

Letters home this week: ALL- Operation Encompass, Home Learning, Leave of Absence. YR6 - Cello lessons. Oak 3 - Swimming Lessons

What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Violin and Keyboard Lessons 3.10 - After School Library	Drum and Guitar Lessons		Clarinet Lessons 3.10 -After School Library	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 :All uniform and kit should be clearly named. This helps us to get lost property back to children quickly.

Welcome back to the new academic year 2019/20

I would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome back to school in what is sure to be another extremely exciting and successful year for all involved at Birchwood Primary. I hope you all had a fantastic summer, managed to spend some quality time with friends and family and have made the most of the lovely weather that we have experienced over the last few months. This week I have really enjoyed hearing some of the children's favourite places visited, things they have seen and activities that they have done. It was also really nice to see so many of our children with smiles on their faces, happy to be back at Birchwood.

We have had a busy summer at school. There have been contractors on site completing our new outdoor classroom canopy. We have welcomed 'Top Score' onto site to hold and run their very popular holiday club. We have had the Upper School internal wiring replaced and have had a new school server installed. Mr Jackson (Caretaker) and Mr Williams (Caretaker support) have been very busy carrying out a variety of work inside and outside our school, ensuring that it is a fantastic place for our children to learn. Our cleaning team have been busy 'deep cleaning' the school throughout, Mrs Jackson (Office Manager) has revised many of our office systems and our teaching staff have been extremely busy preparing and setting up their classrooms and planning and preparing exciting lessons, in readiness for this school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Jackson, for co-ordinating and supporting all of our contractors on site during the holiday. Mr Smith, our Relief Caretaker, for opening and locking up at all hours and weekends. Mrs Jackson, for dealing with a number of requests and issues and to Mrs Haskell (Senior Midday Supervisor), for organising and distributing all of our new resources and class books around school. Our school and classrooms all look great for the return of our children, and it is fair to say that our school looks fantastic!

It is great to be back at school after our long break. We genuinely do miss the children during the holiday period and we always look forward to seeing them again and hearing their exciting news. It is very evident that parents have made a huge effort with uniform, we are extremely grateful for your efforts and very much appreciate all you do to support our school. I was also really pleased to see how many of our children and staff took part in our 'Summer Reading Project'. I hope you all enjoyed having some quality time to read for pleasure over the summer. Even I managed to complete this year's challenge!

After a long absence, it is only natural that children are a little apprehensive about returning to school in a new year group, a new classroom and with a new teacher and teaching assistant.



Super Summer Reading!

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

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Even our teaching staff get slightly nervous on their first day back. But for all involved in school, after our first morning back, it quickly feels like we have never been away.

This year we are going back to basics and making sure that we continue to deliver the best educational experience we can for our children. I am thankful that work commitments that took me out of Birchwood at times last year, have all been completed successfully, and I very much look forward to spending more time in school with the staff and children. I have enjoyed sharing all of our holiday experiences, but now look forward to all the exciting opportunities and wonderful experiences our new school year will bring!

Mr N Coleman
Headteacher

Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2008** and **31/08/2009** are due to start Secondary School in September 2020. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2019.**

Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary and Secondary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool. You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047.



EAT WELL FOR LESS?



BBC1's hit show 'Eat Well For Less?' is BACK and looking for households to take part!

Eat Well For Less? is on the hunt for families / households looking to save money on their food shop!

Is the cost of your weekly food shop **spiralling out of control?**

Perhaps you are **desperate to save** but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites?

Or do your **health requirements** affect your diet? Are you in need of some **new inspiration?**

Maybe you need help adjusting to a new **financial situation?**

Or are you just **bored of buying and cooking the same foods** every week?

... Masterchef's **Gregg Wallace** & award winning grocer **Chris Bavin** are on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

We are currently on the hunt for families / households to take part in our new series – so get in touch with the team TODAY!

Spotlight on Excellence this week is:

.....Summer Holiday Reading Challenge

Welcome back to what I am sure will be another fabulous year at Birchwood. We have already been enjoying hearing about what the children have been up to over the summer holidays, and in classes staff have been thrilled to share the photos and stories from those children who took part in the Birchwood 'Book Up Your Summer Holiday' reading challenge.

It has been brilliant to hear about the different books, comics and poems you have been reading and the people (and animals!) you have been sharing your reading with. We are so pleased that so many of our children and staff have taken part in the challenge, 51 children managed to complete all 19 of the reading challenges, which is really amazing and we are proud of everybody who took part.

Do not forget to keep an eye out for what your teachers and teaching assistants are reading on the posters around school, you never know they might inspire you to try a type of book or an author you have never considered before.

Mrs M Day
Associate Headteacher

Parking



Please may we remind parents/carers that parking is not permitted in the schools car park. Please park courteously on the roads surrounding school. It is also important to ensure that driveways and pavements are not obstructed as this can prove dangerous for other road users, pedestrians and be frustrating for our neighbours.

