



# 'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

*'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'*

Friday 29th September, 2017

## Happy School Bag

Arrangements have been made for 'Happy School Bag' to come and collect your unwanted clothes and our first collection will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Bags with a note will follow shortly.

## Lunchtimes

We are continuing to improve our lunchtime experience and the children are working hard to show the school values when they are eating. If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school please could you include sandwiches with a savoury filling such as cheese or ham rather than jam or chocolate spread to encourage healthy eating. Thank you also to parents and carers for not sending nut products into school.

### Adult volunteers

It is not too late volunteer to support the learning in our school with activities such as hearing the children read and thank you to those parents who have done so already. For more details please speak to Mrs Field in the school office.



This weekend was the Birchanger Art Show which was held in the Village Hall. There was a very high standard of art from a wide range of Artists.

In pride of place were the plant pots which had been painted and decorated by our children. All of the visitors were invited to vote for their favourites which everyone agreed was a difficult job. The standard was

so high that the organisers have kindly agreed to donate three prizes to the pots which received the greatest number of votes. Elizabeth Godwin who is one of the organisers as well as one of our governors will award the prizes to our winners next Friday (06 10 17) during our Celebration assembly. If you would like to look at the pots again then they are on display in our entrance area, so come and have a look.

### 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 – Amber Lily C

Hedgehogs class – Nieve S

Badgers class - Stanley G

Squirrels class – Oscar J

Owls' class – Luke T

### Harvest Festival 03 10 17

On Monday we will welcome Jane from the Bishops Stortford Food Bank to our assembly when she will tell the children about the work that they do and then our Harvest Festival will be held on Tuesday.

You are very welcome to come and join us for the service in St Mary's church. All of the classes will share some of their learning this term and you can look forward to poems, art work and songs. If you would like to donate food then please send it to school on Monday or Tuesday morning and the children will bring them to the church.



### 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 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Tour 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 13<sup>th</sup> November)



### KidsOut

The wrap around care that is based at our school is called Stortford KidsOut. Judi and Diane, who run the group, aim to provide a safe, fun and caring environment (a home from home) where older and younger children can build a relationship with each other. This club is run from our school hall with the use of the school grounds (when the weather is suitable!). The children really enjoy the time that they spend with the KidsOut team. Oscar, described the group by saying, "we can go outside and make new friends."

From today KidsOut have extended their provision at our school to include after school on Fridays as well as the rest of the week. KidsOut run for school days from 7.30 am to 8.45am each morning and from 3.15 – 6.30pm every evening. For more details please talk to Mrs Field in the office or to the KidsOut Leaders.

### Sharing Assembly

Our Sharing Assembly is open to all parents, family and friends – so please do join us on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm.

Every term each class will hold their class assembly and these will start at the earlier time of 2:30pm.

Hedgehogs Class will be next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Birchanger Nursery Open Day**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**We look forward to welcoming and showing all prospective parents and their children our nursery. You will have an opportunity to meet the staff and find out how we can ensure your child has the best start to their Early Education. Located on the grounds of our school they have the opportunity to run weekly Forest School sessions. Come along to find out more. Tel: 01279 810 800 e-mail: [admin@birchangernursery.org](mailto:admin@birchangernursery.org)**

**Church news**

**On 8th October St Mary's is holding a Francis of Assisi service where animals or pictures of animals will be celebrated. For more details please contact Elaine on 01279 813474**



**Key Dates**

**Harvest Festival 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

*We have sent out a list of all of the upcoming dates for your diary today so look out for it.*

**Have a great weekend**

**Claire Berry**