

# Acorn News...

Friday 5th November 2021



Any issues, concerns or things we need to know about, please speak to the Acorn team before or after school or email: [acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

## Dates for your diary.....

- Thursday 11th November—Reading/Phonics talk at 2.30pm - find out more about how we teach reading and phonics in school and receive your child's reading book along with a picture book.
- Friday 12th November—Height, weight and hearing screening

## Packed Lunch

If you are sending your child in with a packed lunch, please ensure there is a variety of healthy food from all food groups. Please do not include sweets or nuts and limited chocolate bars and crisps.

## Home Learning

Attached to the newsletter are some phonics games to play at home. These will help your child with orally segmenting and blending words. These skills are one of the first steps to becoming a successful reader.

tising our oral blending and segmenting. In Maths, we have been comparing objects by size, height and weight.

We had lots of fun during our trip to the park with our buddies. We collected autumn leaves, sticks and pine cones to use in the classroom. Thank you to the parents who helped walk us there. We have also been learning about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. Mrs Jadapalli came in to tell us lots about Diwali, we found out that people light diya lamps to welcome the goddess, Lakshmi into their home. We had a go at making our own diya lamps using clay. Hindus dress up in beautiful clothes, visit the temple, decorate their homes and eat lots of yummy food to celebrate Diwali!

In RE, we learnt that Christians believe God made the world and all the animals in it. He made humans to look after the animals. We discussed why it is important to look after the animals in the world even the small ones like bugs to keep God happy. We look at lots of different animals to see if we could name any of them.

Well done to our star of the week, Lilly-Bell for independently organising her own belongings. She always turns in her clothes the right way and packs them neatly away in her PE bag. Lilly-Bell gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant.

## Remember....

- PE days are Wednesday and Fridays—please ensure ear-rings are removed and long hair is tied back.
- Library day is every Thursday—your child is able to change their book if they have returned the previous one.

## Tapestry

We will be setting parent accounts up on Tapestry in the next week or so. Please follow the link in the email (sometimes these end up in your junk box!) on how to set your password. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Traviss.

## Student Teacher

We would like to welcome Miss Ford to our class. She is a Year 1 student studying for a degree in Primary Education at the University of Sussex. Miss Ford will be in class with us on Fridays with a week long placement in May. She will be supporting the class in a variety of ways.

We have done lots of exciting activities this week! In Phonics we have learnt the sounds p as in pan, i as in igloo and n as in net. We have been identifying all of the letter sounds we have learnt so far and practising our oral blending and segmenting.