



'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'

Friday 14th July

The Wizard of Oz

On Tuesday and Wednesday our Key Stage 2 children performed The Wizard of Oz to parents, grandparents and friends. They put on a brilliant show with some amazing performances by individuals and groups - dancing, singing and acting. We were really proud of how the children worked together, supported each other and took on new challenges. Well done to everyone and thank you to all the staff and parents who supported this.

PTA Summer Fair

Fantastic news from the PTA – the fair on Sunday 2nd July raised over £1800. Thank you to all who supported this event and well done to the PTA.

Moving-On Service

All parents are invited to join us in church on Tuesday 18th July at 2.15pm for our end of year Moving-On service.

Leavers Assembly

Our final assembly of the year will be on Friday 21st July at 1.45pm. All parents are invited to celebrate our end of year and say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. There will be tea and coffee in the hall for parents following the assembly and school will finish as usual at 3.15pm.

Enterprise week

Enterprise Week has created lots of enthusiasm and excitement throughout the school. On Monday each class was given £20 to use to research, design and create a product that they can sell at our Enterprise Fair on Wednesday 19th July. Children are busy planning and making their products to get ready for the fair and are also working hard to price the items so they are cheap enough for people to buy but expensive enough to make a profit! We hope you'll come along to the Enterprise Fair on Wednesday 19th July at 2.30pm to see what they have made.

End of Term

Moving On service is at 2.15pm on Tuesday 18th July at St Mary's Church in Birchanger. All parents are welcome.

Enterprise Fair is at 2.30pm on Wednesday 19th July in the school hall.

PTA Beach Party is after school on Thursday 20th July

Leavers Assembly is at 1.45pm in school on Friday 21st July – all parents are welcome.

School finishes on Friday 21st July at 3.15pm

The first day back for pupils in Y1-6 is Tuesday 5th September.

Move Up Morning

On Thursday we welcomed Miss Marshall-Spence, our new KS2 teacher, who spent the day in school. We had our move-up morning where all the children spent the morning in their new classrooms with their new teachers. Teachers also held handover discussions where details about children, classes and curriculum were shared so everyone gets off to a flying start in September.

Summer Reading Challenge

On Tuesday morning we were visited by Mrs Southgate from the library who told the children about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. It is worth taking part in this scheme - children enjoy the activities, it keeps them reading and it's free! To join you just need to go along to one of the libraries, become a member if you're not already and collect a pack.

Summer Storytime

I've been sent details of a weekly children's storytime in Birchanger Church Village Hall during the school holiday. Starting Friday 28th July at 10.30am and each week after that. The session is run by Pam Lee who lives in the village and is free and open to all but children must be accompanied by parent or carer.

Parking

With events at school and Nursery over the last few weeks there has obviously been an increase in parking in the local streets. Please be considerate to our neighbours – do not block neighbours driveways! We also need to ensure there is access for emergency vehicles to the school, please consider this when parking. There is parking available at the village hall and the social club just a minutes walk away.

Earrings

We have to follow Local Authority guidance which states children should not take part in PE lessons if they have earrings in - taping over earrings is not allowed. This follows some nasty accidents in the county where children earrings have caught and ripped out. For this reason, if you are thinking of getting children's ears pierced, if you do it at the beginning of the summer holiday they should be healed and ready to take out by September.

Term Dates

Term dates for 2017-18 are on the school website under Letters and News.

INSET days for 2017-18

Monday 4th September 2017, Friday 20th October 2017 and Tuesday 2nd January 2018 will be non-pupil INSET days. Two further INSET days will be set in due course.

Have a lovely weekend

Helen Coop