



Bonners' News



Bonners Church of England Primary School

"Inspire and Aspire!"

February 2017

Wrens—Animal Kingdom

This term in Wren class we have been discovering all about animals in our Animal Kingdom Learning Journey. We kicked this off with a dress up day. We all dressed up as an animal and completed an animal quiz. The children have all thoroughly enjoyed role playing in our veterinary surgery and pet shop. This week we celebrated Chinese New Year and learnt all about their traditions and customs. We got to taste Chinese food, look at how Chinese people write numbers and we even got to make a giant carnival dragon and dance around the playground in it. We had to work well as a team and communicate as we couldn't see where we were going! We are looking forward to finishing this term with our class trip to Pizza Express where children will be able to make pizzas and learn about the ingredients.



Robins—Dragons and Castles

This term in Robin Class our topic has been all about dragons and castles. Our stunning start was a dragon hunt adventure around the school grounds, where we looked for dragon clues. Jacob thought he had found a real dragon egg, but it was only a bouncy ball! Alex was convinced he had found a real dragon claw, but on closer inspection it was only a twisty branch! We used all of this information, which included new exciting vocabulary to describe, in our dragon poetry and story writing. We have also developed our watercolour painting skills this term, when working on our castle watercolour paintings. The results are stunning and on display outside Robin Class.



Safeguarding is always of paramount importance to us. If you have any safeguarding issues you would like to discuss, please come and see us.

Woodpeckers—Rocks and Soils

In Woodpeckers we have had a fab time learning about rocks and soils and how we use them. Hands on History came to visit and taught us all about the Stone Age. We handled tools and artefacts and dressed up like stone age people. Some of us even had face paints to represent tribal traditions. Mrs Hewitt looked really funny. In RE we have been learning all about Abraham and his family. Maths has been focusing on division and multiplication.



Kingfishers

In Kingfishers we have been learning about the Ancient Greeks. The children have researched and learnt about the life of the Ancient Greeks and their lasting legacy including the Olympics and democracy. We had a really exciting visit from Hands On History who taught us all about Ancient Greek clothing, medicine and family life. The children even had a chance to practise their war dances and sword skills on Mrs Elshof and Mrs Whitmey. In English, the children have been reading Herclfleas and have learnt how authors choose words to create atmosphere and effect. In art, the children have looked at Greek pottery and the stories that they tell about the Ancient Greeks and have designed and made their own pots from air dried clay which would tell people in the future about their lives. Our topic will end with our Fantastic Finish, a trip to the copse to make bows and arrows and enjoy Greek Legends.



Owls

Owl Class' Learning Journey this term has been Arabian Nights. We have heard some brilliant stories from Queen Shahrazad, and written our own for her to tell the King. We have learned about the 5 Pillars of Islam, and have been drawing some Islamic geometric patterns and learning to program some to be drawn using Scratch. We are learning about Evolution and Inheritance in Science, and have been finding percentages of numbers in Maths. We will be performing our 'Pink Panther' dance to some other classes next week and finishing our learning journey by having a go at 'Wudu' - the washing rules before praying, and feasting on dates and sherbet water, whilst listening to the ending of the Arabian Nights story.

Please ensure that your child's PE Kit is in school every day.

Readers!

Do you love reading? Have you got some spare time? Bonners CE Primary School is running a in school Reading Programme and would love your help. It can be 30 minutes, 1 hour, and afternoon or whatever is convenient. We would of course need you to have completed a DBS check, Mrs Birkbeck can do this check for you.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you can help. It can be you, family or anyone you know who would love to help. Thank you



Film Night—Friends of Bonners

Wow, what a turn out! The children loved watching 'The Secret Life of Pets'. Thank you to the FOBs team for creating such a wonderful atmosphere for the children with a great film, hot dogs and drinks.

Thank you again for supporting our amazing FOBs team everyone .

A healthy £214 was raised, thank you everyone.

Fencing and Active Play Area

During half term there will be a team of different contractors on site to erect of new fencing around the playground and install the new Active Play area. May I remind you that pedestrian access will only be available through the site gate.

