

Bird's Bush News

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BARVEMBER

One of the strategies that we use in Maths in school is called bar modelling. It helps our children to be able to draw a representation of the problem that they are trying to solve.

Every day for the month of November, we will be taking part in 'Barvember' with different problems and challenges being used in KS2 classrooms each day.

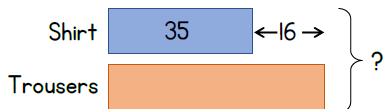
Have a go at the practise question and the challenge below to see if you can use the bar model. Send any answers into the office - there will be prizes for correct answers using our bar model.

Good luck!

1 A shirt costs £35



A pair of trousers costs £16 more.
How much do they cost altogether?



Challenge

A farmer has 242 goats and sheep in total.
He sells half of the goats and buys 28 more sheep.
In the end he has three times as many sheep as goats.
How many sheep did he have to start with?

Academy Update

It is very frustrating to have to tell you that we still do not have a definite date for our academy conversion. This is because there is still no agreement on who is responsible to fund the remedial building work that needs to be completed. The CEO of Perry Hall MAT is in frequent contact with the DFE to get it sorted and she is as frustrated as we are!

Fortunately, this is not stopping us working with the MAT who are supporting us with our school improvement drive. Mrs Barnes meets regularly with the CEO and the other headteachers in the trust and the whole staff are going to observe in the MAT schools on 23rd November.

Super Stars Out of Hours Club will be open on our inset days - Thursday 23rd November and Friday 24th November.

Please call Nursery on 01827 213898 if you would like your child to attend.

Learning Champions

R1-	Harry	Class 5 -	Dayton
R2-	Millie	Class 6 -	Maddie
Class 2 -	Harvey	Class 7 -	Oliver
Class 3-	Emelia	Class 8 -	Lily
Class 4 -	Tayla	Class 9 -	Macey
		Class 10 -	Codie



INSET DAYS 2017

- Thursday 23rd November
 - Friday 24th November
- 1 more day is still to be confirmed**

Class 10-Mrs Gould's
Class Assembly
FRIDAY 17th
NOVEMBER
9.00 a.m.
Parents/Carers of
Class 10 are very
welcome.

READ IT!

We have an amazing selection of books to choose from for the lucky winners. Children earn a Read It! Ticket for every time they prove they have read at home. We have so many children earning lots of tickets we choose a winner from each year group!

Our lucky winners on Friday 3rd November were:-

Reception	Alfie
Year 1	Dylan
Year 2	Quinn
Year 3	Phoebe
Year 4	Oliver
Year 5	Liliana
Year 6	Jasmine



Our children have told us how much they love reading and earning 'Read it!' tickets!

Reading Workshops

To celebrate children's book week we will be hosting reading workshops in every class. Parents, carers, older siblings, or grandparents are more than welcome to support the children in a variety of reading challenges across the week. The workshops will begin at 2.30 p.m. until the end of the school day. If you have children in the same department but different classes we will arrange for the children to be in the same class for the session.

Year 1 and 2: Monday 20th November

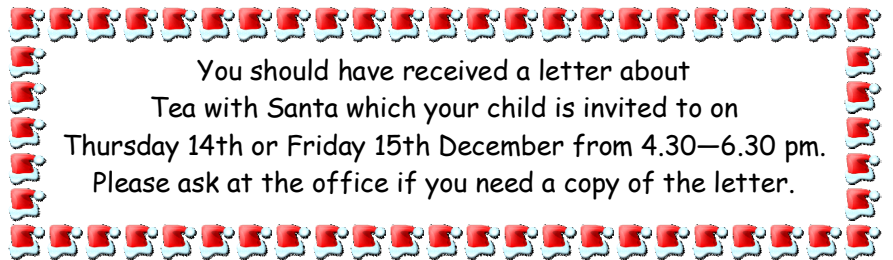
Year 3 and 4: Wednesday 22nd November

Year 5 & 6: Tuesday 21st November

There will be 4 phonic workshops for Reception children from 9.00 a.m. until 9.45 a.m. on 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd November.

Further details are available on the notice boards outside the classrooms.

For more information about children's Book Week please visit the 'Book Trust' website- www.booktrust.org.uk



You should have received a letter about Tea with Santa which your child is invited to on Thursday 14th or Friday 15th December from 4.30—6.30 pm. Please ask at the office if you need a copy of the letter.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We would like to remind you that we expect payment to be made prior to ordering school lunches. If payment is not received, we will contact you to ask you to make payment or bring your child a packed lunch to school. If payment is still not received or a packed lunch brought to school, we will serve your child with a cheese sandwich, piece of fruit and a drink of water which will be charged separately by our catering company at £1.00 and must be sent in to the school kitchen in cash.



HEADLICE

Headlice or nits is an ongoing issue in all schools across the country!!

The only way to avoid headlice is to check hair and treat if necessary.

If we are aware that a child has headlice, all children in the class will bring home an advice leaflet for your information.

Dates for your diary

17th November - 9.00am Class 10 (Mrs Gould) Assembly

20th/21st/22nd Nov - Reading Workshops (see above)

23rd & 24th November - School closed for training

29th November - 3.30 - 5.30 Y6 SATs drop-in

14th & 15th December—Tea with Santa

19th December - Pantomime and school closes

20th December - Christmas Holiday

Happiness builds success.

