

Letters home this week: Y3 - Writing Competition, Y6,R - Heights and Weights, ALL- Sponsored Read, Y6 - Titanic, ALL - Parents Evening

What's on in school after the Half Term Holiday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inset Day - No Children in School	Children Return to School Drum and Guitar Lessons 3.05 Bake Off Club Y5-6 3.05 Aston Villa Club Y1-3	3.05 Circus Skills Club Y3-4	Clarinet Lessons 3.10 After School Library	Cello Lessons Swimming Lessons- Maple 3 3.05 Top Score Club Y4-6 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 : Our newsletter is always uploaded to the front page of our website: www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com

Brilliant Birchwood Behaviour

At a time when many schools nationally are struggling with poor pupil behaviour, we are extremely proud that behaviour in our school is still recognised as 'Outstanding'.

Our children are tremendously proud to be a Birchwood pupil and continually demonstrate this with their exceptional behaviour when out on school trips. We always receive positive comments from staff who work at educational settings we visit and from members of the public, about our well behaved, well-mannered and enthusiastic children. We have even introduced a feedback sheet to our trip pack so we can gather all the nice things said about our school. Birchwood children always look extremely smart in their school uniform and are a fantastic advertisement for our school. School trips take a lot of organising and planning and can be quite stressful for staff, but our children make the day of the trips a real pleasure.

At Birchwood we also have lots of visitors who come into our school. Our visitors regularly make comments to staff and myself about the friendly and caring atmosphere our school has and how polite and happy our children are. I also have many conversations with staff from companies and organisations that do a lot of work in our school and with our children. Many of them tell me that Birchwood is by far their favourite school to visit and to work at. I have heard numerous times 'Don't take it for granted, believe me not all schools are like this, I wish they were!' For our staff and as Head teacher, that is a really nice and positive thing to hear and something that I am always pleased to be able to share with our children and parents.

Relationships are key to the outstanding behaviour in our school. Our staff get to know children and their families well, building relationships based on mutual respect and consideration. Our staff are positive role-models and often go above and beyond for our children. Children feel happy and safe in school, but also confident to approach any member of staff should they need help or support.

Our policy on behaviour is to focus on the positives and look to reward positive learning behaviours and manners in school. Consideration and Respect is our one school rule and in assemblies and circle time we talk regularly about what this means, looks like and feels like in our school. We also feel it is very important to put children at the forefront of their own and others behaviour and therefore we use 'Stop It Please' to support this approach.

At the end of each week if children have made good choices regarding their behaviour and not received a behaviour slip, then they earn their 'skills academy' time on a Friday afternoon. This is a great way to reward all those children who are just brilliant all the time. It is very rare that any children do not earn their skills time, but if they do miss it, then a member of staff uses that time to talk to the children about the choices they have made and what they can do to ensure that earn their skills academy next time.

Our children's excellent behaviour means that the staff get to focus their time and energy on delivering excellent teaching and ensures that our children get to spend their time learning lots!

Mr Coleman - Headteacher



'Outstanding' Behaviour!

Spotlight on Excellence this week is ...

Being Resilient...

Trying something new can be challenging, whether you are an adult or a child. Whether it is a new sport, some new learning in school or facing a fear, whatever it is we rarely succeed first time, and often not even the second or third! This ability to keep having a go, even when we fail first or even the second or third time is important. To be resilient is a skill that we all need to be successful. All too often, children give up without some gentle encouragement to have another go. So a helpful hint that maybe they can do it if they try again and even a bit of modelling that adults too don't always succeed first time and it's ok to fail and calmly persevere and try again. Children need to experience some examples of failing, but also to be supported to try again themselves, learning that they do not always need an adult to help them to succeed. It can be as simple as not always being the one who wins a game, or trying again when the tower or model they have built falls down. Being resilient, is a real life skill which helps in so many aspects of everyday living.

Mrs Day

Associate Headteacher



**Our registered charity 2020
ZELLWEGER UK.
Amount raised so far:
£862.51**

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:
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Arriving Late...

Children absolutely hate being late for school. They arrive after all friends are already sat down in school and enter a classroom of 30 others looking at them.

At the start of the day teachers take registers, explain to the children what they will be doing for the day and all sorts of other important instructions about what will be happening around school. After 8.40am children must enter school through the office entrance to be registered separately.

