The 4 Bees Newsletter

Believing, Being our Best, Being Creative and Belonging



12th November 2026

Dates for your Diary

NOVEMBER

Class Assemblies (9.05am):
Toucans - tomorrow!
Sloths - 20th November
Jaguars - 27th November
Children in Need Day - tomorrow - children to wear 'Bad Taste' Fancy Dress (with a teddy)
Chameleon Class Trip to Audley End - 26th November
Christmas Fete - after school until 5pm 27th November



DECEMBER

Cakes and Carols for the Community (Village Hall) - Friday 4th December (pm)
Whole-school Pantomime Trip (Beauty and the Beast) - 7th December
Christingle Service at St Mary's Church - 11am on 10th December (all welcome)
EYFS/KS1 Nativity - Dress Rehearsal 2pm 14th December, Performance 5pm 15th December
Rocksteady Concert - 10am 16th December
Last day of term: Friday 18th December



Scores on the Doors!

Well done to **Earth** who are our House point Winners this week.

Earth **- 193**
Water - 147
Fire - 144
Air - 132

Reminders:

On Monday we held a Collective Worship on **Children in Need** to help the children understand the meaning behind the fun of dressing up - please bring in donations tomorrow so we can raise money for this valuable cause. The fancy dress theme is 'Bad Taste and Bring a Teddy' as decided by the Belonging Council.

Please don't forget to bring in donations for the **Christmas Fete** so that your child's class can win the Bingo Game and have a hot chocolate/biscuit playtime!

Celebration Worship:

Bee Kind Award Winners:
Chameleons - Bonnie
Sloths - Ava
Toucans - Spencer
Jaguars - Marshall

Headteacher Award Winners:
Chameleons - Shane
Sloths - Amelia
Toucans - Lily O'B
Jaguars - Meghan

As a school, it is important that we take time to commemorate **Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday**, helping our children to understand the sacrifices made by those who served and continue to serve our country. We were incredibly proud of our pupils, along with members of the Birchanger Squirrels and Scouts, who represented our community at the Remembrance Sunday Service in Birchanger last weekend. A special mention must go to Jake, Phoebe and Spencer, who read the names of the veterans on the village memorial with great respect and confidence. Today, we also gathered together for a Remembrance Collective Worship in school, reflecting on the importance of remembrance, gratitude and peace. Some classes have also undertaken thoughtful activities to deepen their understanding of why we remember ensuring the significance of this occasion continues to be passed on to future generations.







On another note...

Thank you to **Richard at Stortford Salt Services** who has kindly been transporting and donating good quality pallets for OPAL - these have enabled us to start building a stage area for performances! If you think you or your business may be able to help with donations for OPAL please get in touch with Ms Clewett: naomi.clewett@birchanger.essex.sch.uk





Forest School Fun!

I had the pleasure of joining Sloth Class for their Forest School this week and wow do they (and Chameleons) have fun in the woods! Led by Mrs Bates, the children were so engaged in activities from creating leaf caterpillars, to building a den which served as a cafe (I was offered a Flat White and Croissant!), to swinging on the hammock and swing, creating a fairy garden, making clay sculptures on the trees and then to climbing them! It was so lovely to hear shouts of 'I've found a ladybird!' and see the awe and wonder on their smiling faces.



