



# Acorn News...

Friday 19th 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](mailto: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:

Emily Leo Gianluca Lucy Oliver



## Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Violette for great progress with her reading!



## 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)
- 2nd January—PTFA Disco
- 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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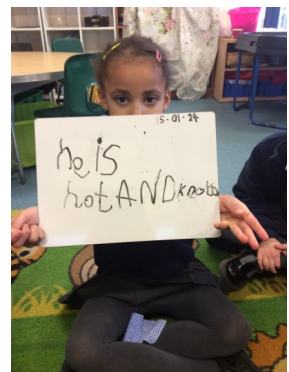
## Our learning this week...

In Phonics, we have begun level 3. We have learnt the sounds j (as in jet), v (as in vest), w (as in wave) and x (as in fix). We have also learnt the tricky word, he. We have been practising reading and writing words with these sounds in. For our tricky word we practised reading sentences and thinking of our own sentences using the word.

In Maths, we have been looking at the importance of lining up objects when we are counting them and that the last number you say is how many objects you have altogether. We also had a picnic for three of our cuddly toys and we had to check that there was enough of each item for them all to have one. We also solved problems which linked to having too many or not enough of each item. Finally we have been looking at different 'parts' and 'wholes' of numbers, puzzles, people, objects and animals. We have been using the STEM sentence: \_\_\_\_\_ is a part of \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ is the whole.

In RE, we read a story about Jesus and how he thought that all children were special. We talked about why we are special and sang a song about us all being special and unique. Following this we painted self portraits using paint sticks and we also talked about other special places such as places around the school.

In PE we have been continuing our gymnastics learning with practising balances and also using balances within a sequence.



**Please email [acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) to share any learning you have been doing at home! We would love to see what you've been up to!**



## Our learning this week...

Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas' is Twinkl Phonics. We have started level 3 this week, which is very exciting. The children are already doing brilliantly. These are the 4 sounds and tricky word we have learnt so far. It would be super if you could practice with your child at home.

Picture	Action	Formation	
 jet	 Sweep your hand up like a jumbo jet taking off.	 Down the jet, around its trail and dot the sun.	jug      jog      jam ...      ...      ...
 vest	 Draw a v shape on your chest to show the V-neck of the vest.	 Down the neck, up the neck.	visit    vet    van .....    ...    ...
 wave	 Make waves with your hand.	 Down the wave, up the wave, down the wave, up the wave.	win    well    web ...    ...    ...
 x marks treasure	 Hold one hand like a map and draw x on it.	 Criss, cross.	fox    mix    fix ...    ...    ...

## Home Learning

- Please remember to read with your child at least three times a week! We will only change 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!
- Please email a photo of the outside of your house for our learning this week.
- Please practise the sounds and words we have learnt this week at home.

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