

Children return to school following the Easter Holiday on Monday 29th April.

What's on in school after the Easter Holidays

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05 pm Embody Dance Club Y1-6	Guitar Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3	Woodwind Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3	Violin & Keyboard Lessons 3.05pm Athletics Y3-6	Cello & Drum Lessons 3.05pm Musical Theatre Y3-6 3.05pm Multi Sports Y4-6

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

REMINDER: Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name.

Easter Holiday

This week sees the end of the Spring Term. We are two thirds of the way through the school year and the progress that has been achieved in school is excellent. January feels like a distant memory and it never fails to amaze me how quickly things move on in school.

Today we finished our Spring Term off in typical Birchwood style with our Eggs-ceptional Upper School Egg Creation Eggs-hibition, followed by our Eggs-plosive Lower School Easter Bonnet Eggs-travaganza! Thank you to all the parents who came to support the Easter Parade and help their children with their egg creations. The children all looked brilliant in their bonnets and the egg creations just get better each year! Congratulations to our winners Isaac, Poppy, Jared, Casey, Joseph, Paeton, Jack, Arrianne, Elsie, Ethan, Jude and Eva in Lower School and Charlie, Chloe, Alfie, Amelia, Ben Minnie, Kayden, Jessica, Charlie, Sophie, Kyten, Lily, Joseph, Isabelle, James and Isabella in Upper School.

I am very grateful for all the continued support parents give to myself and all of our wonderful staff at Birchwood. Our staff care immensely about all of our children and go above and beyond to ensure that they all achieve their very best.

Thank you also for your continued support this term with homework, parents evening attendance, IEP meetings and the huge crowds of parents who regularly attend our assemblies in school. Taking an interest in your child's education has a really positive impact on their learning and progress. Teaching and learning really is a team effort and our children are lucky to have us all on their side.

The Easter holidays are a chance for us all to relax and spend quality time with friends and family. Two weeks is a long time to be out of school, but regular reading and times table practice will help keep children ticking along. I know that our Year 6 pupils will have their Easter SATs packs and study guides to keep them entertained during the holidays in preparation for their very important SATs tests when they return.

I hope you all have a fantastic Easter holidays and we look forward to having you all back in school for more exciting challenges over the Summer Term.

Mr Coleman
Headteacher



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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is: Our School Uniform

Uniform is a really important part of being part of our school and it always impresses me to see our children looking so smart. Uniform enables all children to feel included in the school, and we know that children are proud to wear it every day and show that they represent Birchwood. We have always endeavoured to keep our uniform really simple, and as such we only have one item of uniform that carries our school logo, which is our school jumper or cardigan. The white polo shirt, black trousers or skirt, and plain black shoes, which we ask children to wear, are logo free and can be bought from most supermarkets to keep costs low. We ask, in the interests of safety, that children do not wear any jewellery to school, with the exception of plain silver or gold stud earrings where they have pierced ears and that long hair is kept tied back.

Recently, there has been an increasing fashion trend for very short and closely shaved hair styles. We would like to remind all parents that excessively short or extreme hairstyles are not permitted in school, including non-natural hair colours. If children are particularly keen on these styles, we would encourage parents to save these for longer holiday periods such as Christmas, Easter or the Summer, which gives them time to grow out a little before they return to school.

We value your continued support in making sure that your children attend each day in the correct uniform and looking smart. If there is ever a reason that your child is missing a piece of uniform for a day, please remember to let your child's class teacher know.

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher

Absence during Term Time

The Summer Term is arguably our most important term. Many of our children are being prepared for their statutory tests and assessments, the results of which have a significant impact on their future education.

The school does not support children being off school in term time to take a holiday.

The school WILL NOT authorise ANY absence during test and assessment periods. Taking holidays in term time is extremely disruptive for the school and causes many difficulties. Children who miss school return confused, behind and unsure in the areas they have missed. We do not and cannot reteach missed lessons.

