



'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'

Friday 6th October, 2017

Football Glory!

Boys from our football team played in a tournament in Saffron Walden on Wednesday. The team played several games and used their skills to win their group! Our school is part of the small schools section and the boys went on to play the winners of the medium and large schools, only losing out to the large schools winner on penalties. Well done boys it really is an amazing achievement and we are all very proud of you.

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 9th November.

Tours 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 13th November)

Birchanger Art Show

We can now announce the winners of the painted plant pot exhibit at the Birchanger Art show. Visitors to the exhibition were invited to choose their favourite pot and after counting all of the nominations the winner was Ellen from Owls class. Sianna B from Hedgehogs Class 2nd & Lucas E from Squirrel class came 3rd. Our thank goes to Mrs Culpin for organising our entries and for Elizabeth Godwin who will come to school during our assembly today to present the prizes.

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 – Elizabeth H

Hedgehogs class – Sianna B

Badgers class – Brayden W

Squirrels class – Lewis W

Owls class – Amy C



On Tuesday we celebrated our Harvest Festival at St Mary's church. Children from all of our classes shared some of their work related to food and harvest. This included poems, prayers and still life drawings. Our head boy, Tom, and head girl, Niamh, read a prayer. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who brought in items

for the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. The children placed their donations at the front of the church during the service at the church and more donations have arrived at school during the rest of the week. You have showed that we demonstrate our values of love and care both inside our school and to our community.

Inset Days:

Our further 2 inset days have now been agreed and these are Monday 16th April 2018 & Monday 4th June 2018

Happy School Bag

Bags will be coming out today for all your unwanted clothes, shoes, soft toys, bed linen, accessories & handbags.

Our collection date it booked for Monday 30th October – our first day back after half term. Unfortunately we are not permitted to take bags before this date due to Health & Safety regulations, so please bring your bags into School on the morning of the 30th and leave outside the School Office.

Church news

On Sunday at 11.15am St Mary's is holding a Francis of Assisi service where animals will be celebrated. Anyone attending the service is invited to bring their pet (or a picture) to the church with them. The children have been writing prayers for this service which will be read out to the congregation. If you would like to attend the service with or without your pet then Elaine can give you more details on 01279 813474

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.

Good luck!

I am sure that you will all want to join me in wishing our Year 5 and Year 6 bon voyage for their residential trip to Norfolk on Monday. They have a fun-filled week of activities ahead of them and we shall look forward to hearing all about it when they return to school on Friday.

Claire Berry