

Letters home this week: End of year reports R, 1, 4, 6.

What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yr5 Reports sent home		Half day closure as advertised		Fun and games morning. Half day closure.

A copy of the Birchwood Bugle will be shared on the front page of our school website every Friday.

REMINDER : Please order your uniform as normal on the school website. Thank you.

Public Health England – Systems of control

Part one of the government guidance sent out to schools at the beginning of July, details proportionate protective measures schools are required to take to be able to welcome back all children in September.

Public Health England advice sets out a system of 9 controls to minimise risks. The system of controls is divided into two parts, prevention and response to infection. The 9 controls are as follows:

Prevention:

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
2. Clean hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
4. Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often.
5. Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
6. Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

Numbers 1 to 4 must be in place in all schools, all the time.

Number 5 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.

Number 6 applies in specific circumstances.

Response to any infection:

7. Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
8. Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus amongst the school community.
9. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

Numbers 7 to 9 must be followed in every case where they are relevant.

Number 5 is pivotal and at Birchwood we will make our best endeavours to minimise contact and create distancing wherever possible, whilst continuing to deliver a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum for all our children.

Over the course of next week we will be communicating regularly with staff and parents, sharing details of our plans and actions taken. Our aim is for parents to be fully informed before we break up for the summer regarding our intentions for September.

Thank you for your continued support and for all the kind words shared with staff during this phased reopening of Birchwood. These are, as always, very much appreciated.

N. Coleman - Headteacher



Beautiful Birchwood Artwork!

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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is ...

Our supportive parents

At Birchwood we value immensely the fantastic support our children receive from both parents and their wider families. The COVID 19 global pandemic has affected everyone in so many different ways and lockdown has been different for everyone. For some, the extra time together has been amazing, but for others, at times, it has meant unexpected challenges. For example, separation from support networks and the demands of balancing working from home and supporting children with home learning at the same time. It is important to recognise that everyone, no matter what their lockdown experience has been, have done their best. Consideration, respect and kindness are needed now more than ever for everyone.

As we approach the summer holidays, we recognise that this unusual situation means many of these different experiences may continue. Our school website now has a section 'Support for Families at Home' which can be found under the 'Wellbeing' tab at the top of our homepage www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com. The aim of this section of our website is to draw together resources and signpost parents and families to ideas and support on a whole range of topics both at this time and in the future. We hope you find this useful and if you have any ideas to contribute please email them to us at admin2619@welearn365.com and put 'Support for Families' in the subject line.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher

Who's Who this week ...

Mrs Spencer

Hello! I have been a lunchtime supervisor for just over 4 years. I have worked on both the Lower and the Upper School playgrounds. However, recently I have been made Senior Lunchtime supervisor of the Upper School Playground, so I now wear black instead of a red uniform.



When I'm not on the playground, I enjoy baking. Cupcakes are my two children's favourites. When I get the chance I love days out, especially to theme parks, Thorpe Park is my favourite. The bigger the rollercoaster the better!

I am also a massive Aston Villa fan, so I love going to watch them with my son.

Birchwood Best Practice

Playground Games

Being a lunchtime supervisor playground games are a massive part of the job.

Not only do they keep the children busy and help burn off some energy, they help them to learn to play as a team. It can also help them learn to share, build confidence and make new friends, as they get to play with children from different classes and year groups that they might not normally interact with.

We do try to have as many different games and things to do at lunch time as we can. This can be from being on the field when the weather is good to skipping ropes, space hoppers, football, basket ball and even just having groups of children throwing a ball to each other- which is one of the most popular games with the older children on the upper school playground.



Free Maths eBooks to Support Home School Learning

Last week we gave you information regarding free Maths books which could be downloaded to aid your children when learning their times tables.

This weeks book is:

Trips and Treats available from Saturday July 11th -Wednesday 15th July.



All the books are free to download from [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) during these dates. (Kindle app is free to download, for use with iPad/ laptop/PC)

In partnership with Dordon Community Spirit and Dordon Community Cafe

Dordon Community Village Store

Are you?

- Feeling the pinch after the impact of Covid-19?
- Furloughed or made redundant?
- Struggling to get to the shops?
- Need to make the pennies stretch a bit further?

A weekly honesty shop

At
Dordon Village Hall.
(Kitwood Ave. entrance)

Mondays 12 noon – 3pm
Fridays 3pm – 6pm

Social Distancing Applies

Food Cupboard Supplies: Pay what you can afford.

Any queries contact Julie on 07702031960.

Items available will vary and at present are non-perishable items only. This is subject to change.

Clothed in Kindness

Clothed in Kindness is a Christian project to provide free school uniform for families in need across Tamworth who may be struggling to purchase new uniforms for the school year.