Parking on site

It has become very noticeable that many parents are parking on site without a permit. Please could we remind everyone that no parking is available on site without a permit. Please could I also remind permit holders not to misuse your permit, if it has been granted for you then it does not mean that your partner or any one else has its use.

Safer Internet Day 2017



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7 February**

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JOIN IN OUR GOLFING FUN THIS HALF TERM:

- PLAY GOLF GAMES
- PLAY REAL GOLF ON THE COURSE
- HAVE FUN (IN THE SUN!)
- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- ENJOY EXERCISE AND FRESH AIR

Monday 13th Feb 1-4pm
Saturday 18th Feb 1-4pm
Only **£12.50** per child



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Limited spaces available



Outstanding Sports Coaching

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSE



Little Horsted School, Uckfield, TN22 5TS

**Tuesday 14TH, Wednesday 15TH and Thursday 16TH -
10am-3pm**

FOOTBALL (Shooting and Saving) – all days

A full day of expert football and sports coaching on excellent facilities by highly qualified academy coaches/teachers for 5-14 year olds, players will learn through a series of fun practices and small sided games; finishing with a tournament.

We are fortunate to have Owen Fisher joining us, Owen is an excellent academy goalkeeping coach, who will be offering insight to both goalkeepers and goal scorers throughout the day!

£15 per child

Dance workshop - Thursday 16th –ONLY

Zara Breeze will also be running a dance workshop in the **school hall**, consisting of range of activities, fun games and learning a dance routine to perform to parents at 2.40pm each day!

£15 per child

All children will be required to bring a packed lunch and appropriate clothing.

****LIMITED SPACES SO PLEASE BOOK PROMPTLY****

To book please email/call/text mark: outstandingsportscoaching@outlook.com - 07794087043

Attendance

At Bonners CE Primary we believe that good attendance is central to a pupil attaining well and making the best possible progress. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly and are at school, on time, every day the school is open, unless the reason for the absence is absolutely unavoidable. Any pupil's absence or regular late arrival will undoubtedly impact negatively on their learning and progress.

The government have changed the threshold to 95% this means that children dropping below 95% will be classed as persistent absent and their attendance monitored more closely by the school and the Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start!		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action!	

Mrs Toni Birkbeck—Office Manager

Many of you may know that I have been diagnosed with early breast cancer. During my treatment I will be away from school for a short time. Obviously the office will be covered as much as possible, but things will be slightly different for a time. Please could I ask that you help by placing money in sealed envelopes with your child name, class and what it is for on the front. I wanted to thank you for your best wishes and words of encouragement.

Active Play Area—Tesco

Over the mid term break our new playground equipment will be installed. We are all very excited to see the new active play area. During the first few days back Play Force will still be on site so please be very careful when entering the site.

During this week we will also be having new fencing installed. Please remember that all gates must be closed behind you to ensure the site is secure.



Image by Ron Hill

Forest School

In term 4, on Friday afternoons, Mrs Elshof will start taking classes to the copse for Forest School sessions. Mrs Elshof has recently qualified as a Level 3 Forest School leader.

Forest school is an inspirational process that has been evolving in the UK since the early 1990's. It fits in to the realm of outdoor education, but differs by being child led. Children engage in achievable tasks and activities throughout the year and in most weathers. Because of this it is important that children have the appropriate clothing so that they can take part. Children will receive more information about this nearer to their Forest School sessions. Please keep your eye out for this. If you would like any more information, would like to come and see us in action or feel that you can regularly volunteer with our sessions, please let Mrs Elshof know through the office.

Events

- Monday 6th February—Year 6 Parents Evening 3.30—6.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 7th February—Parents Evening—Not Year 6
- Thursday 9th February—Parents Evening—All Year groups
- Friday 10th February—End of Term
- 13th—17th February—Mid term break
- 28th February—Year 3/4 Tag at UCTC
- 1st March—Year 5/6 to High Hurstwood—Sports
- 3rd March—FOBs Cake Sale—After School—Donations please
- 7th March—Year 5/6 Tag at UCTC
- 8th March—Year 3/4 High Hurstwood—Sports

Have a fabulous mid term break