



BIRCHWOOD BUGLE



19th March 2021

Assembly Theme: Feeling Safe in School

Emails/Letters home this week: ALL—Warwickshire County Council

What's on in school next week?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2 Catch Up 3-4pm	Y3 Catch Up - 3-4pm	Y4 Catch Up - 3-4pm		Y6 Ukulele club— 3.15-4.15pm

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

REMINDER : Read next weeks newsletter to see the school's photo's of Let's Count!

Maths and Census 2021

Maths is a creative, interconnected subject essential to everyday life. At Birchwood our high quality maths education provides a foundation for understanding the world and enables children to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in their next step in education and within future employment.

Our school curriculum delivers Mathematics Mastery discretely, but we also plan opportunities to link this directly to our thematic learning. Maths is delivered through morning activities, discrete/thematic lessons, maths meetings and is supported through mental arithmetic tasks as part of our weekly home learning.

We aim to promote a sense of enjoyment and curiosity within mathematics, teaching children the conceptual understanding which will allow them to approach their knowledge and skills with fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

Linking maths to real life provides a context and purpose to children's learning. This week and next week, children across school will be undertaking learning activities linked to Census 2021. As I am sure you are all aware, the census is unique and only happens once every ten years. The Office for National statistics (ONS) have provided primary and secondary education programmes for schools to help educate children on the census and to inspire the next generation to take part. These programmes will help educate children on the importance of the census and how the information it collects helps shape the society we live in.

Using the Census 2021 as a significant real life event, the 'Let's Count' programme is a cross curricular resource for all year groups and supports the delivery of key maths and writing skills.

For more information for you and your children and to meet the 'Counter Cats' please visit -

<https://youtu.be/pVJXv5eCG1U>

I look forward to sharing with you the results of all the Counting Projects undertaken by each group.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



Census 2021!!

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

Spotlight this week is on...

Getting Back Into a Reading Routine

As a school we are keen to support our children to develop a lifelong love of reading, and as such we ask all children to aim to read at least 4 times a week at home as a reading target. If children achieve their reading target each week they are rewarded with dojo's and if everyone in the class achieves their reading target, the whole class get a 'Reading Tea Party' with Mrs Day. If they achieve this again a second time, they then get another tea party with Mr Coleman.

Reading tea parties are great fun, not only for the children but I know that both Mr Coleman and I love doing them too! It's a fantastic opportunity to share stories and poems with children. Reading aloud to children is so important to helping them learn to read, as well as being very enjoyable.

It would be fantastic to get back to doing some tea parties with classes again over the next few weeks, so we would encourage all children to remember to fill in those reading diaries to show all the reading we know they are doing at home, and get back into those reading routines. Whether you love to read stories, poems, books filled with facts or newspapers, comics and graphic novels; they all count. So do not forget to fill them in and your class could be having a tea party soon.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher

Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

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
Professional Development Day	Friday 18th June
Term Ends for Summer	Wednesday 21st July
Children Return to School	Monday 6th September

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 early finish on 21st July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

Birchwood Best Practice

Skills Academy

At Birchwood we believe in rewarding positive behaviour and hard work.

Our children work incredibly hard all week and

as a school we feel that this should be recognised. So every Friday the children have the opportunity to spend time learning a new skill or doing something they enjoy with friends and staff as a reward for following our one school rule, 'Consideration and Respect' all week. This time for children and staff is perfect for learning in a less formal environment.

Seeing the children and adults having fun together is fantastic for building and maintain positive relationships. There can be yoga in the halls, bird watching outside or singing in the classrooms. It really is one of the highlights of the week for our fabulous children!



ILLNESS

Can we please remind all parents and carers to not send children into school if they are unwell and are displaying any of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19. Thanks for your continued support.

Who's Who this week ...

Mrs Faultless

I have been a teaching assistant at Birchwood Primary school since 2015. During this time I have worked in years 3 and 4 which I have enjoyed. This year I am gaining more experience as I have moved to year 2.



Outside of school I have recently finished my honours degree with my graduation hopefully later in the year. Now my studying has finished I am really going to enjoy spending quality time with my family. My family enjoy rugby and both my children play for Tamworth and my husband coaches a team in the mini's section.

I feel extremely lucky to work amongst fantastic and dedicated people who have become like my family!

Procedures if your child is absent from school:

1. **Telephone** – PLEASE report absences by 8.30am on the day of absence by telephoning the school office

leaving a message on the answerphone if necessary, giving the date, your child's class and reason for absence.



2. **Absence Note** - A note must be provided with an explanation for a child's absence including dates of

absence and class name, by separate note or email from a parent or guardian and this should be sent into school on the **first day** of your child's return.



Please send any absence notes or medical letters/appointment cards to:

birchwoodparents@welearn365.com



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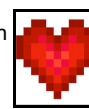
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Colour by numbers. Teach your children number recognition and work on fine motor skills.



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.