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Newsletter – October 2021

We cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone! Already the weather is changing, and it is getting darker in the mornings and in the evenings. We will soon be enjoying our wonderful winter season! It has been fantastic to see our youngest children settling into school so well. Everyone is so impressed with how Reception have adapted to their new rules and routines, especially at lunchtimes. They really seem to be enjoying their school experience so far.



We would like to thank all the children and staff for working so incredibly hard throughout this half term and we are sure they are looking forward to continuing their learning Journey next half term. We wish everyone a relaxing and thoroughly enjoyable half term break, make sure you all rest up and charge those batteries as there's a lot more learning to be experienced leading up to Christmas!

Epping forest food bank



A huge Thank You for all the kind donations you made for Harvest. Your donations will provide food parcels for people in food crisis. The children have also been considering what we should be Thankful for as part of their learning centring around our school values. Each class also explored what our 'Responsibilities' are. If you would like to donate or even volunteer, please click on the link below.

<https://eppingforest.foodbank.org.uk/>



Jeans for Genes

You may remember a while back we all got to wear our Jeans to school. The day gave us a chance to raise money. Thank you to the 25 donations made, totalling £149.



Harvest Service

This Thursday the whole school were able to visit St Alban's Church for our yearly Harvest Celebrations. The school held two Church services across the morning where children sang hymns, read special prayers and listened to Bible readings. It was lovely to see our Year 5 children sensibly walk with Reception to the Church. The service was organised by our fabulous R.E Lead, Mrs Gardiner and, the Church service was led by Revd. Lee who plays such an important role within our community.

Parents Consultation

We hope all families have found their parent consultation meetings informative and supportive in understanding the progress and learning journeys our children have made on their return since September. Our success as a school is dependent upon a strong learning partnership between home and school.



Year 2 Multi-skills Festival



Willow class were super excited this week to visit Epping St Johns Secondary School where they took part in a variety of fun activities. Not only did the coach journey through Epping High Street provide a flutter of excitement but the children were also in awe at the size of the PE hall at ESJ. The Multi-Skills festival, which was organised by West Essex School Sports Partnership, included a rotation of multi-skill

activities, e.g. jumping, skipping, throwing, catching, lunging, which challenged children to achieve their personal best.



Attendance

As you know, we are passionate about high attendance with the purpose being a clear link to progress in learning. We firmly believe that regular attendance is vital for the children to be successful both academically and socially. If you receive communication from our recently appointed attendance consultant, please take any necessary action to support us in improving your child's attendance.

Brook Golf Club

We would like to congratulate Chloe from Sycamore class who has now become golf sixes league champion for 2021. In fact, Chloe joined Canons Brook Golf Club at the start of the year and was initially reluctant to enter any competitions but now she is first on the team sheet. This is a fantastic example of Perseverance!



Dark nights ahead

Now that we'll be setting the clocks back an hour, it's more important than ever to make sure that your children can be seen when you're out. Recently, we invited Stephen Parker from Essex Fire and Rescue Team to talk to our children about being safe at this time of the year. He Highlighted the importance of Firework Safety and being safe during Halloween.

<https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-dark/>

Parenting (Place2Be)

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children. The Parenting Smart website can be found here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>. There is plenty of advice for parents on topics including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?
- My child has trouble going to sleep
- My child says, 'I hate you!'

Online Safety message- Netflix

It has come to our attention that some of our children as young as Year 1 and pupils in other year groups are watching a Netflix Series called 'Squid Games'. The series is **certified 15** and depicts sex scenes, nudity, extreme violence, self-harm, suicide, and bad language. If they are not of the age to meet the certification, then they should not be watching that series/film. Please control the content your children are watching by setting up individual experience profiles- click on this link for more information. <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>

