



# 'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

*'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'*

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

This week we have been thinking about Remembrance in school. In assembly on Monday we used some of the Royal British Legion videos to find out about the current work of this charity. We have been selling poppies in school and we found out how money raised is used to support servicemen and women and their families. On Tuesday, Reverend Paul Wilkin's assembly asked children to think about the many families, including his own, that were affected by losses in the World Wars. Today we held a special assembly at 11am to observe the national silence, even the children out at tag rugby observed the silence. Several children are planning to join the Remembrance Parades in Stansted and Birchanger with their families and as part of organisations such as cubs and brownies.

### Lunchtime Singing Club

Thank you to Mrs Sturgeon who has offered to run a lunchtime singing club on Monday lunchtimes starting next week. All children are welcome to come along and learn some Christmas songs – no need to sign up, just come along on Monday.

### Cross Country

Well done to our fantastic runners in last weeks cross country event. In a large event with eight schools represented, four of our teams qualified in their races and will be going to the district finals next week. A special well done to Keira who won her race.

### Please check bookbags!

Mrs Field and Mrs Gaulton have spent a HUGE amount of time over the last two weeks chasing reply slips for clubs, events, visits and so on. We don't want children to miss out so we do try to catch parents or email and telephone to get permission slips returned but it would be appreciated if

### 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. Class assemblies will take place on the following dates, starting at 2.45pm

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Badgers Class Year 3

Our school council are organising activities for Children In Need day next Friday:

### Children In Need Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November



### Non-Uniform Day

Come to school in your own clothes and wear something yellow or something spotty for Children in Need.

Bring a donation of 50p towards Children In Need

### Children In Need Treasure Hunt

At lunchtime, the School Council will organise a 'Hunt for Pudsey' Treasure Hunt on the playground. Everyone can take part.

parents could check book bags and return reply slips promptly. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Catering Assistant**

TCS Catering, our school meals provider, are recruiting a catering assistant. Monday – Friday for 1 ½ hours a day, 7 ½ hours a week. For more details ask in the school office or contact TCS on 01474 338739.

### **e-safety**

You will have received a letter about the e-safety parent workshop being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. I hope as many parents as possible will take this opportunity to find out more about keeping children safe online. Please reserve a space by returning the slip or letting the office know.

### **Parent Consultation Evening**

Parents can use the online booking system to arrange an appointment to see your child's class teacher. If you are not able to access the system, please contact the office and Mrs Field will arrange an appointment for you.

Mrs Cook, our Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator, will be available on Wednesday evening. Appointment times are available online if you wish to see her or please feel free to 'drop in' after your appointment with the class teacher if you would like further information about SEN matters.

### **Diary Dates – more details to follow**

- Parents consultation meetings - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 5 – 8pm and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 – 5.30pm.
- e-safety evening workshop for parents – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

We have also set dates for some Christmas Events:

- Ladybirds and Hedgehogs Nativity Play – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm
- Christingle Service in Church – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am
- School Visit to the pantomime – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm
- PTA Christmas Fair – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm

Have a lovely weekend

Helen Coop