

Letters home this week:

## 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 : Remember to give your consent for your child's Flu vaccination!

### Core Principles at Birchwood Primary

At Birchwood we have a shared vision which supports our school to run smoothly and effectively. We have a set of common language and ideas that support the culture we have created. We make reference to these all the time in school through our assemblies and class discussions with children. Our messages and articles that we share in our newsletters are a good opportunity to reiterate some of these to our parents who have been with us for a while and as an explanation for those parents who are new to our school.

#### Our one school rule – Consideration and Respect

There are some schools who have long lists of rules that they expect the children to learn, remember and understand. At Birchwood we only have one rule and it is – Consideration and Respect. The children learn quickly that this means they are expected to have respect for themselves, each other, all adults and the school environment. They are also taught to be considerate in all things they do and say. We find it to be extremely effective when discussing the choices children have made. Have you been considerate or shown respect? This is a question that gets children to reflect on their actions.

#### Stop It Please

These three words are designed to help children regulate the behaviour of their peers by making it clear that they do not like something someone is saying or doing. It takes time and practice for children to get this right but it does work as a system for managing low level disruption. Quite often we will ask children if they used stop it please when there has been an altercation between children. We encourage children to use it as a cue to prompt their peers.

#### Readiness for learning

We want children to come into school ready to learn - that is after all what they come to school for. This starts with a prompt start to the day. Making sure they have all they need for the day ahead and establishing clear routines gives children the best chance to access all their learning. Parents can play their part in this by ensuring their children have everything they need for the day and minimising any fuss on the playground in the morning. Making sure that children are in school on time, enables them to have a positive start and best prepares them to be in the best mind-set for learning.

#### The smile effect

Smiling is such a positive tool and its impact is considerable. It is a scientific fact that smiling makes you feel better. When you smile at someone, the natural thing is for that person to smile back at you, in turn making them feel better too. Also, like manners, it does not cost a thing! At Birchwood we all agree that it is good to smile and we should try and do it more in school and at home, particularly at the moment when there seems less to be happy about than normal!

**Mr Coleman - Headteacher**



## All Smiles at Birchwood!

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

### Spotlight this week is ...

#### **Opportunities and Experiences in School**

Our curriculum at Birchwood is built on developing rich opportunities and memorable experiences for our children throughout their time in school. We do this in a number of ways, including exciting hooks into themes. This term Year 1 have had an alien space craft land outside their classroom for example. There are also a wide range of planned learning activities through resources such as Now Press Play and practical learning and opportunities to work together. Year 3 recently learned how trees get water from the soil using straws to represent the stem and found out it takes a lot to suck water up to the top of a tree! Additionally children take part in our BASE skills academy at the end of each week where children can learn new skills in a range of different subjects and areas as a reward for all their good learning behaviour each week.

We also welcome a number of visitors into school to support and develop learning. Embody Dance, Aston Villa and Top Score coaches work with children across school during the year to develop their PE and dance. This week Year 2 were hard at work with Embody Dance as part of their Wiggle and Crawl theme, Year 6 were leaping using apparatus in gymnastics and also, this week, we welcomed Jamie Knight into school who has worked with years 2 to 6 teaching them some amazing footballing skills. It is always great to see our children so engaged and excited by their learning in school.

**Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher**

## Who's Who this week ...

### **Mrs Finch**

Hello, my name is Mrs Finch and I have had the pleasure of working at Birchwood Primary school for 5 years.

Before I was employed at Birchwood School I volunteered for a year whilst attending Nuneaton college to complete my TA level 2 training. I then started to work in year 5 and I decided to undertake my TA level 3 training. I have been a teaching assistant in year 5 for 2 years and then I moved to year 6 which is where I carry out my teaching duties at present. I feel so privileged that I get to work in this fabulous school, alongside amazing staff, who are my Birchwood family, and of course with such fantastic children!

When I am not at school I like to socialise with my friends and family and love nothing more than going out for a lovely meal. I also enjoy spending time walking Dexter (my dog), who is very cuddly and mischievous. This helps me to relax and unwind as well as spending quality time with my family.



## Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2009 and 31/08/2010** are due to start Secondary School in September 2021. **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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool). You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047.

