

Reminder: For the safety of the children the school car park is for staff only during school hours.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Fire Service visit Y1 & 5 Indoor Cricket at Polesworth			Celebration Assembly 2.40

Keeping Safe On Line

Our new 'e-schools initiative' allows many opportunities for parents and the school to communicate more effectively, efficiently and in a more 'immediate way'. It also allows children to do the same, but within a far safer 'contained environment'. Two features of e-schools, we have introduced recently, have allowed children to learn the 'does and don'ts of 'online etiquette' i.e. 'Blogs' and 'Class Discussions'.

Over Christmas many of the children did some fantastic work on creating 'blogs' and posted all manner of exciting pieces of information. We were really pleased with the results and the children's efforts. What was particularly impressive was children's positivity about others efforts, with them making many supportive on line posts about their friends work.

Whilst our schools 'Virtual Learning Environment' is a very safe place to work in, many of our children also go on line, text, email and communicate outside of our 'safety net'. We use our VLE to teach them the 'etiquette' of 'on line communication and what to do if it all goes wrong. We tell our children to:

- **Be careful what you share online;** When you choose a profile picture for a social networking website like Facebook or Twitter, avoid photos that could give strangers clues about where you live. Check your privacy settings regularly. Think about what should be shared in public and what shouldn't.
- **Learn about how you can take care of your digital footprints.** Don't upload or share anything you wouldn't want your parents, teachers or friends seeing. Once you press send, it is no longer private.
- **Think before you post.** Don't upload or share anything you wouldn't want your parents, teachers or friends seeing.
- **Never share or reveal your passwords.** Use strong passwords that are hard for others to guess, using a mix of letters and numbers. Keep passwords to yourself and change them regularly.
- **Be careful who you chat to.** If somebody you don't know adds you as a friend, ignore them and delete their request. Don't share personal information like your address or phone number with somebody you don't know. Learn about the signs that someone abusive is grooming you online.

Our pupils however spend far more time on line at home than they do at school, we need parents help in repeating and supporting the messages above. Spending just 15 minutes will make a huge difference.

Mr May

Executive Headteacher



Hawk's Stunning Artwork

All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy. Please see the school office for one.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Over the past month, children from Dordon have participated in a wide range of activities with members of the wider community both in school and on visits. The overwhelming messages I have had about these events is the outstanding behaviour of our pupils. Following these activities, people have emailed into school, telephoned or spoken directly to me about how polite and well behaved our pupils are. We often take it for granted because it is just what we do at Dordon. However, people who work with other schools are very quick to point out that it is not always the case.

Well done to everyone for making our school such a wonderful place to be and for making trips out such an enjoyable experience for all!

Assessment snippet - Statutory Assessment - Phonics Screening Check

The National phonics screening check is a statutory assessment that was introduced in 2012 to all Year 1 pupils and is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge.

The phonics screening check that takes place in June is designed to confirm whether children have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It will identify children who need extra help to improve their decoding skills. The check consists of 20 real words and 20 pseudo-words (nonsense/made up words) that a child reads aloud to the teacher.

The assessment is age appropriate and the children will be familiar with the way the check is administered due to the daily phonics lessons they will be already receiving. Any children that perform below the expected standard for the end of Year 1 will be provided with additional support and will then be re-checked in Year 2.



IPad App of the week

Monkey Math School

Sunshine by THUP Games (£1.49 / £0.74 VPP)
Suitable for EYFS and KS1. Highly colourful and interactive app. Monkey Math School Sunshine allows your pupils to build fundamental math skills.



Charity Update

Money raised so far for



Polesworth Group
Homes Ltd.

£535.11

British Values Teaching our children about the British Values of 'mutual respect'

We readily support the current agenda to promote British Values. All schools are required to provide for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils. As part of this requirement, we are expected to actively promote fundamental British values.

- ✓ **Mutual Respect:** Our school ethos and behaviour policy revolves around our core values such as 'Respect' - our 'one word school rule'. Assemblies relate to what this means. Posters around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy.

