable to order any more. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Holidays in Term Time

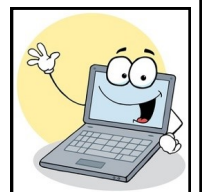
Government legislation has tightened up very significantly in this area and it is now highly unlikely that holidays will be approved in term times. Apart from the fact that Government legislation is very strong in this area, the school also does not support parents taking children out for holidays and missing vital lessons.

**Please DO NOT arrange holidays in term time**

## Internet Safety

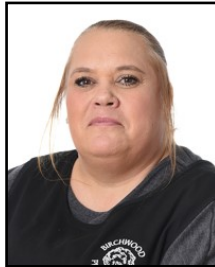
Parents checklist: What you can do?

- Limit approved web sites and hours spent online.
- Set high security settings with browsers, membership, and social networking sites.
- Install and maintain Internet Security software and parental controls.
- Use parental controls to limit the websites your child can visit.
- Monitor your child's computer use and sit with them when they are online, wherever possible.
- Talk about protecting private information (name, phone number etc.) and never sharing passwords with friends.



## Who's Who this week ...

Hello, my name is Mrs Demarco. I have worked at Birchwood for 2 years and I am the Senior Lunchtime Supervisor for Lower School. Before working at Birchwood, I spent 12 years working for the Belfry Hotel where I was the breakfast and lunchtime manager in the atrium restaurant, a very different sort of lunchtime!



I live with my family and our French Bulldog, Albi, and enjoy spending time with family and friends. I also like reading and listening to music.

## TBPS NEWS

Thank you for the donations this week for the bottle Tombola stall at the Christmas Fair. Week 2 is chocolate donations, so please bring in what you can: boxes, bars, bags or tubs! Just make sure it is in date and sealed.

We would really love local businesses to help us with our raffle prizes. If you can ask your employer or you have your own business, please let us know if you can help.

If you can help in any way please email [tbps2619@welearn365.com](mailto:tbps2619@welearn365.com).



## PLEASE READ

### Online Safety – Evil Santa on YouTube Kids

We have been made aware of a new potential online issue that could be harmful towards children regarding an 'Evil Santa' making contact with children encouraging them to carry out terrible requests.

This is particularly concerning as it appears to have slipped through children's online safety nets and restrictions, particularly YouTube Kids.

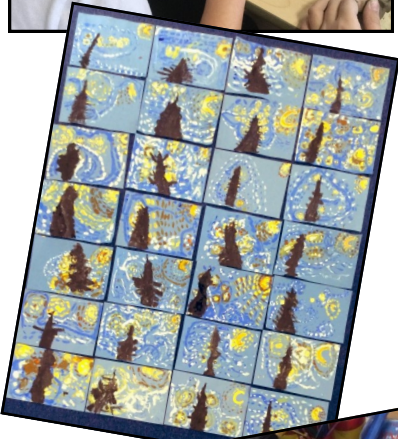
We are highlighting this to inform parents, make them aware and to ask parents to check parental controls and child settings.





## ART ATTACK

On the last Friday before half term, Birchwood held a whole school art day, where children enjoyed a variety of activities including working with clay, painting and recreating famous art work. Here are a selection of photographs showing some of the children's wonderful work.





**Academic Year 2021-2022**

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>R Phonics Talk</b>                       | <b>Tuesday 9th November</b>   |
| <b>Y2 Peel Society Visitor</b>              | <b>Tuesday 9th November</b>   |
| Parents Evening                             | Tuesday 9th November          |
| <b>Flu Immunisations</b>                    | <b>Wed 10th November</b>      |
| <b>Y1 Victorian Day</b>                     | <b>Wed 10th November</b>      |
| Parents Evening                             | Wed 10th November             |
| <b>R Phonics Talk</b>                       | <b>Thursday 11th November</b> |
| Year 5 Assembly                             | Thursday 18th November        |
| Grandparents Lunch                          | Friday 19th November          |
| Open Morning for New Starters               | Friday 26th November          |
| EYFS Christmas Performance                  | Thursday 9th December         |
| Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance               | Friday 10th December          |
| Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance               | Monday 13th December          |
| Y5 & Y6 Christmas Performance               | Tuesday 14th December         |
| Non School Uniform and Christmas Jumper Day | Friday 17th December          |
| Term Ends for Christmas 1 pm                | Friday 17th December          |
| <b>Spring Term 2022</b>                     |                               |
| Staff Inset Day                             | Tuesday 4th January           |
| Children Return to School                   | Wednesday 5th January         |
| Y4 Assembly                                 | Thursday 20th January         |
| Half Term (1 week)                          | Monday 21st February          |
| Professional Development Day                | Monday 28th February          |
| Parents Evening                             | Tuesday 8th March             |
| Parents Evening                             | Wednesday 9th March           |
| Y3 Assembly                                 | Thursday 17th March           |
| Grandparents Lunch                          | Friday 18th March             |
| Easter Hats/Eggs                            | Friday 8th April              |
| Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)              | Friday 8th April              |

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

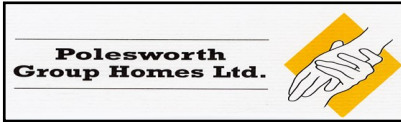
Please note the early finish on 17th December 2021 and 21st July 2022. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

**Our new registered charity, chosen by our children for 2021/22 is....**  
**Coventry and Warwickshire Mind**



**Parent Pay**

Please can we ask that all outstanding payments be paid for school dinners, school trips and after school clubs. Thank you.



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**Parking**

Bearing in mind our one school rule of 'Consideration and Respect' please may we remind parents/carers to park courteously on the roads surrounding school. It is important to ensure that driveways and pavements are not obstructed as this can prove dangerous for other road users and pedestrians and can be frustrating for our neighbours.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.



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