

Letters home this week: ALL - Pupil Premium, Staggered School Day, Arrival and Collections, Menus

What's on in school next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

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

REMINDER : Please adhere to your allocated arrival and collection times.

Welcome Back to the New Academic Year 2020/21

I would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome back to Birchwood Primary School. I hope you all had an enjoyable 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.

After nearly 6 months it has been so nice to finally be able to welcome back all our children into school. I know 2020 has been a very testing and challenging time for everyone, but it really has been lovely to see so many of our children with smiles on their faces, happy to be back at Birchwood. It has also been really nice to meet some of our new children who will be starting in our Reception classes. This week they have all had a school visit and will now be completing 3 shorter induction days in school before all finally joining us on Monday 14th September.

We have had another productive summer holiday period in school. There have been contractors on site completing our extension to Redwood 4 classroom. We have had a treatment room installed in our lower school to support one of our new Reception starters. We have also installed new ceilings and energy efficient lighting into our library, and into our Year 4, 5 and 6 classrooms. Mr Jackson (Caretaker) and Mr Williams (Caretaker support) have been very busy carrying out a variety of decoration work inside and outside our school, ensuring that it is a fantastic place for our children to learn. Our cleaning team have also done a brilliant job 'deep cleaning' the school throughout.

Our teaching staff have been extremely busy preparing and setting up their classrooms to support our reopening of school. They have also been planning and preparing lessons and activities to be able to assess children's current levels, identifying potential gaps in learning, so that we can tailor future planning to meet the needs of all of our children.

Our children are returning to a school different to the one they left. To ensure that school is safe to return for all our children, parents and staff, we have had to enforce a number of safety measures. This has meant changes to routines, procedures and school systems. I want to share my thanks to all our children and parents for.....



HAPPY NEW "SCHOOL" YEAR!

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

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supporting us with these changes.

This year we have no choice but to go back to basics. Due to current guidelines, we are unable to engage in many of the exciting and engaging initiatives that we have introduced over the last few years. We are very hopeful that we will soon be able to start planning for educational trips again. Also that we can start inviting in interesting visitors to our school and organising lots of extra-curricular events and activities. We also hope that we will soon be able to vote in our new House Captains, School Council, Eco Council, Digital Leaders and Road Safety Team for this academic year.

Although our school may look and feel slightly different, it is our aim to make sure that we continue to make this school year as enjoyable and as purposeful as we can for all of our children. The last 6 months have demonstrated more than ever the strong relationships we have between home and school. This will continue to play a pivotal role in ensuring that our children make excellent progress in their learning and 'catch up' on time missed from school.

Mr Coleman
Headteacher

Who's Who this week ...

Miss Chamberlain

Hi everyone! I am Miss Chamberlain and I have been teaching at Birchwood for the past three years. I have taught across lower key stage two and have loved my time teaching here and meeting all of the caring and considerate children and families that we have. This year I will be teaching in year 6. I always dreamed of being a teacher; as a child, I used to line up my teddies and do the register with them and teach them maths!

When I am not at school, I love to exercise and keep active. I am not very good at sitting still!

I also love to travel - my auntie lives in Canada so I try my best to go out to see her as much as I can. It is my favourite place in the world! I also love a winter holiday so that I can go skiing (as long as I am wrapped up warm and have plenty of hot chocolate!).

At the weekends, I enjoy spending my time with my lovely family and friends. I particularly love the summer, where we can go outside and enjoy a BBQ in the sunshine, whilst listening to music.

I always consider myself very lucky that I am surrounded by such amazing family, friends, children, co-workers - people that make me who I am, encourage me to be my best and help me to pursue my dreams and ambitions.



Birchwood Best Practice

PSHE

The aim of the teaching of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) at Birchwood is to ensure that all children within our care are equipped with the knowledge to become healthy, independent and responsible members of society. We recognise that PSHE is a central part to life within school and outside of school and should be central and underpinning to all other learning.

Through the curriculum, our school environment and our school ethos, we promote children's emotional and mental wellbeing, along with their physical health. We promote pupils' self-esteem and support them in the formation of safe relationships, based on a mutual respect within school, at home and within the community. We ensure that students are also aware that their actions have consequences and how, by making informed choices, they can create positive impacts upon their own lives, others' lives and in the environment.

PSHE is promoted within all aspects of our school. We are dedicated to ensuring that all children within our care leave school with an understanding of how they can be a responsible member of their community. Most importantly, we encourage children to consistently follow our one school rule, 'Consideration and Respect'.



WELCOME BACK!

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

Spotlight this week is ...

Welcome back everybody!



This week it has been lovely to welcome back all of our children into school. I have spent the week making visits to classes, as well as seeing all of our families and children as they arrive and leave school. It has been a delight to see so many smiling faces with children happy to be back learning, looking so smart and enjoying school.

Although children are not able to come and see myself and Mr Coleman in our offices at the moment, we have made a point of getting out to classes to say hello to children, and to introduce ourselves to those children who have joined Birchwood for the first time or who are starting school in Reception. It has been lovely to get to see new faces, hear about what children have been up to and see some of their learning in class.

I, like our children and teachers, am already looking forward to an exciting term and sharing the children's learning.

Mrs Day

Associate Headteacher

GO GREEN - SAVE WATER



COVID-19 has had an impact on all of our lives, and with more of us at home it's also changed how we all use water. This, combined with the warm, dry weather (it was the hottest May on record for many parts of our region) means we're using more water than ever before – 40% more than normal in some areas.

There are lots of great ideas for water saving activities to do as a family or for the children to complete on their own on Severn Trents Kidzone Education website. Please use the following link:

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/education-zone/education-zone/>

You can also get some FREE water saving products for the home – parents can use the following link and a pack will be sent direct to their home:

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/wonderful-on-tap/save-water/free-ways-to-save/>



ITEMS FOR SCHOOL

With the start of a new year and with lots of new measures in place, we would like to remind you of the items that children can bring into school:

☺ **Book bag**



☺ **Packed lunch if this is their meal choice.**



☺ **Water bottle**



☺ **From Me To You**

From ME to YOU -
IMPORTANT NOTE: Please use this sheet to communicate with the class teacher. urgent/confidential messages telling us about absences (AUSSES) AND ABOUT ill collect your child that day. Whilst we aim to check 'Me to You' file on a daily in because of timetabling, staffing or more pressing issues related to individual

Class: _____

Comment _____

not for URGENT, CONFIDENTIAL, ABSENCE NOTIFICATION or changes to daily COLLECT

☺ **P.E kit - to be left in school all week**



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School Dinners

Please can we ask that payments for school meals are made in advance. Also, due to food orders, we ask children to choose dinners or packed lunch for the whole week. Please could your child not switch their option during the week. Thank you.



Academic Year 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Half Term (1 week) Monday 26th October
Professional Development day **Monday 2nd November**
 Children Return to School Tuesday 3rd November
 Term Ends for Christmas (2 weeks) Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2021

Professional Development Day **Monday 4th January**
 Children Return to School Tuesday 5th January
 Half Term 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**
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 & 21st July.
 If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.



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 Amount raised £1053.46



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



Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2009** and **31/08/2010** are due to start Secondary School in September 2020. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2020.**

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.



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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