



# Acorn News...

Friday 1st December 2023

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)

## Remember....

- PE days are Wednesday and Friday

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school, this includes their house colour top, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and plimsols/trainers! Please ensure ear-rings are removed or they will be taped.

## Library

Library day is Thursday!

The children have the opportunity to take a library book home to share with their parents/carers. If they return their book the following week they will be able to choose a new one.

## Special Helpers

Well done to our special helpers this week:

Anjali, Alfie-Lee, Mary, Scarlett



## Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Violet for always giving everything a go!



## Dates for your diary.....

- 4th December— Flu vaccinations
- 12th December @ 2pm—Nativity
- 13th December @ 2pm—Nativity
- 15th December—Christmas Lunch and Festive Fair
- 19th December— Trinity Theatre Trip and End of Term 2
- 3rd January—Inset Day (no children in school)
- 4th January—Start of Term 3
- 9th February—End of Term 3

## Reading Books

These need to be in school everyday! Well done to those children who read at least 3 times a week at home!



## IMPORTANT

Remember—we are going to the Trinity Theatre on Tuesday 19th December and we need parents to accompany us. Please let the Acorn or Office teams know if you are able to help us out (we should be out from around 9.30am to 11.30am).

Nativity costumes need to be in school by Tuesday 5th December! . Acorn class are going to be Angels. Please see separate letter with further details.

## Welcome Wednesdays!

Our classroom is open to parents/carers every Wednesday morning between 8.30am and 9am. Please sign in through the office and come and see what we've been up to!



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## Our learning this week...

In Phonics we have learnt the sounds r (as in robot) and h (as in house). We have also learnt the tricky words 'no' and 'go'. We are becoming more confident to recognise all of the sounds learnt so far and we are becoming more confident with our tricky words.

In Maths, we have continued our work on 'more' and 'fewer'. We are finding fewer a little bit tricky to understand and have explained it to the children as 'a small amount of something'. We have also been learning about circles and triangles. We sorted circles and triangles into two different groups and then discussed why we grouped them in this way. The children were able to see the difference between the two shapes and are becoming more confident to explain the properties of each shape. We have been using the following STEM sentences 'This shape is a \_\_\_\_, we know it is a \_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_. A circle has a curved side and a triangle has three corners (the pointy bits) and three sides.

We enjoyed visiting the post box to post our letters to Santa. All of the children had a go at writing their letter and they loved choosing things from the catalogues to ask for. We listened to two stories at the Amelia and then made a Christmas tree from a lolly pop stick and cupcake cases. Thank you to all the parents who accompanied us on the trip. Christmas is now in full swing in Acorn class with learning the songs for our Nativity, putting up Christmas decorations and having a class advent calendar!

In PE the children enjoyed using the large climbing apparatus. The children have learnt that they can only climb as high as they feel comfortable as the adults cannot come and rescue them!



We would love to see or hear about the learning your child has been doing at home. The children love to share with their friends what they have been doing. Please email [acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) any photos or comments about what your child has been doing!



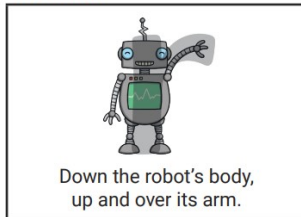
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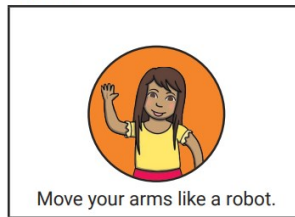
Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas is Twinkl Phonics. Here is some information about the sounds and words we have learnt this week that may support your child's learning at home.

## Rr

### Formation



### Action



### Word List

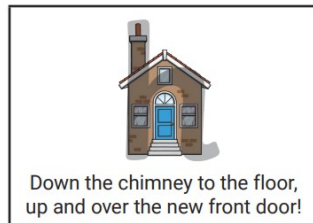
Help your child to sound out and blend to read these words.

rot  
...  
ram  
...  
rug  
...

rip  
...  
rat  
...  
Rick  
...

## Hh

### Formation



### Action



### Word List

Help your child to sound out and blend to read these words.

had  
...  
him  
...  
hot  
...

hop  
...  
hum  
...  
hug  
...

no

go

### Home Learning

- Please remember to read with your child at least three times a week! We will only changed books if it has been recorded that a child has read it at least twice. It is really helpful to read a book more than once!
- 'oral segmenting and blending' and 'hearing initial sounds' activities on the Acorn class page of the school website - <https://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Phonics&pid=367>

We have had a few families needing phonics resources printed to enable successful home learning. If you would like some flash cards and activities printed them please let Miss Traviss know by emailing [acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)