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Sowing the seeds for a flourishing future

Englefield CE Primary School Newsletter

Welcome Back

It doesn't take long to get back in to the swing of things. Only three weeks in and we have already accomplished so much: a residential, Level one Bikeability and all our clubs are up and running. We are so lucky to have staff willing to give up their time to run these clubs in their own time.—not all schools can say this. The school is once again a hive of activity, music and learning—we are ready for a great year.

FS2 have been out on their first Autumn Walk, lucky for them it was a dry and bright day. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring Englefield and spotting things like the house and St Marks.



They found conkers, looked at the market garden and talked about the different trees and how the leaves differ in shape. Some lucky children even managed to catch a glimpse of the deer. They are looking forward to their next outdoor adventure.

Mrs Sheppard and her team in FS2 have been amazed at the brilliant way our new pupils have started their school journey. They are busy and interested in learning and have already built some good friendships. Well done, FS2 - we're all proud of you!



Starting the year with a bang!

Year 3/4 had such a great time last week, watching the storm through the windows whilst staying warm inside. The sheet lightning was a particular favourite!



The children would also like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to last year's Year 6 and their families for buying the class a new and exciting water tray. It is very popular and will really help the children's learning.

Rushall Farm

Years 5 and 6 had a great 3-day visit to Rushall Farm for their camping residential. They loved getting their cosy tents ready with piles of sleeping bags, blankets and teddies!



Activities included den-building, tractor-trailer rides, fire-lighting, woodland art, daytime and nighttime woodland walks, a great campfire with marshmallows, and raft-building for the teddies. This

ended with all the children in waders in the river!

They particularly loved learning how cuddly chickens can be.



We were especially lucky to see the wonderful blood moon on both nights and have our campsite lit by a shining full moon.

Thank you to Rushall Farm for giving the children such a memorable experience.



Bikeability

Year 5 had fun on the playground completing the Level I Bikeability programme.

Oscar said "It was great fun and we learnt how to cycle safely and use hand signals."



Willow said " My favourite bit was doing the figure of 8. We had to wait for people to go by and then we could go".



Years 1 & 2



Year 1/2 have been learning about materials in Science. They have enjoyed identifying what things are made of by sight and by texture. They have also been making shapes using match sticks.



In RE they have been learning the story of

Zacchaeus

and applying that to

our school values, in particular Love of Others. In the story, Zacchaeus was a changed man because of the love Jesus showed him.



Jeans 4 Genes

We raised a whopping £248 for this worthy charity. A huge thankyou to all who got involved and made a donation.

Harvest Festival

Please join us at St Mark's church from 9am on Monday 14th October for our Harvest Festival. Donations of non-perishable goods (**soup, tinned meat & veg, rice, dried milk, rice pudding, biscuits, UHT milk, shaving foam, sugar**) for the West Berk Foodbank will be most welcome - please bring these to the church. Any financial donations on the day will go to PACT.

TLC morning next Saturday (5th October). In school from 9am to do odd jobs. All welcome, even if you haven't signed up. Bacon butties and brews available all morning!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Updated term dates are on our website. For further dates, please see the website at the start of next term.

30th Sept	Flu Vaccinations
3rd Oct	Send Chat
4th Oct	Class Reps
4th Oct	3pm - Years 5 & 6 Assembly
5th Oct	TLC Morning
10th Oct	Individual Photos
16th Oct	Open Day
22nd Oct	Parent Meetings
24th Oct	Parent Meetings
25th Oct	Inset day and End of Pupil Term