

Next Week's Assembly Theme: Chinese New Year / Burns' Night

Reminder: Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school every day.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y6 to Polesworth to see 'The Addams Family' KS1 Hockey Club 3-4pm Y5/6 Cricket Club 3-4pm	Change to lunch menu	Y3 Dodgeball Competition at Kingsbury Y3/4 Dodgeball Club 3-4pm KS2 Musical Theatre Club 3.00 - 4.15pm	2.40pm Celebration Assembly	Whole School to see Snow White at Birmingham Hippodrome

Our brilliant schools

I have sat in lots of meetings, interviews and tours of school over the past two weeks and I have been filled with genuine pride. People who are new to our school or who have just started working with us only have brilliant things to say.

The overwhelming message I am receiving is how polite and well-behaved our children are. I have been saying for a long time that our children are amazing at this but the feedback from these people confirms that not all schools are like ours. It is the norm that our children will hold doors open, say good morning, ask how you are or wait as adults pass them. They say 'please', 'thank you' and 'you're welcome.'

The feeling people get when they enter school is also noticeable. They comment on our environment being warm and inviting. This is thanks to the staff in the office who are the first port of call. They always offer a hello and a smile regardless of how busy they may be and believe me they are incredibly busy! The positive relationships in school between staff and children are obvious. I had one visitor who was surprised that I knew a child's name. In our schools our staff make it their mission to learn as many names as they can and become frustrated if they can't remember. This is because our children are individuals and are the centre of everything we do. They are not simply there to 'make up the numbers'.

For these reasons, and many more, I love working in our schools. The children are the highlight. They are a credit to you as parents, to the school and to the community. Well done, children! You are all superstars!

Mrs M Cross
Executive Headteacher

Changes to Lunch Menu

As the whole school is going to see 'Snow White' on Friday 24th January. We have made a few changes to the lunch menu.

As we will be having an early lunch that day the school kitchen will only be able to offer the blue sandwich option however children will have the choice of ham or cheese. Children will also need to bring a healthy snack for the performance interval.

On Tuesday we will now be offering the Friday red and green options to the children, which are Breaded Pollock Fillet or Quorn Nuggets. The jacket potato and sandwich option for Tuesday will remain the same.



Changing a book in the library

All photographs can be purchased via ParentPay for £3 per A4 colour copy.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Early Help

Early Help is the term used in Warwickshire to describe all support offered to potentially vulnerable children, young people and their families.

The purpose of Early Help is to put in the right support at the right time so that problems are less likely to escalate. This also means that multiple agencies work together with families to secure good outcomes and work together.

Early Help can support in the following area:

- School and education
- Home and life relationships
- Health and emotional wellbeing
- Work, finances or housing
- Domestic violence or abuse
- Crime or anti-Social behaviour

If you would like support in any of these areas then please feel free to discuss this with the Early Help leads at school, Miss Lewis, Mrs Shaw or Ms Finnon.

During the Early Help meeting we discuss what is going well, what the worries are and what needs to happen to help things improve. Together we will then agree the best way to make this happen; this will be written into a Family Plan. Meetings take place then every 6-8 weeks to see how things are moving forward.

Miss Lewis SENDCo



IPad App of the week

Island Chase Subtraction by Arcademics
(£0.69 / £0.34 VPP)



Island Chase Subtraction is a multiplayer racing game that allows students from anywhere in the world to race one another while practicing their subtraction facts. Your jet ski's speed is determined by how fast you answer the addition problems.

Charity Update

Money raised so far



£175.00

Please note that although we check the suitability of iPad applications, they can be changed without notice.

Start and End of the Day Procedures

We welcome children onto the school playground from 8.30am. Children enter school at 8.40am, then the doors are closed. Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 MUST stay with their child until they enter the school building. Any children arriving at school late must report to the school office first so that we know they have arrived safely.

At 3.00pm for 'Infant' children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we 'hand over' children to parents at the end of the day.

For 'Junior' children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 we let them go from the door and do NOT pass them to an adult. It is important that parents of Junior children are either available to meet children at the end of the day or are happy for them to walk home unaccompanied.

Infant children should always be met from the playground.

Hawk

Hawk class are really enjoying their learning this half term:

"I am looking forward to learning more about the Greek Gods from our book 'Odysseus'." Freya

"I am enjoying learning about Greek patterns they are very interesting and I had fun trying to recreate them." Sophie K

"I enjoyed writing our own play scripts with speech from our book 'Odysseus'." Sophie H

"I am enjoying working with the Hippodrome, we are doing 'We Will Rock You'." Sophie F

"I enjoyed doing maths and learning new ways to complete division." Nicole



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Governor Vacancy



Birchwood Primary School are seeking to recruit quality Community Governors to join their Local Governing Body.

We are looking for people who have the skill to act as a 'critical friend' and ask challenging questions about performance and use their skills and experience to support the school in addressing its aims. You will be involved in creating and developing a strategic plan for the school, setting and agreeing its objectives, and monitoring and evaluating its success by focusing on progress and outcomes. Your role will also include collectively allocating and controlling the school budget as well as being influential in the appointment of staff.

If you are over 18, able to commit approximately 10-15 hours per term to the role we would be delighted to hear from you. You do not need to be a parent of a student at the school. No prior knowledge is needed - training and support is offered and available to all new and existing governors.

This is an extremely rewarding role, one which holds great importance within our school and trust. If you feel that you have skills which could be transferred to help make a real difference to children's lives, please contact us for further information.

The closing date for expressions of interest is Friday 31st January 2020, 12pm.

For further information please contact:
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Contact Information

Could you please ensure that you keep the school office informed of your contact details, especially mobile phone numbers as we often send out information and reminders via the text message service. Any changes of address also need to be reported to the school office as letters to parents and postcards home are sent via royal mail.

Dates for your Diary

27/01/20 - Open the Book Assembly
28/01/20 - Young Voices Concert
05/02/20 - Family Lunch
17/02/20 - 21/02/20 Half Term
24/02/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
25/02/20 - Term resumes
05/03/20 - World Book Day
20/03/20 - Reports out to Parents
24/03/20 - Parents' Evening Late
26/03/20 - Parents' Evening Early
03/04/20 - End of Term school finishes at 3.00pm
20/04/20 - Summer Term begins
08/05/20 - Bank Holiday
25/05/20 - 29/05/20 - Half Term
01/06/20 - Term resumes
19/06/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
17/07/20 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	97.4%	94.1%
Kingfisher	96%	92.7%
Swan	99.2%	94.9%
Owl	93.8%	95.2%
Swift	100%	97.3%
Hawk	98.2%	95.2%
Falcon	93%	94.8%

Last weeks

Postcards Home

Peacock = Darci

Kingfisher = Antonia

Swan = Cameron

Owl = Elliot L

Swift = Jacob

Hawk = Kenzie

Falcon = Tom

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Breakfast Club 7.30-8.35am.

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3.00-5.30pm.

Monday - Friday, term time only. For more information please contact Jack & Jill Preschool on 01827 899551 (Please note that once a session has been booked you will be charged even if your child does not arrive.)