## Holiday Absence

### **Parents please note:**

Leave which is taken for the following reasons will not be authorised:

- Availability of cheaper holidays
- Availability of desired accommodation
- Poor weather experienced in school holidays
- Overlap with beginning or end of term

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development and for this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible and we all need to play our part.

### **Why attendance matters:**

- Less than 5 days absence = 98% + attendance
- 14 days absence (approx.) = 93.5% attendance
- 20 days absence (approx.) = 90% attendance
- More than 30 days absence = 88% attendance

## Birchwood Best Practice

### **End of year 6 performance**

It is a hard year for our year 6 pupils, who always strive to try their Birchwood Best, and we are extremely proud of every single pupil not just in year 6 but throughout the whole of Birchwood School.

When year 6 have completed their SATS and have all worked to the best of their ability, which they always do, it's then time to have some fun and put on the performance of a life time. This is such an emotional time for them and definitely for us as teachers and TA's, and I'm sure for you parents too! It's a performance that will stay in all of our hearts and memories for a lifetime.

It is so amazing for teachers to have had the privilege to teach your children right back when they first started in Reception class, and watch them grow and flourish into the mature, independent people they have become. What an honour to watch your children grow through most of their childhood! Year 6 children deserve a fantastic end of year send off and what better way to achieve this than a brilliant, end of year, year 6 performance. There is so much effort that is put into this performance from a number of staff members but most of all from our fabulous year 6 pupils.

Finally, we then say farewell to our children and wish them all the best for their next big adventure! We never forget our pupils and they are always welcome to come back to see us. - Mrs Finch



## Children Who Are Isolating.

As guidance is changing constantly, we are asking parents with a child at home isolating, to contact the school to arrange a return date before sending their child back to school. This is to ensure we are only accepting children back into school when it safe to do so as per the current guidance.



As with all cases of absence, please can you email your absence note into school where possible on [admin2619@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2619@welearn365.com). Thank you.

## Covid 19 Safety Measures

We ask parents to support us with safety measures introduced to reduce the risk of transmitting Covid 19.



- ◆ Please use the 2 metre markers when using our one way system to help maintain social distance. Please also spread out in our class zones when collecting children at the end of the day.
- ◆ We ask that families limit the number of adults and siblings coming onto site to drop off and collect children where possible.
- ◆ We encourage parents to wear face masks or face coverings when on our school site.

Thank you for your continued support.





# FREESTYLE FOOTBALL



On Wednesday, we had the privilege of welcoming Jamie Knight into school. Jamie is one of the world's best professional free style footballers, and is currently ranked 9th in the world. He regularly works with top footballers such as Rio Ferdinand, Paul Scholes and Gary Neville and is also in high demand for performances such as half time shows at Wembley. He travels the country inspiring school children with his amazing freestyle skills and our children in Years 2-6 enjoyed sessions with Jamie, watching his performance and having a go at some tricks themselves.





## Academic Year 2020-2021

### Autumn Term 2020

Flu Immunisation	Monday 12th October
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.

Our registered charity 2020  
**ZELLWEGER UK.**  
Amount raised so far: £1060.46



## Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. Let us keep this service flying.

Are you planning on having a clear out of your wardrobe? If so, we have a collection point on site for any clothing, bedding, paired shoes, belts and bags if you would like to support our local air ambulance service. Look for the big yellow collection box to the right of the main school drive. This is emptied on a regular basis and the Air Ambulance Service appreciate all of the donations made. Thank you.



## Birchwood Primary School Website



Want to know what is happening in school? Go to **www.birchwoodprimarieschool.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

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.

<https://www.jobcentrejobs.co.uk/>



## CAMEO DANCE EST.2003

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#### Little Dancers from age 2 1/2

Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:30pm, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth  
Fridays 4:30 – 5:30pm, The Tithe Barn, Polesworth

#### Juniors from age 7

Tuesdays 5:15 – 7:15, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth  
Fridays 5:30 – 7:30, The Memorial Hall, Polesworth  
Classes include Ballet, Tap, Acrobatics, Modern plus lots more

FIRST TRIAL CLASS IS FREE! Call Liz 07443421867

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

Cameodance.co.uk cameodance@rocketmail.com  
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