



'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'

Friday 8th September, 2017

Welcome

May I start this newsletter by thanking the Birchanger School community for providing me with such a warm welcome this week. Even though I have only been the headteacher for a few days, I feel very settled here and I am excited about the future with your wonderful children.

I have a very strong belief about the importance of personal wellbeing and the values of love, care, courage and truth which the school embraces.

During assembly on Tuesday I told the children that my challenge for this half term was to learn the names of all of the staff and children before we break up in October. I shall do my very best to meet my challenge and I shall let you know how I get on.

School Meals

Please ensure you pre-book your School lunches by Sunday night.

The new Autumn menu will be available from the beginning of October a paper copy of this will follow, however the menu is now available to view on line.

May we remind you that several of our children have an allergy to nuts. Please could check your children's packed lunch boxes to make sure that their lunches are nut-free so that we can keep all of our children safe.

Break – Time Snacks

All of our children from Dragonfly Class and Hedgehog class have a piece of fruit at breaktime which is provided by the Government however children in Badgers, Squirrels and Owls Classes will need to bring in their own fruit snack. In the future we are hoping to introduce 'Free fruit Fridays' where children can help themselves from a selection of fruit. We will let you know as soon as this can be arranged.

Meet the teacher sessions

Every class is holding a 'Meet the Teacher' session to give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about the learning that will take place this term. All the meetings will take place straight after school and will last for no more than 30 minutes. Please feel free to bring your children to the session. The teachers will be able to answer some of your questions at the session

12th September – Dragonfly Class

12th September – Badgers Class

20th September – Squirrels Class

20th September – Owls Class

21st September -Hedgehogs Class

New members of our school

As well as myself we have another new member of staff, Miss Marshall Spence has joined us from a school in Bishop's Stortford and she is teaching Squirrels class.

May we send a big welcome to our new children who are; Sofia M, Ivy, Alfie, Charlie, Elizabeth, Sofia P & Emily

Head Boy and Head Girl

May we send our congratulations to Tom and Niamh in Year 6 who have been chosen as our new Head Boy and Head Girl. Their commitment to our school values and their approach to their learning has been noticed by everyone who meets them and I am sure that they will continue to be a credit to the school.

House Captains and School Councillors

By the end of next week the children will have decided who they would like to be their house captains and school councillors. All of these roles will be decided by the children and next week we shall award new badges to the children who have been elected to these roles.

Uniform

The children have looked lovely this week. They look refreshed and very smart in their school uniform and school shoes. Please could you double check that all of your children's uniform is named so that we can return it to you if it gets lost. We also have a large pile of unclaimed, unnamed uniform that was left over from last term. We are going to put it all on a table in the playground after school on Monday. Please have a look through to see whether there is anything there that you would like, or even anything that you recognise. All clothing left will be donated to charity.

Roots to Food

On Tuesday we are lucky to be able to offer the children another day of food tasting provided by Roots to Food. This day will give all of the children an opportunity to learn about food and some of the healthy choices that they can make. We need to thank TCS Catering for funding this experience and next week we shall tell you how it went.

Changes to the newsletter

Over the next few weeks the children and staff will be reviewing the Birchanger Buzz to see how we could improve it and I would really value your opinions about how to make it better. If you have any ideas about any regular items that we could carry or additional information which you would find useful then please let me know. I am at the gate most mornings and afternoons so you can talk to me there or feel free to email your ideas into School Office.

Have a great weekend

Claire Berry