



The 4 Bees Newsletter

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



Ivy - A True Agent of Change!

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Staff News

Further to my letter sent out this morning, I would like to share an update on staffing. At the end of this term, we will be saying farewell to two valued members of our team. Mrs Perry will be leaving us after three years at the school, and we thank her sincerely for her dedication and the many contributions she has made during her time here. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Negus, who joined us as a temporary teacher (and quickly became a much-loved permanent presence!) and has brought engaging, creative learning and great patience to Wagtail Class. Both colleagues have played an important role in our school community and will be very much missed.

We are incredibly proud of **Ivy in Year 4** who has shown real courage and compassion during a difficult time when her Nan was unwell. Inspired by this experience, she independently decided to **raise money for Essex Air Ambulance and made the fantastic sum of £100!** With the support of Penelope and Olivia she led a Collective Worship on social responsibility, created posters, and, with kind donations from her family, organised sweets, doughnuts and handmade bracelets to sell. Yesterday, she then set up a stall after school, raising money through her own initiative and determination, and truly demonstrating what social responsibility looks like in action. We are delighted that a representative from Essex Air Ambulance will be visiting the school in July to speak to the children in Collective Worship and show their appreciation. Each air ambulance mission costs several thousand pounds, making her efforts all the more meaningful. Thank you for supporting her in this venture and very well done Ivy - we are so proud of you!

Celebration Worship Cancelled

Due to the high temperatures we have cancelled Celebration Worship this week—any awards will be rolled over until next Friday. Thank you for your understanding. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Vessey





Fun in the Sun! Keeping Cool in the Heatwave



We are incredibly proud of how well the children and staff have been coping during the recent hot weather. Everyone has been working together to stay safe, comfortable and positive, showing great resilience and creativity! To help keep cool, children have been enjoying their lunches inside our air-conditioned classrooms, providing a welcome break from the heat. **We are also very grateful to the PTA, who kindly donated ice lollies for the children to enjoy this afternoon!** In addition, suitable non-school uniform has been extended through to Friday to help everyone stay as comfortable as possible. It has been wonderful to see the children's imagination in action as they find their own ways to keep cool, from relaxing in hammocks set up under the castle, to building shaded dens beneath the trees, and even using containers of cold water as refreshing foot coolers. A big well done to everyone for embracing the sunshine so positively!



**OPAL BINGO!**

Your child has come home this week with an OPAL BINGO flyer. In classes we are collecting as many 'loose parts' items on this sheet as we can over the next 2 weeks—if your child's year group has the most, they will win an OPAL ice lolly playtime! Please don't buy anything, the idea is that we recycle things from your home or workplace to give them another life by adding exciting new opportunities for play at lunchtime. If you have other things you think we may be able to use for OPAL please email:

naomi.clewett@birchanger.essex.sch.uk.

I would love to hear from you!

Ms Clewett

Thank you Dads!!

A big thank you to some of the Dads who attended the Fathers' Day Picnic last Friday and ended up 'working' in the boiling heat! Thank you so much for moving the sand for us it was a huge help!

Ms Clewett and Team

Diary Dates— Summer Term Dates

Peek into Wagtails— Today: 8.45-9.30am

Year 6 Residential—Sunday 28th June—Wednesday 1st July

Quidditch Day—Thursday 2nd July

Puffins Trip to Gibberd Garden—Friday 3rd July

Sports Day—Friday 10th July (doors open for parents 12pm)

KS2 Production—Monday 13th July 2.00pm Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 14th July 6.30pm, Wednesday 15th July 6.30pm

Year 6 Leavers' Church Service—11am at St Mary's Church, Thursday 16th July

Year 6 Leavers' Service—9.05am Monday 20th July

Weekly**Scores on the Doors**

Air	115	Well done to Air who are our Housepoint Winners this week!
Earth	94	
Water	53	
Fire	47	

Reminder During Heatwave

In order to ensure children are comfortable, **appropriate non-school uniform will be extended to Friday**. Can I remind parents this does not include crop tops, and also if children are wearing strappy tops please can they ensure children have sun cream applied before they come to school. **Sun cream is not allowed to be brought into school.** Thank you.