



Sowing the seeds for a flourishing future

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Englefield CE Primary School Newsletter

ESFA Pokemon Primary Schools Cup

Well done to our 8 Year 5/6 footballers who did so well in Round 2 of the national Pokemon Small Schools Competition. The team played brilliantly, winning one match 4-1 and losing the other narrowly by 1 goal to 2. Sadly they missed going through to the national stage by just one point. Well done for being such great team players!



Years 3 and 4 are about to start swimming lessons and there is residential fun on the horizon, they are all looking forward to a couple of nights at Thirtover later in spring. For some this will be their first stay away from home but they approach this prospect with anticipation and bravery, encouraged by stories of the last trips activities and adventurous not to mention the excitement of those that have been before and can't wait to go again.

For 5 and 6 there will be some more Bikeability. Children love riding bikes so a bit of spring time bike skills is always a firm favourite!

Pupil Success

Rafa Chamis-Brown came 'Top of the World' in Rollama - an online grammar programme –he put in many hours to achieve this incredible result.

Sophie Hawthorn, who left us last summer to attend Pangbourne College, came first equal nationally in the Bebras Challenge which is designed to test problem-solving and computational thinking skills. We are so proud of Sophie and this amazing achievement!

Ofsted

Thank you to everyone in our school community who did their bit towards our superb Ofsted report. Particular stand-out phrases are:

- ***Pupils describe the school as 'amazing', 'positive' and 'nurturing'.***
- ***From early years onwards, pupils are exceptionally well behaved. They show high levels of respect and kindness towards one another.***
- ***All pupils achieve well because the school has very high expectations.***



Here We Come A-wassailing



FS2 saw in the new year with a spot of wassailing! They made their wassailing sticks from toilet rolls, filled them with stones and went out to tap the trees and sung a song to wake them in hope of good fortune for the coming year.

*“Love and joy come to you,
And to you your wassail too;
And god bless you and send you a happy new
year,
and god send you a happy new year.”*

Rufus said “We used our sticks to tap the trees to see if they were awake. I think we woke them up!

In maths they have been measuring and when out woodland learning, they put their knowledge to use. They worked out using sticks which were longest and which were shortest before they themselves lined up in height order! Who was the longest? Marley said “I was right at the end!”

We are very lucky to have a new interactive globe and the children have been putting it to good use locating different countries, some they have never even heard of. What a wonderful hands on way to learn about the world.



It's tough watching your child struggle. Whether it's settling back into school, health worries, or simply dark days making everything harder - help is here!

Have questions about your child's health? Wondering why they're finding it hard to settle back into school?

Back-to-school blues? If your child is having trouble adjusting, don't face it alone.

Our school nursing team are here to offer friendly, anonymous support and advice you can trust.

Text us at **07312 263194**

Find help near you
chathealth.nhs.uk/start-a-chat

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NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and Families services

Do you have a 5-19 year old?

We can offer advice and support on many topics like:

- ✓ Sleep
- ✓ Behaviour
- ✓ Bullying
- ✓ Parenting
- ✓ Healthy eating
- ✓ Bedwetting
- ✓ Dealing with medical conditions in school
- ✓ Emotional health & wellbeing

Text a school nurse
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Music Wall



A weekend clear out has given Mrs Carney some inspiration!!

A music wall will fit in perfectly with our OPAL plans and shouldn't be hard to make.

If you happen to have any old items that you would

like to get rid of. Consider donating them to be part of our music wall. We have added some pictures to give you an idea of what we will need.

TLC Morning

We have a TLC morning coming up on the 8th Feb and we would really appreciate all the help we can get.

There will be bacon butties and cups of tea for those who do give up a little of their time. Its always good fun and with many hands the few jobs we have are done in no time. We hope to see you there.



Changes Of Date

We would like to draw your attention to the School Calendar which you will find on our website.

We were made aware last week that a few people had not received the updated timings for Celebration Assembly and as such found it difficult to attend. For this we are sorry. It is unfortunate that sometimes dates have to change for one reason or another and we do our best to make sure these new timings are sent out where we can. It is however, always good practice to keep an eye on the website just in case something has been missed.

In response to parental requests, the Celebration Assemblies on May 16th and July 4th will both now be at 9 am and will be immediately followed by the Parent Forum so please stay for that if you can.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All dates are available on our website.

Feb 4th	3pm Years 3/4 Class Assembly
Feb 6th	3pm Send Chat in Year 5/6 Classroom
Feb 8th	9am - 12pm TLC Morning
Feb 11th	Safer Internet Day
Feb 11th - 14th	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Feb 14th	3pm Celebration Assembly
Feb 14th	3.30pm PTA Valentines Bake Sale
Feb 14th	End of Term
Feb 24th	Back to school