The local authority has stated *'There are 180 days a year when the children are not at school. Holidays for children should be taken during the school holidays!'*

DO NOT book family holidays in term time. Its impact on children is significant.

A Message from the Health and Wellbeing Service

Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service and Warwickshire Young Persons Substance Misuse Service has launched a new way for parents and carers of school aged children to get confidential advice and support about child health related issues. Chat Health is an award winning school nurse messaging service and is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5 pm. There will be automatic bounce-back responses to incoming messages out of hours. Answering the text message will be a nurse who can assist with any queries about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and well being issues. The text number is **07520 619376**.

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.

TBPS NEWS

Thank you so much for everyone's support with the Mothers Day Sale, we raised nearly £300.



Our Bingo night was a great success and we hope those who came had lots of fun. We certainly did. We raised a total of £515. A huge thank you to all who came to the evening and to everyone who donated a chocolate egg or £1 for the non-uniform day.

It has been our pleasure to provide the prizes for the fabulous Easter Hats and Egg Creations, brought into school today. We hope all of the children enjoy their chocolate treat from Team Birchwood.

Have a great Easter break from all at Team Birchwood.

Would you love to be matched with the perfect rescue dog for you?

Five Mile Films have teamed up with Wood Green, the Animals Charity to make a primetime series with their expert dog rescue team.



Please contact us today by emailing...

rescuedog@fivemilefilms.co.uk

We have been contacted by a casting producer working for a TV production company who are making a prime time Ch4 Programme in partnership with Wood Green Animal Charity. They are looking for people who may be interested in re-homing a rescue dog.

Through a multi-camera rig format (similar to 'One Born Every Minute' and 'Super Vet'), they want to explore the relationships and interactions between dogs and people. They will be following the stories of the rescue dogs looking to be re-homed at Wood Green, but also the stories of the potential owners coming in and understanding their reasons for wanting a dog at this point in their lives.

If you are interested in taking part, please see the contact details above.

Vision Screening



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 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.

Severn Trent Water

Birchwood Pupils enjoyed an assembly from Maxine from Severn Trent Water on Thursday 4th April.

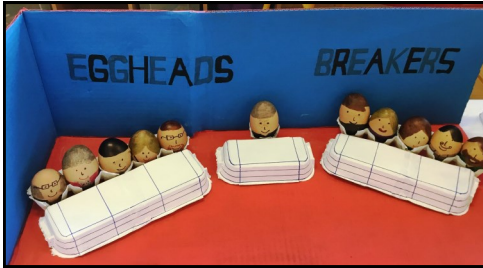
Maxine had pupil volunteers to help assist in demonstrating how water is cleaned and travels from rivers, through cleaning systems and eventually reaches our taps. Pupils were also invited to discuss how to save water and look at how we waste water.

Pupils also learned about how sewer pipes can get blocked and what we can do as individuals to help ensure we look after them. It was a very enjoyable assembly!





Easter Celebrations



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Want to know what's 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.



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Academic Year 2018-2019

Summer Term 2019

Y1 Class Assemblies

Manor Adventure Trip

Children return to school

May Day Bank Holiday

Grandparents Lunch

Manor Adventure Meeting

Half Term (1 Week)

Children return to school

Class Photographs

Y2 Class Assemblies

Professional Development Day

Warwickshire Moving Up Day

Sports Day

Reserve Sports Day

Show and Share Evening

Y6 Leavers Performance

Y6 Disco and BBQ

Term ends for Summer (Early)

Thursday 9th May

Friday 7th June to Monday 10th June

Monday 29th April

Monday 6th May

Friday 17th May

Monday 20th May

Monday 27th May

Monday 3rd June

Tuesday 18th June

Thursday 20th June

Friday 21st June

Thursday 27th June

Monday 1st July

Tuesday 2nd July

Thursday 11th July

Monday 15th July

Thursday 18th July

Friday 19th 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 19th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.



Word Mania.

Make as many words as you
Can before the time runs out!!



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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