



'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'

Friday 13th October, 2017

INSET day

Don't forget that we have an INSET day next Friday. This means that our celebration assembly will be held on Thursday at 2.30pm where we shall award our new reading incentives and our new 'Golden leaves' which will be voted for by the children.

From 3.15 – 3.45pm on Thursday we shall be showing a wide selection of photographs from the Residential journey. Parents from any class are welcome to come and have a look. If you would like to see what the children got up to then please pop over to Owl class and have a look. Of course, children are welcome.

Our Open Morning for new reception children, 2018

Our Open Morning for prospective parents and children that are due to start school in September 2018 takes place on Thursday 9th November.

Tours of the school is from 9.30am with a short presentation and opportunity for questions at 10.15am. Please do tell family and friends.

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/ApplyOnline.aspx>.
(The application system opens on 13th November)

Closing date for Secondary school places 2018

Don't forget that the closing date for applying for secondary school places is 31st October, 2017

Flu Immunisation:

Please remember to send your consent forms back by Monday 16th. These forms need to be filled in whether or not you give your child permission to receive the immunisation.

Stars of the week

Every week we shall share the names of our Stars of the week on the buzz. We shall continue to hand out certificates during assembly to those children who have shown good learning behaviour as well as demonstrating our school values.

This week's winners are:

Dragonfly class – Charlie M

Hedgehogs class – Marcus E

Badger class – Evie-May G

Squirrel class – Max C

Owl class

Operation Christmas Child

On Tuesday after school (3.15-4.15pm) and at Wednesday lunch time between 12.30pm and 1.00 pm there will be an opportunity for the children to make up Christmas show boxes. If you would like to donate any items for the boxes please could they come into school at the start of next week? If you would like your child to attend the after school session then please sign the letter which will be sent home on Monday.

Happy School Bag

This year arrangements have been made for the 'Happy School Bag' to collect your unwanted textiles.

The date of this collection will take place on Monday 30th October which is our first day back after half term.

Please bring your bags into School on the morning of this day and leave them just outside the School Office. For Health & Safety reasons we are not permitted to store bags before this date.

News from Norfolk!

Our children are having a marvellous time at their residential trip on Overstrand, Norfolk. They left the school at 12pm on Monday and since then they have been very busy with activities such as rope climbs, orienteering, bush craft skills, buggy building, camp fires and so much more! When I visited them yesterday I asked the children what had been their favourite activities. There were too many to mention and Alfie summed it up well by saying "everything!" Here are a few photos from their bush craft activities to give you a flavour of some of the work that they have been doing.



I have also included the Year 6 girls' room which won the tidiest room of the day (although everyone had made a big effort to be tidy and improved as the week went on). Well done to the girls

By the time that you read this they will be on their way back to us, full of their experiences and with cases full of dirty washing! Well done to all those children who went on the trip and challenged themselves with the activities they tried and our thanks also go to Mrs Bates, Mrs Casey, Miss Marshall –Spence & Mrs Culpin for supporting them so well throughout the trip.

I would welcome any feedback that you would like to give us about the trip. I am particularly interested in your views about sending Year 5 as well as Year 6 children. Do you believe that this is a good idea? What has your child's experience been? I would love to hear your views.

Church news Deanery walk 21 10 17

**On the 21st October the final deanery walk will start at St Mary's Church Birchanger at 9am.
These walks are suitable for children and dogs and usually last for about an hour.
For more details please contact Elaine on 01279 813474**

Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Claire Berry