



'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'

Friday 6th January

Happy New Year to all our Birchanger families and welcome back to a new term.

For these first two days in school, children in all classes have been working on a shared art project. We all used the picture 'One of the Family' by Frederick Cotman and based learning across the curriculum on this. Children have been baking - making the bread and apple pies in the picture; drawing and painting; writing playscripts, stories and character descriptions and finding maths in the picture through measuring capacity and weight. It has been a busy and enjoyable start to the term.

Next week children will start learning on their new themes for the half term -you will be receiving a 'topic web' from your child's class teacher. As ever, if you do have any experiences you would be able to share with a class, resources or contacts that you think would add to children's topics we would love to hear from you.

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Harrison, Fletcher, Louis, Florence, Archie, Christian and Charlie who celebrate their birthday this month.

Swimming and Forest School

Swimming starts next Wednesday for children in Year 3. Year 1 children will swim in the Summer Term.

Forest School starts next Wednesday for children in Reception and Year 2.

Emergency School Closures

In the event of a school closure due to bad weather or other emergency, School closures will be published on the Essex County Council website – [essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk) The direct link is:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

In the event of severe weather or other circumstances, parents should also check the school website where information regarding school closure will be updated.

Term Dates

Full term dates for this year are below. Please be aware that the school Easter break this year falls in the two weeks before the Easter weekend and children return to school on the Tuesday following Easter Monday. This is the standard Essex and Hertfordshire holiday dates but some schools may vary their holidays so please check if you have children in different schools.

Term dates for 2017-18 can be found at

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Term-Times-Holidays.aspx>

Have a lovely weekend

Helen Coop

Class Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us in our Friday assembly each week at 2.50pm when we celebrate the achievements of the children.

Dates for Spring Term class assemblies will be sent home next week.

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

Academic Year 2016 - 17

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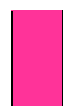
= Schooldays / Weekends



= School holidays



= Bank holidays



INSET days