Procedures following a child's absence

Following a child's absence please follow the below procedures:

- A telephone call should be made to school before 8.30am giving the reasons why your child is absent.
- If no contact has been received, a text message will be sent to the first contact on the child's records asking why the child is absent.
- If we do not receive a response to the text message, a member of the office staff will telephone the child's contact numbers to establish why he/she is not in school.
- An absence note should **always** be sent into school upon the child's return. This should include the child's name, class, dates of absence and reason for absence.

It would be beneficial for you to provide one of the following (wherever possible) which may enable the Headteacher to authorise your child's absence:

- Medical appointment card
- Sight of Medication prescribed by a GP
- Copy of prescription
- Letters concerning hospital/dental appointments

Uniform Shop

Can we just please inform you that text messages will be sent when uniform orders are ready for collection. Orders can then be collected on Tuesdays from 2.55pm until 3.15pm from the Conference Room Uniform Shop. Thank you.



Health and Well Being Research.



Parents – How does your child spend their time outside? How does your family eat?



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- ✓ Are you a parent with a child starting school in August or September?
- ✓ Are you aged 18 or older?
- ✓ If so, please help us by answering a short online survey (10-15 minutes) on gardening and your thoughts about school gardens
- ✓ Please click the URL for more information and the survey:
<http://bit.ly/rec-outdoors>
- ✓ If you have any questions please email, Robert Crowder, at R.Crowder@Lboro.ac.uk

Do you have a child/children starting school this year? If so, you and your child/children are invited to take part in a research project looking into children's eating habits and how they spend time outside which is being conducted by Loughborough University. This research will help us to understand more about these behaviours and how they might change over the year. If you would like to participate in this research, or learn more, please click the link here: <http://bit.ly/rec-outdoors>

Healthy Eating

Around the time your child starts school, they will suddenly start growing very quickly and become more active. Children need a healthy balanced diet rich in fruit, vegetables and starchy foods. Encourage your child to choose a variety of foods to help make sure they get the wide range of nutrients they need to stay healthy. We should all be eating at least 5 portions of a variety of fruits and vegetables every day. For children, one portion is roughly a handful. For further information please visit Change for life website or contact your School Nurse at Warwickshire School health and Wellbeing Service on 0300 245 204 – Option 3.

Healthy Lunchboxes

Top Tips.....

- Keep children fuller for longer - Base the lunchbox on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.
- Always add veg - Cherry tomatoes, or sticks of carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A DAY.
- Swap the sweets - Swap cakes, chocolate, cereal bars and biscuits for malt loaf, fruited teacakes, fruit breads or fruit (fresh, dried or tinned – in juice not syrup).
- Get them involved - Get your kids involved in preparing and choosing what goes into their lunchbox. They are more likely to eat it if they helped make it.

Examples of healthy lunch boxes:-



AUTISM SUPPORT CARERS ROADSHOW

Do you or someone you know care for a child with autism? The Carers Hub are excited to invite you to the launch of our Autism Support Carers Roadshow that will travel throughout Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent over the coming months. The launch Roadshow will be in Tamworth.

Programme Dates & Venue.

Venue; Tamworth Fire station
Marlborough Way, Belgrave, Tamworth B77 2JN

- Week 1 Friday 13th Sept 10.00am till 12.00pm speakers – Caudwell Children and Midlands Psychology.
- Week 2 Friday 20th Sept 10:00am till 12:00pm – workshop – Touch the Spectrum- Managing challenging behaviour
- Week 3 Friday 27th Sept 10:00am till 12:00pm – Speakers Autism Outreach and SENDIASS (special educational needs & disability information advice and support service)
Please note that these may be subject to change

The aim of the programme is to develop self-confidence for carers to manage their caring role by providing information, advice and support that will include navigating autism support services.



To register with the Carers Hub and book your place on one of our Roadshows in your area, please call 0330 123 1937

Our School Library

Our school library is open every Monday (with Mrs Hill) and Thursday (with Mrs Willis) from 3.10pm until 3.40pm. This is an exciting opportunity for you to visit our library to read and change books with your child. All children using the library during these times must be accompanied by an adult.



Tuck Shop

Tuck is provided on a daily basis by our own Birchwood Bistro and is available to children in KS2 during break time.

Children may purchase the following items:



Milkshake— 45p
Fruit Drinks—35p
Sultanas—30p
Toast—20p



Please can children bring correct change wherever possible. Thank you.

There is fruit available to KS1 children on a daily basis.

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

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Autumn Term 2019

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

Summer Term 2020

Children Return to School	Monday 20th April
May Day	Friday 8th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th May
Children Return to School	Monday 1st June
Professional Development Day	Friday 19th June
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 17th 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 May Day 2020 is on a Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Please note the 1pm early finish on 19th July and 20th December, if this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

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.



Thank you for your support in raising £2487 for last years chosen charity the NSPCC. This years chosen charity will be announced soon. Watch this space!



WORD MANIA

Make as many words as you can before the time runs out !!!



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Fridays 5:30 – 7:30, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Classes include Ballet, Tap, Acrobatics, Modern plus lots more

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Cameo is a great place to build confidence, develop dance skills, and make good friends whilst working towards our annual show weekend

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