



# 'BIRCHANGER BUZZ'

*'Learn to Love, Love to Learn'*

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Welcome back to another school year. The children returned full of stories about their Summer adventures and have quickly settled into school routines.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families and to children who joined other classes in the school this week.

I am also pleased to welcome some new members of staff. Mrs Hounsom and Mrs Casey join the school as Class Teachers in Owls Class. Mrs Cook joins us as Special Educational Needs Coordinator and she will be in school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

## **Clubs**

You will have received a letter with details of the clubs we are offering this term. Netball, golf and football club start next week and science and athletics clubs start week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September.

We are always looking to offer children a range of different clubs and are very grateful to parents who currently run netball and science clubs. If any parent is interested in running an extra-curricular club I would be very pleased to hear from you. For example could you share your interest in gardening, chess, sewing, knitting, art and craft, photography .....

## **Uniform**

The children all look smart in their new uniform. Please make sure that all items are named so they can be returned if found. If your child does bring home the wrong jumper or cardigan please return it to school asap so it can be reunited with its owner! Thank you.

## **Earrings**

Essex County Council has instructed schools that earrings must not be worn in any P.E. lesson, including swimming. Earrings cannot be covered with tape but must be removed. School staff are not able to remove earrings - if children are not able to remove their own earrings, they should leave them at home on PE days.

This is Essex County Council policy and as a school we must comply with county risk assessments. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

## **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Sam, Sienna, Luciana, Alex, Albie, Ryan, Daisy and Alex who celebrated their birthday in August and to Alfie, Kobe, Millie, Oscar, Jack, Eleanor, Stanmore, Lexi, Isabelle, Darcey, Emily and Joshua who celebrate birthdays this month. The lunchtime birthday table is going to be busy!

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Squirrels Class Year 4  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Hedgehogs Class Year 1 /2  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Owls Class Year 5 /6  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Ladybirds Class Reception  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Badgers Class Year 3

### **Meet the Team Meetings**

Parents are invited to short welcome meetings to meet the Class Teacher and Learning Support Assistants in your child's class. Teachers will share with you some key information about topics, timetables and so on. Dates were emailed to you earlier this week.

For parents of children attending the residential visit next month there is also a meeting giving further details of this visit.

**Owls Class** - Year 5/6 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Residential meeting 2.15pm

Meet the Team meeting 2.45pm

**Badgers Class** - Year 3 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 9 – 9.30am

**Squirrels Class** - Year 4 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2.45pm

Teachers are always happy to discuss any concerns or queries you may have about your child. The time before school is often very busy as teachers are welcoming in their whole class. Teachers are happy to receive short messages from you at this time but if you wish to have a longer discussion please leave a message or make an appointment via the school office.

### **Bags To School**

We will be collecting unwanted clothing etc through the Bags to School scheme which raises funds for the school. Bags and information has been sent home this week. Filled bags should be brought to school on 23<sup>rd</sup> September by 9am. Please don't bring bags before this as we have nowhere to store them.

Have a lovely weekend

Helen Coop