



# 'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

*'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'*

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

On Monday Hedgehogs Class enjoyed a lovely Spring day at Daisy May's Farm. They took part in lots of activities – feeding the animals, collecting eggs, grooming ponies and finding out how to look after different animals.

This week is National Science Week and there have been some very exciting science activities in classrooms. Many thanks to Mr Scott who has led activities linked to class topics including making a model digestive system in Ladybirds, looking at the heart and lungs from a pig in Owls Class and exploring electro magnets in Badgers Class. The children have really enjoyed and been inspired by these experiences.

Next week we look forward to Mums (or Aunties or Grandmas....) joining us on Wednesday for our Mother's Day lunch. On Friday next week Squirrels and Hedgehogs Class are visiting Aerozone at Stansted airport and on Friday afternoon children in Ladybirds and Hedgehogs Class are joining children from other schools for a cross country event. With four classes out of school there will be **no Celebration Assembly next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March**

### 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.

Looking ahead, our Easter service will be held in church on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am

### OFSTED

Yesterday we received the report from OFSTED following their inspection of the school in February. We are delighted with the outcome of the inspection which judges Birchanger CofE Primary to be a good school in all areas. A copy of the report has been sent home today and we hope that you will take the time to read the report in full - we are very proud of all the achievements the report includes.

### Parent Coffee Afternoon - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm

We will be holding our termly Parent Coffee Afternoon on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm. This will be an opportunity to discuss the OFSTED report and ask any questions you may have about this or other aspects of the school.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

Next Tuesday and Wednesday we will be holding parent consultation meetings. You will have received a Termly Report yesterday outlining your child's achievements this term and their next steps, teachers will discuss this further in meetings next week. Please come along a little early so you have time to look at children's work which will be available in classrooms.

### **Planning Notice**

You may have noticed a planning application sign up next to the school. This is because the planning permission for one of our two demountable classrooms needs to be renewed - there is no new building or demountable classroom planned but please do contact the school if you have any queries about this.

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this year. Please bring vouchers into school and we are able to use them to buy PE equipment, playground games etc.

### **Term Dates**

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>

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

- Parents consultation meetings – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 5 – 8pm and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3.30 – 5.30pm.
- Mothers Day Lunch – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- Easter service in church – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am

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