



Acorn News...

Friday 26th April 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, socks 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:

Aaradhya, Davina, Kyza, Alfie-Lee and Scarlett.



Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week Emine for great progress in all areas of learning and for being so welcoming to our new class member.



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!



Dates for your diary.....

- 30th April—Pizza Express Trip
- 2nd May—Hearing and Vision Check
- 6th May—Bank holiday Monday (**school closed**)
- 17th May—PTFA School Disco
- 21st May—Class photographs
- 24th May—End of Term 5
- 3rd June —**Inset day (no children in school)**
- 4th June—Start of Term 6
- 18th June—Playtime Past at The Amelia
- 10th July—KS1 sports day
- 19th July—End of Term 6 and PTFA Picnic

Welcome Wednesdays!

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

Library

Library day is Thursday!

If you are unsure which book you have at home please ask one of the Acorn team.

Volunteers

We are so grateful to the parents who come along and volunteer their time to help us with trips. Our next one is Pizza Express on Tuesday, which we are very excited about! As we are leaving at 9am sharp, please ensure that you are on-time to school so that we can get ready and leave promptly.



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Our learning this week...

In Phonics, we have learnt the sound air (as in chair) and the tricky word, they. The 'air' sound is called a trigraph as there are three letters together making the sound. We reminded ourselves that tricky words are words we cannot use our phonics to sound out. We have also been recapping the sounds and words we have learnt so far. We have done a mixture of reading and writing this week and the children are doing fantastically well with their phonics.

In Maths, we have been learning about height. We have built towers of different sizes, measured items in the classroom using non-standard measures and ordered three objects from shortest to tallest or tallest to shortest. We have also been looking at time and have recapped the days of the week and thought about the activities we do on each day. We have been timing ourselves of things we can do in one minute—how many jumps, how many letters we can write, how many items we can collect. We have also ordered the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Following on from our dental hygiene activities last week, we have been learning about other ways to keep healthy, particularly, healthy eating and why it is important. We sorted foods into two groups 'healthy and not so healthy' and we know that the foods in the not so healthy group we should only eat a small amount of. We also drew our own 'healthy food' plates.

In PE, we have been doing athletics in preparation for sports day. The children were very excited as we were able to go onto the field both days this week. We practised our short and longer distance running races as well as rolling shot puts.

In RE, we learnt about two things that Jesus told his followers 'love God' and 'love your neighbour as you love yourself'. We read the story of 'The Good Samaritan' which demonstrates this commandment and we talked about the Samaritan being kind and helping the man who had got hurt. We know that if we want people to help us we need to help others too.

We had a fantastic trip to the fire station too! Thank you Mrs Tompsett for leading and all of the parents who helped out!



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Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas' is Twinkl Phonics. These are the sounds and tricky words we have learnt this week. Please practise these with your child at home.

air

Action



Hold a chair, move it in and out from a desk.

Word List

Can you sound out these words?

air

fair

hair

lair

pair

chair

Can you write **air**?

air air
air air

they

Can you think of a sentence with this week's tricky word in?

Home Learning

- Maths home learning challenges (attached on separate sheet)
- 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 practise the sounds and words we have learnt this week at home. Each child has a sound mat in their reading book folder to support them with this