



# 'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

*'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'*

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Today we had visiting speakers from the NSPCC. Children listened to presentations reminding them to *Speak Out Stay Safe*. You will have received further details of this in a letter last week. It would be great if you could talk to your children about what they learned today and reinforce the many people in their lives who they can talk to if they are worried. It could also be an opportunity to remind children about speaking out if any contact they have online makes them feel uncomfortable.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Squirrels Class  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Owls Class  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Badgers Class  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Hedgehogs Class  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Ladybirds Class

## Residential Visit - Autumn 2017

The Year 5 /6 residential (for pupils currently in Year 4 and 5) is being arranged for Monday 9 October to Friday 13 October 2017. Please return as soon as possible as we need to confirm numbers and collect initial deposits by February.

Please come and talk to me if you have any concerns or think your child may not be able to go on the visit for any reason – children really miss out on a great experience and have often regretted their decision not to take part when they hear what a great time their friends have had!

## Parking

Most of our parents are careful and considerate as they park near school with many parents using the Village Hall car park. Unfortunately I have received some complaints from our neighbours that parents have blocked driveways or parked on the yellow lines outside school. Please consider the safety of others and be considerate to our neighbours when you park. There are safe parking spaces at the Village Hall and the Birchanger Club which are just a minutes walk away.

## Emergency School Closures

In the event of a school closure due to bad weather or other emergency, School closures will be published on the Essex County Council website – [essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk) The direct link is:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

In the event of severe weather or other circumstances, parents should also check the school website where information regarding school closure will be updated.

### Message from Mrs Sue Haggerwood-Bullen, Chair of Governors

I wanted to keep you informed about our recruitment process for the appointment of a new Headteacher for September 2017. The Governing Body has been working with the Local Authority and the advert for the job has gone live this week in the Essex and TES bulletins and websites. I will keep parents updated on this over the coming weeks.

**Term Dates**

Full term dates for this year are below. Please be aware that the school Easter break this year falls in the two weeks before the Easter weekend and children return to school on the Tuesday following Easter Monday. This is the standard Essex and Hertfordshire holiday dates but some schools may vary their holidays so please check if you have children in different schools.

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