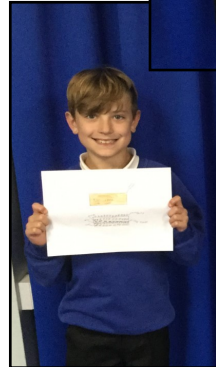
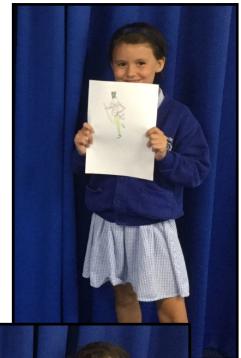
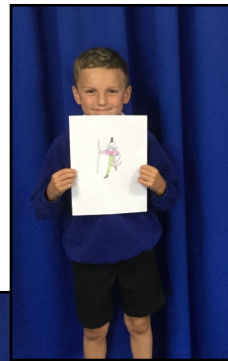
We are inviting the people of Tamworth to support this project by purchasing a **new** item (or items) of school uniform from any store and placing them into the collection point located inside **Asda Taworth**. The items of school uniform can be of any style, gender, age or colour. They can be items of PE uniform or day to day school uniform for Primary or Secondary aged children.

We will also be collecting good quality, pre-loved school uniform that has plenty of life left in it. Due to current Covid guidelines these cannot be accepted at Asda, but please contact Karen Hewish, Children and Youth Minister of the Peel Parishes on 07976 376303 where you can find out more details on how to donate these goods or go to our website www.peelparishes.org



Welcome Back Year 3's and 4's

Year 3 had a brilliant week in school last week, learning all about Willy Wonka and his Chocolate Factory. They created acrostic poems, learnt how to draw Willy Wonka and designed their own healthy snack for Mr Wonka to make in his factory. A deliciously chocolatey week.

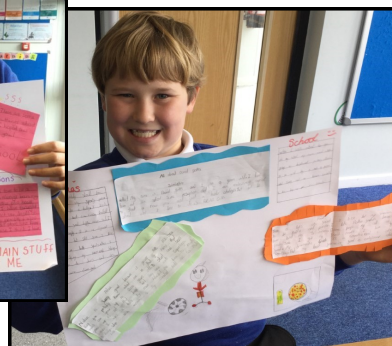
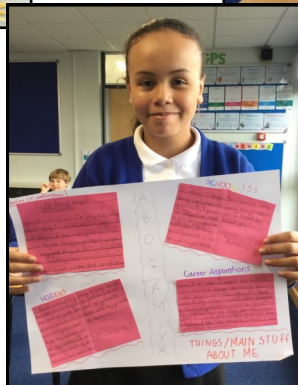
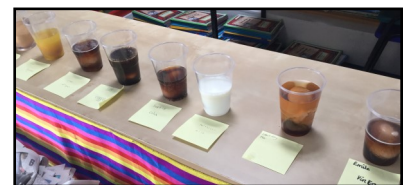
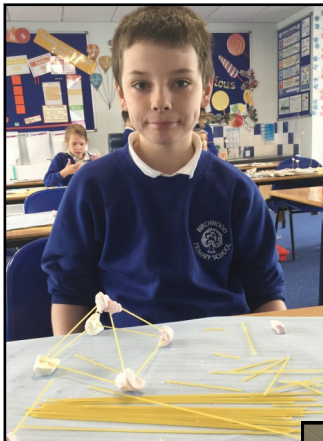


We have had a very fun, but very messy week in Year 4.

We have had a go at making 3D shapes using spaghetti and marshmallows; it got very sticky.

Our 'EGGperiment' had us looking at the different effects liquids have on our teeth. We were very surprised to see just how much sugar was in squash!

We have written non-chronological reports for our new teachers to tell them all about us and have also had a go at being creative with paper mache. Good fun was had by all!



Academic Year 2019-2020

Term Ends for Summer

Friday 17th July

Academic Year 2020-2021

(If term time back to normal)

Autumn Term 2020

Professional Development Day	Tuesday 1st Sept
Children Return to School	Wednesday 2nd Sept
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 26th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 2nd November
Children Return to School	Tuesday 3rd November
Term Ends for Christmas	Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2021

Professional Development Day	Monday 4th January
Children Return to School	Tuesday 5th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 15th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 22nd February
Children return to school	Tuesday 23rd February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

Children Return to School	Monday 19th April
May Day	Monday 3rd May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 31st May
Professional Development Day	Monday 7th June
Children return to school	Tuesday 8th June
Professional Development Day	Friday 18th June
Term Ends for Summer	Wednesday 21st 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 18th December. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

Children will return to school on Thursday 2nd September 2021

Vision screening - Reception Classes

Due to the disruption caused by Covid - 19, the Reception class children this year have not had their vision screening check.

Screening is recommended to ensure early identification and treatment of reduced vision. Children rarely complain of having poor vision so vision testing at age 4-5 is very important.

If you currently have a child in either Acorn or Chestnut class, please could we make you aware of a letter and form which has been added to your child's class page regarding information of how to arrange for your child to have this important eye test. Please note that there is a deadline for applying for this test so we would advise that the form be completed as soon as possible.



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The Birchwood Website:
www.birchwoodprimary.com



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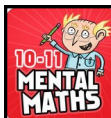


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