



Bonners' News

Bonners Church of England Primary School

"Inspire and Aspire!"



October 2017

Wrens

Wren Class have had a positive start to their first term at school and have settled into the school routine well. The children have been busy learning about Harvest and where food comes from. Last week the Wrens did a brilliant performance of 'Big Red Combine Harvester' at the Harvest Festival and this included learning the Makaton signs to accompany the song. The children have asked to make bread and taste a variety of fruits so this has been planned for later in the term. The children recently decided to change their role play area and it is now a Toy shop. In Wren class we steer activities towards the children's interests and let them take control of their learning.



Robins

This Term in Robin Class we began our 'Party Planners' learning Journey with a stunning start team building Lego challenge, practising our skills of being able to work together and grow as learners. On our journey to becoming independent writers, we have looked at stories with parties, including Cinderella, Prince Cynders and Cinderboy and we have written our own stories and Autumn poems. We even found a glass slipper in our classroom and decided we should write a wanted poster to find the owner of this glass slipper! We enjoyed our fruit tasking session where we explored healthy foods, inspired by the book Handa's Surprise which linked in well with our science topic this term of 'All about us and our bodies.' All of Key Stage One pupils were also invited to take part in a how can we stay healthy session where we reminded ourselves about how to wash our hands properly and the song Happy Birthday played a big part in this lesson.



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

Woodpeckers have had a colourful start to the year, reading the story 'The Day the Crayon's Quit' by Oliver Jeffers. We have looked at letter writing and pretended to write informal letters which have a definite 'voice.'

Our learning about 'Endangered Animals' was enhanced by visiting The Ashdown Forest Centre. We had lots of fun pretending to be Night Jars protecting our eggs and being Silver Studded Blue butterflies; finding the three things they need to survive, which are ants, gorse and heather. We have started to look at food chains and how this can affect species of animals.

In art and D.T we have learnt how to make clay animals, which included trying to mould legs and pinch out ears. Currently we are working in pairs to create a moving picture based on a habitat and the animals that would live there.



Kingfishers

This term, Kingfishers have been super space scientists, learning about the universe around them. We began our topic by researching planets in our solar system to make our own class book about space. We have created models to show the scale of the planets in our solar system, how the planets orbit the sun and how the moon affects our seas.

In English, Kingfishers have thoroughly enjoyed reading Cosmic, by Frank Cottrell Boyce; a story about a boy lost in space. They used the style of the book to write their own Cosmic chapter.

This term, in maths, we have been securing and developing our knowledge of place value. We have been ordering and sorting numbers to one million, and developing our formal written and mental methods in addition and subtraction.

We finished our topic with some art; looking at pictures of earth from space and creating our own beautiful watercolours.



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

Owls

This term in Owl Class our Learning Journey has been 'Lights, Camera, Action!' We have made our zoetropes, flick books and this week we have been putting together our stop motion animation movies which will be released soon! We are nearing the end of the 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' and the class have some lovely, descriptive writing based on this which is on display in the hall. We are in the middle of writing a moving piece based on a short film called 'The Piano.' We enjoyed our visit to The Picture House in Uckfield where we had a talk on the History of the cinema by the owner, Mevin Markwick, and enjoyed being shown the zoetropes, flick books and old cameras and projectors at Hove Museum. We have also been building circuits, learning and practicing our hockey skills and creating games on Scratch. We had a visit this week from a volunteer from the Rapid Response Unit who taught us what to do to save a life if someone is unconscious and not breathing.



Attendance

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR 190 days for your child's education	10 days absence 180 Days of Education	19 days absence 171 Days of Education	29 days absence A term missed 161 Days of Education	58 days absence 152 Days of Education	47 days absence 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	

Parent Consultation Evenings

These have obviously been rescheduled , the details are:

Wrens - Monday 30th October (rescheduled date)

Robins - Monday 30th October and Wednesday 1st November (Both dates rescheduled)

Woodpeckers - Tuesday 31st October 3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Thursday 2nd November 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Kingfishers - Monday 30th October (rescheduled date)

Owls - Wednesday 1st November (rescheduled date)

Please note we are keeping all timings as per original days. All consultation evenings will be from 3.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. unless stated.

Collective Worship

Our Christian value in collective worship this week has been The Stories that Jesus Told.



Harvest Festival



It was lovely to have so many parents join us for our Harvest Festival at St Bartholomew's Church. Thank you for all your donations which has gone to the Uckfield Foodbank.

Awards!

We are delighted to announce that Bonners have received the following awards:

We recently received an email that informed us that our school have been accredited with the Terrific Scientific School of Excellence Award. This award recognises our full participation in the BBC investigation programme. Last year, as part of our School Development Plan, one of our areas of focus was to further enhance science teaching within our schools and this award recognises the progress we have made.



