



# Acorn News...

Friday 12th January 2024

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

All children should have a full PE kit in school—this includes tracksuit bottoms/shorts and trainers/plimsols.

We will be sending letters home to children who do not have a full kit in school.

## Special Helpers

Well done to our special helpers this week:

Mololuwa, Himansh, Zak, Violet, and Emine.



## Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Alfie-Lee for a great effort with all his learning this week!



## 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!

## Getting Dressed!

PE lessons are being taken up by children not able to get themselves changed. We have limited time for changing so it really helps everyone if your child can change themselves independently. Lots of children are telling us their parents dress them! Please support us in allowing your child to practise get themselves dressed and undressed for school independently.

## Dates for your diary.....

- 30th January—Drama event
- 2nd January—Jaws n Claws workshop (see separate email)
- 9th February—End of Term 3

## Reading!

Reading books and reading records need to be in school everyday! Well done to those children who read at least 3 times a week at home!

From 22nd January any child who reads their reading book at least three times in the week will be invited to milkshake and biscuit club with Miss Traviss every Friday!



## Library

Library day is Thursday!

The children have the opportunity to take a library book home to share with their parents/carers.

We have a few children each week who are upset that they cannot take a new book home as they haven't returned the previous one. If you are unsure of the library book you currently have at home please email Miss Traviss!



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## Our learning this week...

In Phonics we have been recapping the level 2 sounds and words that we have learnt. Miss Burkinshaw has been undertaking phonics assessments to ensure we can plan children's next steps accurately. We have also been practising writing all of the sounds and the children are becoming really confident with this. We will be start level 3 sounds and words from next week.

In Maths, we learnt a new song '5 little peas in a pea pod press', we used our fingers to act out the song. We then had to use a template of a hand to find 5 objects (1 for each finger). We were then introduced to a die pattern for the number 5 and checked that five objects was still the same whether it was on our finger template or the die pattern.

We have attended whole school act of worship this week and will continue to go twice a week. The children sat beautifully and listened to what the adults leading it had to say.

In RE, we recapped our learning about the importance of Christmas to Christians and the key characters and events that happened. We also shared our own Christmas experiences.

In Drawing Club, we have been reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The children really enjoyed watching the animated version of the story before Christmas. We have drawn the tiger, the café and a 'tiger bus' to take the tiger home. The children are beginning to develop their own ideas further which is lovely to see. They have also been challenged this week to write some words (or the sounds they can hear in words) that link to their pictures.

**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!**

## Home Learning

Here is our level 2 sound and word mat, please practise the sounds and words with your child at home.

Can your child read these words and think of a sentence with that word in?

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d	g	o	c	k	ck	e	
u	r	h	b	f	l	ff	
ll	ss	Level 2 Tricky Words				put	go
I	a	no	of	the			

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bell

dad

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