



'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'

Thursday 20th October

It was lovely to see parents and grandparents at our Harvest Festival on Tuesday. Thank you for all your donations of food and toiletries – they will be collected by the YMCA staff tomorrow and will be appreciated by local vulnerable and homeless young people.

On Wednesday we welcomed parents, grandparents and visitors to our Harvest Tea. Our Year 6 children did a fantastic job of serving tea and cakes to our visitors and each class entertained with a harvest song. It was a lovely opportunity for some of our neighbours in Birchanger to visit the school and we hope to hold similar events in the future.

On Monday a group of Birchanger pupils entered the Uttlesford Open Cross Country event at Bentfield School. The children did really well in their age group races with Amber Lily and Max coming 4th in their races, Evie taking third place, Matilda and Eleanor getting 2nd place and Mia winning her race. Well done to these children who represented the school so well.

Multicultural Week

The first week after half term will be a Multicultural theme week with each class studying a different country through art, dance, geography, story, cooking etc.

We are really pleased that our kitchen is joining in and our lunches will be themed that week with each day serving food from a different country. The menu is attached, please order online or on the paper menu sent home today.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

We would like to take part in this Christmas charity, where shoeboxes are packed with gifts and given to children in other countries. Mrs Bayford and Mrs Russell will be holding two 'Box Packing' after school sessions. If children would like to bring some small gift items, we can then combine to make gift boxes. Further details have been emailed and we hope lots of children will be able to donate some items and come along to help decorate and pack the boxes.

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 11th November – Ladybirds Class Reception
Friday 2nd December – Badgers Class Year 3

Open Morning Friday 4th November 2016

For prospective parents and children due to start school in September 2017.

Tours of the school from 9.30am with a short presentation and opportunity for questions at 10.15am.

Application is online at

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/ApplyOnline.aspx>.

The application system opens on 14th November.

Diary Dates

Parents Consultation meetings will be held on Wednesday 16th November 5 – 8pm and Thursday 17th November 3.30 – 5.30pm. Further details will be sent nearer the time.

Tomorrow is a non-pupil day and next week is half term holiday. Children return to school on Monday 31st October.

Have a lovely holiday

Helen Coop