We are excited to announce that due to our participation in sports in and out of school we have been awarded the Sainsbury's Sport Award—Bronze for 2016/2017

This is a fantastic achievement and our thanks go to Mrs Hart for her amazing effort in sports around the school.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you so much for your support for our Macmillan coffee afternoon. Your generosity both in donating cakes and attending the event are very much appreciated. I know this cause is very close to many of us and if we can begin to contribute to those who are looking for solution to cancer and to provide much needed help and care for our colleagues, friends and families it is a step in the right direction. My thanks to Mrs Birkbeck and FOBs, for her enthusiasm and commitment to organising this

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South Ashdown Schools' Federation—Governing Body

We would like to thank Mrs Michelle Pledger for having supported the school so diligently in the last two years as Chair of Governors. Under her leadership we have seen our Federation grow from strength to strength and helping Bonners CE School to be even better through a fine balance of challenge and support. Under her leadership we have developed a portfolio approach to governance which has helped the Governing Body to have a greater insight into all aspects of the schools' work. At our meeting last week we thanked Mrs Pledger for her work in this role and we are pleased that she has continued on the Governing Body as our Vice-Chair. We welcome Mr Duncan Irvine (previously our Vice-Chair) as our new Chair of Governors and know that he too will bring many talents and opportunities to our Federation. We would like to thank all of our Governing Body team for all their hard work and support. We also welcome Mr Paul Winder who is now a Parent Governor.



Friends of Bonners

On Thursday 28th September the FOBs committee held their AGM where they elected a Co-Chairs Mrs Liz Winder and Mrs Sarah Phoenix. Bonners would like to thank Mrs Julie Foley who was chair last year for all her hard work.

Here's a message from FOBs:

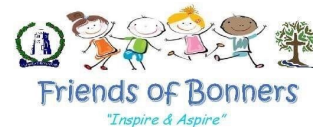
Our first meeting of the year got off to a great start with new members and brainstorming for the the next year. The money raised last year helped buy new forest school equipment, dictionaries, PE equipment as well as new rugs for KS1. This year we have targets to support IT and reading books.

A reminder of our upcoming events:-

2nd November - School disco 3.30-5.30pm

24th November - Quiz night 7.30pm

8th December - Christmas Fayre 5.30pm



If you would like to join FOBS please speak to a member of the team or Toni in the School office. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming events.

Sporting Events

As many of you will know we participate in the UCTC sporting events after school every term. Over the last couple of week our pupils have attended Cross County and Football. All the children have played extremely well and we thank you ,the parents, for transporting them to UCTC after school.





NSPCC—Safeguarding Morning

The whole school took part in an NSPCC safeguarding 'Speak out Stay safe' day, where the children learnt about safeguarding and staying safe in a lively, interactive and memorable way.

The older children also took part in follow up workshops. This programme was led by the charity organisation NSPCC and we are now taking part in a fundraising activity to support this really important cause in helping our children stay safe at all times.



Uckfield FM Community Awards 2017

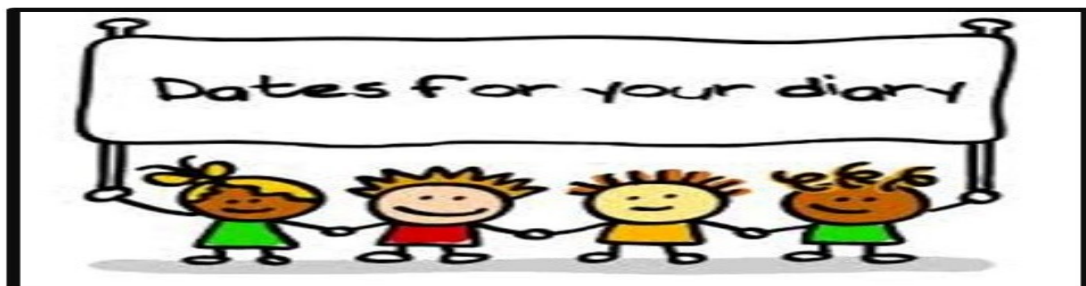
We are delighted to announce that our very own Miss Vickery has been nominated and in the final 3 for Teacher of the Year for the Uckfield FM Community Awards. The award ceremony will take place on the 11th November at the East Sussex National.



Sussex Police Donation

A massive thank you to Rose Hanson who organised a donation from the Police Fund to buy our new sports kit. I'm sure you'll agree the children look very smart and professional.





- 20th October—End of Term 1
- 30th October—Start of Term 2
- 30th October—Rescheduled Parent Consultation Evening 3.30—6.00 p.m.
- 1st November—Rescheduled Parents Consultation Evening—Owls
- 31st October—Woodpeckers Parent Consultation Evening 3.30—5.00 p.m.
- 31st October—Drug Awareness—Year 6
- 2nd November—Woodpeckers Parent Consultation Evenings 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m.
- 3rd November—Assembly—NSPCC
- 6th November—Open Morning for new Foundation 2018—9.30—11.00 a.m.
- 7th November—Year 6—Healthy Eating
- 7th November—Table Tennis at UCTC 3.45 p.m.—5.30 p.m.
- 9th November—Open Morning for new Foundation 2018— 9.30—11.00 a.m.
- 14th November—Individual Photos—outside family photos from 8.30 a.m.
- 14th November—1.30 p.m. Flu Vaccinations—Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4
- 14th November—3.45 p.m.—5.15 p.m. Indoor Athletics UCTC

Please check our website **www.bonnars.e-sussex.sch.uk** for event dates and latest newsletter. Please note you can subscribe to our newsletter on our website.

As the nights grow darker please ensure the safety of your child whilst walking up the road. Please encourage your child to pay particular attention when crossing the entrance to the school.

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