

The 4 Bees Newsletter


'Life in all its Fullness': Believing ~ Being Our Best ~ Being Creative ~ Belonging 

Spiritual Sounds of the Gong..



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- Bee Kind Winners** 
- Reception— Alice
 - Year 1— Bella
 - Year 2— Jonathan
 - Year 3— Ivy-Mae
 - Year 4— Melanie
 - Year 5— Andrei
 - Year 6— Alicia

- Headteacher's Awards**
- Reception Alex
 - Year 1 Dylan
 - Year 2 Jessica
 - Year 3 Spencer
 - Year 4 Olivia
 - Year 5 Lacie
 - Year 6 Lucia

We had a lovely visitor, Laura, come in to lead a special gong assembly as part of our vision for children to experience 'Life in all its Fullness' through spirituality. She brought two enormous gongs, each carrying a symbol — Earth was for grounding and Mercury for communication. Laura played the gongs for ten peaceful minutes while the children lay down, stayed quiet (most of them!), and reflected. A few commented that the deep vibrations reminded them of a spooky story! After the performance, some of the children were lucky enough to have a go themselves and also tried out the exciting "thunder drum," which they loved! Their feedback said it all: *"That was awesome!"* and *"Please come back again!"*. We are hoping Laura can return soon to share a more personal experience with our older classes.

Carols and Cakes Afternoon for our Senior Citizens in the Village!

We are very excited about **Tuesday afternoon (2nd December 1.30-2.45pm)** when we will be welcoming our older village community to join us for Carols and Cakes (free of charge!) in Birchanger Village Hall. All children will be singing some carols and the cakes will have been made and served by the children. If you know anyone who would like to come please contact let Mrs Field.

Decoration & Christmas Cooking Day

On Monday the children are welcome to come in their **Christmas Jumpers** or outfits (non-school uniform) as we will be cooking cakes for Tuesday's Cakes and Carols afternoon and making Christmas Decorations to decorate classrooms. **If any parents would like to come and join in the fun in the morning please let Mrs Field know!**



Don't forget tomorrow is **Dove Class Assembly and our Celebration Worship**—starting at 9.05am. Please feel free to join us for a hot drink to warm up beforehand at 8.45am. If we don't see you have a lovely weekend!



Support for Parents and Carers of children with SEND

SPACE is a new service in Essex. It provides support for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND (aged 0 to 25). What makes SPACE unique is the team of Peer Educators — parents and carers all with lived experience. How SPACE can support families:

- one-to-one support: telephone support
- Weekly webinars bring families together to share experiences
- Attendance at School and Community Events
- Website providing resources and guidance

For more information visit: parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk **Contact:** SPACE@essex.gov.uk

Home School Agreement

We will shortly be asking you to give your consent to a home-school agreement through the Arbor App. The agreement is a document which outlines the commitment of both the school and our families to work collaboratively for the benefit of your child’s education. At Birchanger Primary School we view your child’s education as a partnership between the school and the home, where mutual support and open communication are essential. By working together, we can ensure that your child receives a well-rounded education that not only meets academic standards but also fosters personal growth and well-being. We value your involvement and believe that with combined efforts, we can create a nurturing environment that enables your child to achieve their full potential. If you have any queries on the agreement please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanking you in advance.

Diary Dates—Autumn Term

Dove Class Assembly— 9.05am tomorrow!

One Plan Evening—Wednesday 3rd December 3.30-6.00pm

Decoration and Christmas Cooking Day—Monday 1st December (parents welcome 9.00am-12.00pm!) Children can wear Christmas outfits—non-school uniform.

Christmas Carols and Cakes for the Senior Citizens of the Village—Tuesday 3rd December 1.30-2.45pm

PTA Christmas Fete—Friday 5th December 3.30-5.00pm

Santa Dash—Tuesday 9th December—children can wear Christmas clothes on their top half!

KS1/Reception Nativity: Monday 15th December 2.00pm - Dress Rehearsal (parents and younger children welcome) Tuesday 16th December 5.00pm Evening Performance

Whole School Trip to Pantomime—Wednesday 17th December (pm)

Weekly

Scores on the Doors

Congratulations to Earth who are our winning house this week!

Earth	179
Fire	138
Air	121
Water	84



Next Wednesday—parents/adults from our community/village are welcome to join Che for a free yoga session at 6.30pm in the hall.

Every Thursday— please come and collect some free food collected from Pret-a-Manger—5.30-5.45pm.