



Birchington CE Primary News

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SUPPORTING CHILDRENS LEARNING



Thank you to all those parents who have reacted to our requests to support reading and home learning. There has been a great response and for those children who are receiving that extra support from home it is really making a difference to their progress and confidence. Please continue to assist your child and see your child's class teacher if you require guidance or support about helping with homework. Remember all class teachers are

available on Mondays after school for you to just drop in and answer your questions about progress and learning. Thank you also to all the parents and carers in Year 1 for attending our phonics meeting (a great response!) and the fantastic support from Year 4 parents and carers with their children's Tudor houses that are currently being displayed in the front lobby. It makes such a difference when we work together- thank you!



GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Birchington CE Primary School

has given out two 'Good Citizenship Awards' in assembly this week for honesty. Reece Field and Reeve Clapson found a large sum of money on the school grounds and handed it in to the school office. It was later collected by the owner. This was a very honest thing to do and sets a good example to others - Birchington CE Primary are very proud of the two boys!

ENTERPRISE AND MATHS WEEK

Enterprise and Maths Week will be taking place at school between Monday 30th January to

Friday 3rd February. The children will be

involved in a range of activities around Maths, money, enterprise and aspiration for the future.

We also want to use this opportunity to be helpful to you too, so on Friday 3rd February at 9.00am the Welfare Advice Service will be in school to help answer any questions regarding claiming for benefits. You will be able to speak in confidence to an advisor and ask them any questions you may have. If you would like an appointment please speak to Lesley our FLO or ring/text her on her school mobile 07890161150.

You will also be receiving a letter about our annual Maths Quiz and competition - please do join in!



VACANCY - MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We are currently looking for a Midday Supervisor to work within our exciting school.

The position will be for five days per week during term time. Hours will be from 11:50am to 1:05pm with an additional fortnightly staff meeting from 11:30am.

The role will consist of supervising the children during the lunchtime session, assisting pupils with eating, using cutlery and clearing away plates, tables and benches. You will also be organising and playing games with the children on the playground. If you are

interested in applying for this position please contact the school office for an application form and more information on 01843 841046. The closing date for applications will be **Friday 3rd**

February 2012 with the interviews being held on **Tuesday 21st February 2012**.

We look forward to hearing from you.





HEADTEACHERS AWARDS, Clay Foster, Kayleigh Shears, James Kiff, Molly Craddock, Louis Jones, Paris Headland, Paige Williams, Chloe Smith, Claire Russell, Francis Cornwall, Charlie Press Jason Russell, Alice Chadwick, Jacob Middleton, Joshua Dey, Sam Hayden, Bethan Neaves, Molly Edmead, Finley Downer, Mason Miller, Mahirah Ishraq, Nikki Graham, Melissa Si Mohammed, Abigail Partridge, Ella-May Hewitt, Levi Brown, Sophie Prescott and Ayah Al-Dobaby

GOOD WORK AWARD

Good work was shown in assembly by: Aleasa Cole, Toby Handford, Jack Peto, Joshua, Issiah Price, Luca Harris, Abbie Greenall and Nikki Graham. Well done to all of you!



CHRISTINGLE

Thank you to all the children who sent in donations for Christingle in December. A fantastic total of £313.74 was collected and has been donated to the Children's Society. The money makes such a difference to the lives of thousands of vulnerable children and young people in this country. Each year programmes and services help children and families up and down the country. Thank you.



THE SMART BROTHERS

The Smart Brothers Road Show came into school on Thursday 19th January to give a road safety presentation to the children. It was really enjoyable and gave the children information to keep them safe.

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

Year R are in need of additional CRB checked or List 99 checked adults to accompany the teachers and children to Quex Museum on Thursday 2nd February. Your CRB/List 99 must be current i.e. within the last 12 months. We will be leaving school at 9.30 and will be back to school no later than 2.30pm. Please let the school office know if you can help. Thank you - Mrs Weaver.



PTA NEWS

The PTA is pleased to announce the purchase of the following items for Birchington CE Primary School - 31 laptop computers which will allow every child in a class to use one on their own and 2 table tennis tables with bats and balls for a new after-school club. The purchase of these items was made possible by the continuing support of parents/carers, staff and PTA members. Thank you very much!



PE KIT

Please ensure your child has a full, correct PE kit in school as we have noticed that there are still some children who do not have one. Thank you.

