



'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'

Friday 2nd December

We are looking forward to our Christmas activities next week. Ladybirds and Hedgehogs Class will be performing their nativity play 'Hey Ewe' to the rest of school on Monday and to parents on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Our Christingle service will be in church on Thursday 15th December at 9.30am and parents, grandparents and friends are very welcome to join us. We are supporting the Children's Society Christingle appeal as part of our Christmas celebrations. Christingle collection tubes have been sent home today if you would like to contribute by filling these with loose change and returning them to school by the end of term.

Our school PTA are busy preparing for our Christmas celebration after school, 3.30 – 5.30pm on Tuesday 20th December. There will be cakes, crafts, carols and of course Father Christmas in the grotto!

Our Post Box is now in the school entrance hall if children would like to post Christmas cards to school friends. Year 6 children will be sorting and delivering cards to the classrooms from Monday.

Clubs

Clubs have finished for the term. Thank you to the staff and parents who have given their time to run clubs this term. Details of next terms clubs will be sent out in the New Year.

Swimming

Year 2 children had their last swimming session for the year on Wednesday. After Christmas children in Year 3 will go swimming from 11th January and Year 1 children will swim in the Summer Term.

Forest School

Year 1 children enjoyed hot chocolate and cooking marshmallows over a fire at their last forest school session on Wednesday. After Christmas Year 2 children will be going to the woods on Wednesday mornings. Children in Reception will continue with weekly forest school all year.

100 years of cubs

On 16th December it is 100 years since the cubs section of Scouting was formed. There will be celebrations in our local cub groups and cubs are invited to wear their cub uniform to school on Friday 16th December.

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.

Our final class assembly of the term was today with Badgers Class sharing their learning. Dates for Spring Term class assemblies will be arranged in January.

Packed Lunch Boxes

Please make sure packed lunch boxes are collected from the trolley. We will have to dispose of any still left after the weekend.

Diary Dates

- Ladybirds and Hedgehogs Nativity Play – Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December at 2pm
- Christingle Service in Church – Thursday 15th December at 9.30am
- School Visit to the pantomime – Monday 19th December at 1pm
- Christmas Parties – Wednesday 21st December

Term Dates

Autumn term on Wednesday 21st December at 3.15pm

Spring Term starts on Thursday 5th January at 8.45am

Full term dates for this year are below.

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

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