

Letters home this week: ALL - Masked Reader, Let's Count, Y6 - Relationship Education, Acorn and Maple - Staff Update,

## 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 : Parents please use [birchwoodparents@welearn365.com](mailto:birchwoodparents@welearn365.com) when emailing school.**

## Welcome Back!

We have really enjoyed having all our children back in school this week. It has been lovely to see children re-establishing their friendships with each other and their relationships with staff.

Over the course of the last year, all children will have missed out on social time outside of school and the home. I know from our celebration assemblies that our children take part in many clubs including football, rugby, swimming, dance, gymnastics, drama, martial arts, scouting and a whole host of other activities. At school we are busy planning a range of after school activities for all year groups to start straight after Easter. We are hoping to get details out by the end of next week.

Already this week our children have been involved in lots of activities back in school. We are so glad we delayed World Book day to this Friday. The children all looked brilliant dressed as their favourite book characters and have enjoyed a full day of activities linked to books and reading.

This year we have also put onto our school website a 'Masked Reader' quiz for the children to take part in over the weekend should they wish. Around 30 school staff have recorded themselves reading a very short extract from one of their favourite children's stories. We have masked over the faces of our staff so the children have to listen carefully and try and guess who is who. Some of our older children may also be able to identify which children's story they are reading from.

Children have all taken home a quiz sheet for the weekend and they may ask parents and older siblings to help. All the videos can be found under the 'World Book Day' tab on our school website –

[www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com](http://www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com) Answers will all be revealed in school on Monday morning and will be available in the same place on our school site, in case parents are also curious to find out who was who.

Thanks again for supporting your children with their costumes this year. It is great to see our school full again and full of colour and smiles!

**Mr Coleman**  
**Headteacher**

## IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



THE MASKED  
READER



## Who's That Behind the Mask?!

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

## Spotlight this week is ...

### on Friendship

As children have all returned to school this week, it has been fantastic to see them re-establish their friendships within their classes. After 80 days out of school, it has been so important for children to see and spend time with their friends this week as well as get back into the familiar classroom routines.

Break times are a key time of day for our children to learn important social skills. After all, being able to get along with others, share and resolve small disagreements are as much skills for life as those in English and maths. It is really important to remember that children learn so much through play, and that this should be encouraged, something we will continue to support in school.

After Easter there will be a range of after school clubs on offer at Birchwood to further support children in developing these friendships and social skills, as this is something they have really missed out on over the course of this lockdown period .

**Mrs Day**  
**Associate Headteacher**

**Mrs Bayliss**



Dr. Sarah E. Hill

Between my children, my dog Marvel, and school, I hardly have much time for a hobby but during the lockdown I took up running and so make sure I make time to go out at least every other day to remain fit and healthy. I also love reading—historical fiction is my favourite (particularly the Tudor era) - so if I do not fall asleep too soon, I try my hardest to make time to read every single day. I do, of course, read to my children every night and our favourite bedtime story to read together is *The Ugly Five* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Sheffler. Even if we have read it 100 times!

## Eco Club



**Reduce**—we have our very own kitchen garden which we use often for ingredients during lessons in our cooking room. Between staff we encourage paper-free communications and are currently seeking ways to offer paper-free communications with parents where appropriate.


**Reuse—** In classrooms we encourage children to use whiteboards for jottings if possible to reduce paper waste. We discourage children from bringing in single-use plastic and sell water bottles and offer fresh, cooled water around the school for refills. Also our fantastic TBPS are always collecting items to be won and bought at our fairs and the selling of quality unclaimed uniform has been a real success.

**Recycle**— We are always seeking new ways to recycle our waste. Our current drives are batteries (school office), clothing (staff car park) and food waste (school kitchen). We have a few other areas in the pipeline to recycle even more in the near future.

- ★ To celebrate and recognise that the next census is taking place on
- ★ Sunday 21 March 2021, children of all ages across school will be
- ★ taking part in our exciting 'Let's Count' maths days where we will
- ★ be teaching them about this important and unique event.
- ★ Children will have the opportunity to take part in lots of fun
- ★ cross-curricular and real-life maths activities and even take part in
- ★ their own counting project where they will investigate and collect
- ★ data about things that matter to our school and themselves.



## Parents checklist: What you can do?

- Limit approved web sites and hours spent online.
  - Set high security settings with browsers, membership, and social networking sites.
  - Install and maintain Internet Security software and parental controls.
  - Use parental controls to limit the web sites your child can visit.
  - Monitor your child's computer use and sit with them when they are online, wherever possible.
  - Talk about protecting private information (name, phone number etc.) and never sharing passwords with friends.
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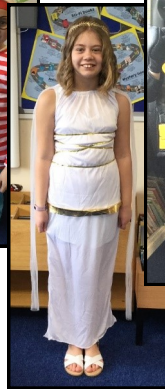
Want to know what is happening in school? Go to **[www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com](http://www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com)**. There is so much information for you from: school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, photos and much more.

Click on the parent tab to open the ParentPay shop, where you can order school uniform, book bags and water bottles.



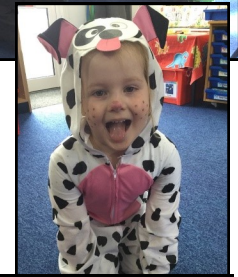
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# World Book Day

## 2021





## 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.

## Important Message for Year 6 Parents

If you made an application for your child's secondary school place on time, then you should have received your offer via email on **1st March 2021**.



It is very important that you log on to accept or decline the place offered as soon as possible. You can do this by visiting [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions)

If you have not yet applied for a secondary school place, we urge you to contact the admissions department on the link above as a matter of urgency.

The telephone number for the Schools Admission Service is 01926 414143.

Thank you.

## 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.

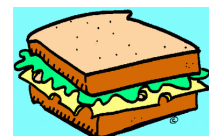
Thank you for your support and co-operation.



## 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.



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### FUN CHILDRENS DANCE CLASSES HELD IN POLESWORTH

**Little Dancers from age 2 1/2** Tuesdays & Fridays

4:30 – 5:30pm The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

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The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

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### Monster Numbers



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that combines fun  
and education.



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.

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