THANET EARTH—RECIPE COMPETITION

Backed by Thanet Earth and Tesco and following on from the great success of last year's competition, Thanet schools are being invited to take part in an exciting recipe competition designed to raise awareness of healthy ingredients and encourage experimentation in the kitchen. With support from Thanet's finest chefs, a high profile Masterchef-style event at Thanet College will provide the perfect occasion for pupils aged between 5 and 16 to showcase their ideas.



Three categories (KS1, KS 2 and KS 3 & 4) can be entered with each school in Thanet invited to submit up to 4 recipes for consideration. The winner in each category will see their recipe transformed into a recipe card handed out in Tesco Extra Westwood Cross and their school will receive a voucher for £250 to spend on cookery equipment. All 12 finalists will receive a beautiful cookbook and a special apron.

Entrants will be short listed and judged by a panel of local chefs. For more information please see the school notice board or go to www.thanetearth.com/recipecomp or if you have any queries regarding the Recipe Competition please email recipecomp@thanetearth.com.

Do you ever feel that your children know more about online technologies than you do?

You are not alone. The Internet and online technologies are an important part of children's lives at home and school, providing great opportunities for learning, communicating, playing and creating. As we know, these technologies create huge opportunities for us all; however, they can sometimes be a bit overwhelming, and present challenges to keeping your family safe online.

Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual European Union event to promote the safe and responsible use of technology among children and young people. The focus of SID 2012 is '**Connecting Generations**'. It aims to encourage families to explore online technologies together. SID 2012 will be taking place on **Tuesday 7th February** with activities across the UK and beyond, which we would like you to be a part of.

The **Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre** is the UK's national centre dedicated to protecting children from harm both online and offline. **CEOP's Thinkuknow** education initiative aims to **empower children and young people to enjoy online technologies safely**. Each year, CEOP celebrates SID to highlight the importance of educating children and young people about their online safety.

It is just as important to be involved in your children's life online, as it is offline. Just as you would ask about their friends at school or the clubs they go to, you should ask them about the people they meet online, the sites they visit and the things they enjoy – ask the same questions and show the same interest.

To help get you started, CEOP are launching the '**Parents' and Carers' Guide to the Internet**' - a short, entertaining TV-style programme looking at what it's like to bring up children in the online world. You can watch this programme online to help you:

- stay up-to-date with the technology your children are using
- understand steps you can take to keep your children safe online
- know what action to take and where to seek further support if things go wrong

The '**Parents' and Carers' Guide to the Internet**' will be available on **Tuesday 7 February**.

Visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents to watch the programme and access information on how to keep your family safe online.



NEWSLETTER

If you know anyone that does not receive the newsletter by email please ask them to call into the school office with their details or if you are not on line and need to receive a hard copy please let Tracy know in the school office.

COATS

As it is chilly on the playground, please ensure that your child wears a coat to school even though it might look warm outside. There are also a number of unnamed school coats in the school lost property. If your child has mislaid their coat please come along into school at the end of the day and check the lost property baskets around the school. Thank you



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

30th– 3rd Feb-Enterprise/Maths Week

31st -Year 2 to Quex

February

1st - Year 3 to Quex

2nd - Year R to Quex

7th - Year 6 to Quex

9th - Non uniform day - Kenya Cycle Challenge - Mrs Mather

We would like to ask for a small donation and request children to either dress up as African animals or to wear animal masks. Thank you.

10th-INSET day no school for pupils

13th-17th-Mid-term holiday

21st - Year 4 to Quex

22nd - Year 1 to Quex

23rd - Year 5 to Quex

March

7th-Formal Parents Evening from 3.30pm

12th-16th– National Science & Industry Week

26th - 30th - NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

27th- French school to visit Birchington CE Primary School

30th-Easter Service at All Saints

April

2nd-13th Easter holiday

16th Term 5 begins

May

7th- Bank Holiday

8th to 11th-Year 3-4 SATs

14th to 18th– Year 6 SATs

21st to 25th– Year 5 SATs

22nd - Year 3 trip to Wingham Wildlife Park

24th - Year R trip to Farming World

28th-MADD Week

June

1st -**INSET DAY** no school for pupils

4th-8th-Mid-term holiday

13th–Year 1 trip to Wildwood

14th–Year 2 trip to Howletts

25th-Healthy Schools Week

26th-KS1 Sports Day (afternoon)

28th-KS2 Sports Day (afternoon)

July

3rd-Year 6 Production 2pm & 7pm

4th-Informal Parents Evening

6th-KS1 Teddy Bears Picnic

9th-PGL/Activity Week starts

17th-Summer Music Concert

23rd -Summer holidays begin!