New Vacancy

Midday Supervisor - Birchwood Primary

Midday Supervisor, Scale band B
6.25 hours per week - 11.50am to 1.05pm
Monday to Friday - term time only
Salary £1910.54 per annum

Birchwood is a very popular successful school recognised as 'an outstanding school' (OFSTED 2014). We are looking for a permanent member of staff to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed team working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need. This is a great opportunity to do something really rewarding, working with wonderful children and gain some valuable extra experience for that CV! Further details and application forms are available from the school website. Completed applications should be returned to school no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 22nd January 2016.

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



Young Voices

"On Monday we went to Young Voices, it was amazing. We sang with some amazing artists like Laura Wright and Tom Billington, who wrote a song for us in his pyjamas. At the end we got back to school at 10.10pm. It was a night to remember." Annie



"On Monday, I went to Young Voices it was really cool because it was the 20th Anniversary. Urban Strides, Beatbox Collective and the Opera Singer were really good. I would love to go again." Emma

"Young Voices was really cool because when the lights turned off all of our torches turned on!" Nevaeh

"It was really exciting to see all the people who were there. There was even a school from Devon! It was a really amazing experience with thousands of people who came to watch and thousands of people who came to sing! I loved it a lot and I wish I had done it all the other years. Isobel G

"I thought Young Voices was really fun." Rani

"Young Voices was amazing. It was my first time ever in a concert. It gave me a chance to find what I'm best at." Rubi

"I really loved Young Voices because it's so much fun singing and you don't have to worry because you're with your friends." Anastasia

"Yes I liked it and I loved the dancers." Emily

"Young Voices was tiring but we had lots of fun. When the lights turned off and everyone turned on their torches it was beautiful like stars." Jessica

"Going to Young Voices was so amazing and it was an amazing way to spend my last year of Primary School." Ricky

Dates for your Diary

- 19/01/16 - Indoor Cricket at Polesworth
- 26/01/16 - Hawk class to Birchwood for 'Life in the Rainforest'
- 28/01/16 - Peacock class trip to Snowdome
- 28/01/16 - Falcon class trip to Tamworth Castle
- 09/02/16 - Owl class trip to Brandon Marsh
- 15/02/16 - 19/02/16 Half Term
- 03/03/16 - World Book Day
- 09/03/16 - Parents Evening
- 10/03/16 - Parents Evening
- 18/03/16 - Spring Term ends
- 04/04/16 - Staff Development Day
- 05/04/16 - Summer Term starts
- 08/04/16 - Deadline for Manor Adventure payments
- 02/05/16 - Bank Holiday
- 09/05/16 - SATs Week
- 10/06/16 - 13/06/16 Manor Adventure
- 30/05/16 - 03/06/16 - Half Term
- 05/07/16 - Sports Day
- 07/07/16 - Induction Day
- 15/07/16 - Staff Development Day
- 22/07/16 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm

North Warwick Cricket Club Junior Winter Academy

Sunday mornings
10 sessions
Location: Wilnecote Sports Hall, Wilnecote School, Tamworth (indoor)
Time: 10.00am - 12.00 noon
Dates: Begins 17th January 2016 (then every Sunday after for 10 weeks)

All coaches are Level 1 or 2 ECB qualified

North Warwick CC is a well established cricket club playing at Polesworth, Hermitage Hill (B5000). We are looking for children aged between 7 - 16 (School years 3 - 11). This will then lead on to junior teams during the summer. All equipment is provided.

The first week is a **free** taster session! Usually £4 per week. For more information and to book a place please contact: Steve Hens 07895 138062 stevehens@hotmail.co.uk

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Safety Message

Each week we give the children a quick 'outside of school' safety reminder in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:



'Friends' on line are NOT the same as 'Friends at School' understand the difference and how you treat each differently. '

Last weeks

Postcards Home

Peacock = Tyler P

Kingfisher = Sophie H

Swan = Caitlin

Owl = Libby

Swift = Thomas

Hawk = Daniel

Falcon = Olivia

Attendance

Last Week Year

Peacock 96.7% 96.8%

Kingfisher **100%** 96.4%

Swan 96.1% 97.3%

Owl 96.9% 97.1%

Swift 99.5% 97.5%

Hawk 97.8% 97.8%

Falcon 97.4% 97.7%

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Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.45-8.35am.

After School Club 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.)



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