Apart from disturbing your child's school routine, being late is NOT an authorised absence. Persistent lateness will often result in contact from Education Social Workers who inspect our registers and will prosecute for persistent cases.



VACANCY

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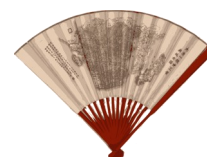


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CHINESE NEW YEAR IN THE RECEPTION CLASSES

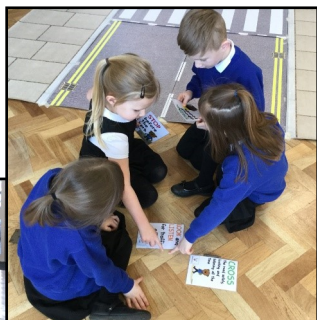
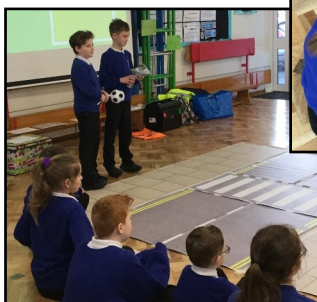
We have been learning about Chinese New Year. Children have had the opportunity to make their own Chinese lanterns, banners and dragon masks.

We also welcomed visitors into our school who showed us how to perform traditional lion dancing and we have tried Chinese food.



CYCLING SAFETY

To support our work around Road Safety, this week, we have been thinking about all of the ways to keep safe, especially when on our bikes and scooters. We have reminded children that they **must wear a bike helmet every time they ride, even if it is only for a short time**. It is also important to ensure that the helmet fits correctly, is not being worn with a hat and is replaced if it is dropped or in an accident. To reinforce the message shared on our Glow Day, children could also decorate their helmet with reflective stickers for when cycling in the darker hours. We are hoping that by doing this and ensuring children are always wearing bright and reflective clothing, we will have road smart children. In addition to this the Year 1 and Year 5 children attended a road safety workshop that demonstrated the importance of keeping distractions to a minimum while walking close to traffic. They looked at how to keep technology from being a distraction and how to walk safely with their friends.



YEAR 2 PIRATE DAY

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed dressing up for their Pirate Day. They performed pirate dances, wrote and sang sea-shanties and even got to meet Captain Redblood himself to share some of their learning from this half term. He was very pleased to get his treasure back after the children were able to free it from the ice it had been frozen in!



TBPS News



TBPS are proud to host their first 'Family Cream Tea'.

Choose from Monday 16th or Wednesday 18th March to come and join us where we will be serving a hot drink and a scone for adults, and squash and a cupcake for children. There will also be some fun family activities to take part in.

Adults cost £3.50 per person and Children £2.50 per person.

Due to hall space, places are restricted and we will be selling tickets on a first come first served basis. (Further events will follow later in the year)

To streamline our process with ticket sales, make it easier for parents and to reduce the workload for PTA volunteers and the school office, we will be selling tickets online via www.tickettailor.com/events/teambirchwoodprimaryschool1, code CT2020. This website is secure and GDPR compliant. Please see the flyer, which will follow after Half Term, for more details.



Vision

Children may not always know that they have a vision problem. It is therefore recommended that children have regular eye tests. These should be carried out at least once every two years, even if there are no problems with their eyesight. These tests can be done at a high street opticians and are free for all children under 16 years old (and those under 19 years old in full-time education). You can speak to your child's Optician if you have any concerns about your their vision.

The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and The School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204 Option 3.



Academic Year 2019-2020

Late Parents Evening
Early Parents Evening
Y6 & R Heights and Weights
Rec Vision Screening
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)
Children Return to School

Wednesday 4th March
Thursday 5th March
Monday 9th March
Wednesday 18th March
Friday 3rd April
Monday 20th April

Summer Term 2020

May Bank Holiday
Half Term (1 week)
Children return to School
Manor Adventure
Professional Development Day
Warwickshire Moving Up Day
Term Ends for Summer
Children return to school

Friday 8th May
Monday 25th May
Monday 1st June
Fri 5th June–Mon 8th June
Friday 19th June
Wednesday 8th July
Friday 17th July
Wednesday 2nd Sept

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 17th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

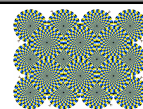
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