

Letters home this week: Summer Project

What's on after the holidays.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Wednesday 2nd September - Y1-6 children return to school		

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

REMINDER : Enjoy your Summer Holidays!!

Happy Holidays and Thanks

In our final newsletter of the school year, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all members of our school community, who together have demonstrated more than ever, the team work and support that are the foundations of our school.

I am very privileged to be the Head teacher of a Primary School that serves such a positive, engaging and supportive community. We know how brilliant all of our children are and I know I talk about it a lot, but it is at times like these that show just how fantastic they are and what an absolute credit they are to our school and you as parents. Knowing how desperate our children were to return to school and how happy they have been since they have been back, fills me with pride.

I also want to share and pass on my thanks to all of our parents, grandparents and carers, who, throughout this whole time, have been so positive, thankful and appreciative of all we have tried to do, in supporting our children with their learning at home and to reopening our school safely to as many children as possible. The kind words and messages of support to staff and myself are always welcomed and much appreciated. Thank you.

At the heart of our school community are our wonderful staff. Without exception they have risen to all the challenges put before them and have continued to do so in their usual positive, friendly and caring way. A crucial part of my role is to ensure that we recruit the very best people to work at our school. Not only do they have to be brilliant at their jobs, but they have to really care about our school, our children and community. Our staff invest more than just their time and expertise, they constantly go above and beyond for our children and each other. I don't get a lot of things right, but with staffing I seem to be doing ok and long may that continue!

I couldn't end my last newsletter of the year without mentioning our Year 6 school leavers, who due to the pandemic, have missed many 'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences' that have become a right of passage at Birchwood. I was so pleased to be able to welcome the majority of them back to school for this half term. They have never moaned once about all things they have missed out on and have been brilliant role models for the rest of school. We will miss them greatly, but know that they will all go on to great things. We plan to have them all back at the end of September for a special BBQ and get together.

We are all looking forward to our summer break, giving us an opportunity to relax, recharge the batteries and give us some much needed head space. We look forward to welcoming back all of our children in September and to getting to know our new Reception children, who we have not had the pleasure to have met properly yet.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone connected to our school a very relaxing and well deserved summer break. Next year our aim, as always, is to come back to school bigger and brighter than ever.

Mr N. Coleman - Headteacher



Happy Holidays!!!

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Spotlight on Excellence this week is ...

Resilience and Opportunity

As I sit down to write this last spotlight of the year, I reflect on how this year, more than perhaps any other, our school community has had to be, and has been, resilient in the face of change. As we now start to move forward into times which may seem uncertain, we have an opportunity to use the networks, community and strategies, which we have already, to build a different, but perhaps stronger future.

Our children have, as ever, impressed me with their positivity and adaptability to new situations and I look forward to welcoming them all back into school in September to reconnect with our learning together once again. It is through the support of both school and families and the wider school community in times which have challenged us all in some way and at some time, that children continue to succeed.

We will, as a school, continue to positively approach change and build on the strategies children already have to develop their resilience and tailor the curriculum to the needs of the children in our school.

I wish all of you a happy summer break and hope you have fun whatever you and your families are doing.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher

Who's Who this week ...

Mr Jackson

Hi, I joined Birchwood in October 2018 as Senior Caretaker and Health and Safety Officer.

I live locally and really enjoy making, mending and fixing, so when this job was advertised, I jumped at the chance to change my career. I have previously worked in many different roles. I have owned my own business maintaining peoples gardens, I have worked for a diamond drilling company, as a jointers mate for the electricity board, as a driver for North Warwickshire Borough Council refuse collection and as a CCTV operator for the Borough of North Warwickshire, to name a few.

I am married with 4 children, one still living at home and attending The Polesworth School.

In my spare time, I like to spend time with my family and visit my grandson. I enjoy spending time in my own garden and visiting friends.

I attended Birchwood as a pupil many moons ago and have very fond memories of my time spent learning here. I remember our Caretaker from all those years ago and remember chatting to him. It makes my day when the children speak to me, asking me what I am doing or saying good morning or good afternoon as they arrive or leave the site.



Birchwood Best Practice

Caretaking and Health and Safety

Making sure Birchwood School is well maintained and always looking the best it can is my main focus. Ensuring that Health and Safety is maintained in all areas and that the site is safe for the children, staff, parents and visitors, both inside and outside of the building.

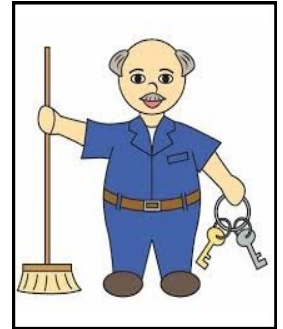
My role is to oversee that any contractors on site do their jobs well and in a timely and professional manner.

I am responsible for keeping our training and contractor database up to date. This is called Smartlog and all staff are allocated training on a regular basis, or new risk assessments to read when necessary. All contractor job sheets and certificates are also stored here, making it much easier for us to keep track of what needs doing when.

Each day I go all through the building, checking that fire exits are kept clear and walkways are not obstructed etc. I check the grounds every day to ensure they are safe for the children.

I hope this give you a little insight into my role here at Birchwood.

Mr Jackson



Welcome Back Year 5's

It was lovely to see some of our year 5 children back in school this week. As well as doing some brilliant school work, they have had fun seeing their friends again, playing 'Splat' and other games outside



Our registered charity 2020
ZELLWEGER UK.
Amount raised this year: £1053.46

We would like to thank everyone for their support of our chosen charity this year including donations on our final day of school for non-school uniform. We would also like to thank the Year 6 parents who arranged the 'leavers hoodies' and kindly donated £82 towards this total.



THANK YOU!



GOODBYE YEAR 6

Academic Year 2020-2021

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

Transition

The transition into secondary school is fast approaching for year 6 pupils and The Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service would like to wish all students well in their move to secondary school.

Below is a list of 12 steps which may help students prepare for their transition.

- Look at the school website and find out useful information on your new school
- Practice packing up all the things you will need to take to school, maybe pack the night before.
- Practice buying your own food and drink in a café. Find out how the canteen & pay machines at the school work.
- Plan the route you will take to your new school and do a few trial runs. Do you need to sort out a bus pass?
- Make sure you make time to eat breakfast – it gives you fuel for the day.
- Make the most of the Transition Day – don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Do you use a planner/diary? If not, it may be worth you getting one and practice using it.
- If you have a map of your new school, have a look and get used to using it.
- Find out about the uniform and order in plenty of time. Be aware of school policies on things like jewellery, piercings and mobile phones.
- Talk to friends and siblings. Who else do you know who is moving to the same school?
- Get into a good bedtime routine. Young people still need lots of sleep as your brain is constantly developing.
- Start taking responsibility for yourself by practicing getting your school bag ready, doing your homework, and getting yourself up in the morning.



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The Birchwood Website:

www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com



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