



BIRCHANGER BUZZ

Learn to Love, Love to Learn

Friday 9th February, 2018

Pancake Breakfast

Today the PTA held a pancake breakfast to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. During our collective worship this week the children learned about Shrove Tuesday and they all agreed that pancakes are an excellent way to begin the start of Lent.

Half of our children came to the breakfast and they were all treated to pancakes with a range of different fillings as well as a drink. The children had a great time and a huge thank you goes to the PTA for their hard work in staging this event.



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Over half term please remember that this site is an excellent place to go for advice about keeping our children safe and online safety in particular. It is worth looking at to keep your knowledge up to date..

Golden Leaves

The children have voted for this half term's Golden Leaf winners. These children have been identified for demonstrating our school values in lots of different ways.

The winners are:

Dragonfly Class: Freddie L

Hedgehogs Class: Sienna

Badgers Class : Brayden

Squirrels Class: Emily S

Owls Class: Nieve

Church news



**13th Feb—10.30am
coffee morning at
Moorswood, all welcome**

**18th Feb—7pm a new
service of meditation, prayer and mind-
fulness. This is the first service of this
kind at St Mary's. Again all are welcome.**

Brilliant Behaviour

When we spot children demonstrating our school values of Love, Care, Courage or Truth without being prompted by an adult we write their names down and every half term they receive a sticker for brilliant behaviour. The children and I agreed that you might like to see all of the names of the children who make our school such a wonderful place to be and here they are:

Millie, Louis, Archie S, Emily S, Jack H, Lucianna, Abigail S, Eva, Anna-Maria, Sammy, Jack Mc, , Evie-May, Laura, Lacey, Archie R, Sarah, Nieve & Elizabeth.



Parent Governor

Letters have gone out to parents to invite them to stand for election as a Parent Governor or nominate another parent to do so

If you would like to stand for election please arrange for the nomination form to be completed and returned to the school no later than 19th February 2018.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.

Buttons



Thank you to everyone who has brought buttons into school. So far we have buttons in envelopes and in bags and loose. Please keep sending them in after half term so that your family can be remembered on the school cross.

We are fortunate that several members of our community have also contributed buttons however if you know of anyone who

haven't heard about our project then its not too late for them to get involved. We estimate that we shall need over 600 buttons to create a colourful replacement for our current cross so lots of buttons will be needed.

The school hall will be open on the 21st until 3.45pm so that you can see some of the work that the children have created on Reflection Day. It will also give you a chance to stick a button on with your child if you would like to.



Owl's class said ...

Amy C- "It is a fun and creative way to learn your times tables."

Oscar – "Good to challenge yourself and friends."

Alex – "Fun and Exciting. It encourages children to learn their times tables."

Josh – "Fun-you can create your own rock star while learning."

Christian – "It's easy to use. It makes learning your times tables fun."

Kiera – "It's amazing and easier to learn my times tables."

Luke—"Easy to navigate."

They are talking about the new approach to times tables which Mrs Casey has introduced to Year 6. It is a fun and interactive way of learning and improving your times table knowledge which can be accessed at home as well as school. Owl's class have taken on the task of trailing it for a few weeks to see whether it is worth rolling out to other classes . However judging by the



response I am sure that soon all of the school will be joining in. Look out for more details in the Buzz.

Parent for Parent Sessions



The next Parent 4 Parent session will be held on Wednesday 28th February at 2pm. This is an opportunity for any parents or carer to come and have an informal chat to others over a cup of coffee. The direction of the conversation is completely up to you and it is open to all parents including those whose children have additional needs.

You are welcome to turn up on the day; however if you let us know who is coming then we can make sure that we find enough coffee cups. If you would like more details or if you are unsure about anything then please catch me at the gate and I would be happy to explain it further.