



Acorn News...

Friday 15th 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

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:

Himansh, Amelia-Rose, Alfie-Lee, Reuben, Millie.



Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Daisy for enthusiastic singing during all of our nativity performances and rehearsals!



Dates for your diary....

- 15th December — Christmas Lunch and Festive Fair.
- 18th December — Christmas Party and Christmas Jumper Day.
- 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.

IMPORTANT

Apologies, in the previous newsletters the Christmas Party date has been incorrect! We are doing our Christmas Party on Monday 18th so it is the same day as Christmas Jumper day!

If you are able to donate 50p (or whatever you can) towards some snacks for the class it would be much appreciated. Please give to the Acorn staff on the gate before Tuesday 19th.

Acorn class are going to have a stall at the Festive Fair, we really need some volunteers to manage the stall with Miss Traviss. It is 2.45pm to 5pm. If you are able to help out for some of the fair (or all of it) please either speak to Miss Traviss or email acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk.

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 ff (as in off) and ss (as in kiss). These sounds are both digraphs as there are two letters making one sound. On Monday we will learn the final sound of level 2 (s as in pigs—this is making a zzz sound) and we have learnt all of the level 2 tricky words. Children will now start to bring reading books home with all the sounds and words that we have learnt so far. This means that reading books will also start to have more words in each sentence.

In RE, we have continued to look at the nativity story. We retold the story in our own words and read a different version to the one we read last week. We also decided who was the most important character in the story, we decided it was Jesus then the Angel Gabriel and Mary.

We FINALLY got to perform our nativity on stage in our costumes to our parents and carers. All of the children did a fantastic job and well done to Beech class for the voice overs and puppets. We have spent a long time practising the songs and we are very proud of the children. We hope you enjoyed it too!

We have enjoyed lots of singing and dancing in class this week along with wrapping up 'presents' for our friends and family. We have been busy making salt dough decorations and orange slice foxes to sell at the festive fair. The festive fair will raise much needed funds for the school so please join us in the hall for the festivities.

This week, we also enjoyed our Christmas lunch in the hall with year 1. We hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a break over the next few weeks and looking forward to seeing everyone in January!



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 any photos or comments about what your child has been doing!



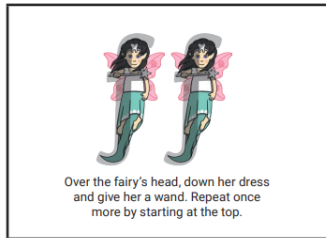
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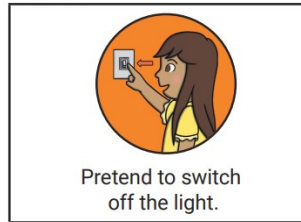
Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas is Twinkl Phonics. Here is some information about the sounds and words we have learnt this week that may support your child's learning at home.

ff

Formation



Action



Word List

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

huff

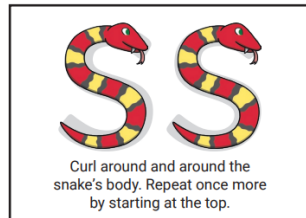
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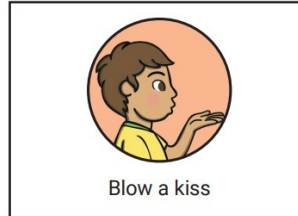
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Formation



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Word List

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

less

boss

hiss

fuss

mess

kiss

Home Learning

- We are seeing 'The Princess and the Winter Dragon' at the Trinity Theatre and there is an activity pack to complete (please find attached) and a chance to win a prize!
- Take part in the winter reading challenge 'Ready, Set, Read':-
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>. More information can be found on the main school newsletter.
- Save old cards, wrapping paper and ribbons for next year's Acorn class to use over the Christmas period.
- 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!

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