

E-Bulletin

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Year 5 trip to Brokerswood

Dear Parents/Carers

Despite the horrible weather we have been out and about enjoying exciting trips with the children. Please read on to find out more.

Recent news and Events

- Our cookery programme has begun; every child will learn to cook at least one dish each year. This term Year 6 children have been making apple crumble.
- Year 5 braved the rain to take part in outdoor adventure activities. Despite being soggy they enjoyed climbing, fire-building and raft building—great team work!
- Year 2 have had a fantastic trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle where they learned all about the people who lived there.

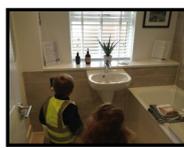


Year 6 Cookery

Homework

We will be launching two new homework challenges at the start of term 2. All children will receive maths challenge booklets which will help them learn number facts. These number facts start with addition and subtraction number facts (bonds) and then progress to multiplication tables are so important. If children are unable to recall these facts quickly and have to work them out each time they will find it much harder to succeed in mathematics.

We are also launching our Key Stage 2 Core Book Challenge. We want all children to have read and be able to talk about the best children's books. We have invested in sets of high quality children's literature and children will be able to earn bronze, silver and gold awards as they read the books at home. Please come to a meeting on Wednesday 6th November to find out more.



Reception & Year 1 visit to Newland Place

- Reception and Year 1 have had a fantastic trip to see new houses being built in the local area. They visited the show home and were very impressed.

Climbing Wall Opportunity

We will be visited by Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team (WOLT) with their mobile climbing wall on the last day of term, Wednesday 23rd October.

Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to practice climbing as part of their PE curriculum.

We have asked the team to offer a session to any parents who would like to have a go from 2.15pm-3.00pm. All the instructors are fully qualified and full safety equipment is provided.

The climbing wall will be positioned at the side of school, to the front of the Children's Centre. Do come and have a go!

FOALS

If you can spare a few hours to help with fundraising events, especially as Christmas approaches we would be really grateful.

Alice and a small team of volunteers do an amazing job for the children— but they really do need more help.

It is only because of the hard work of parents in FOALS that we have been able to buy new reading books for children to take home.

We are also really grateful to FOALS' support to help us to fund school trips. The fantastic experiences described on page 1 have only been possible because we have used school and FOALS' money to pay for half the costs of trips.

Please get in touch with Lizzie or Tanya in the office if you can help at all.

Harvest Festival

Our rescheduled Harvest festival will take place this Thursday 17th October. This is a really important time to think of others who may be experiencing hardship

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable goods for the Trowbridge Foodbank.

Please give your donations to children to bring into class on Thursday morning.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated generously.

Coming Up Soon

DATE	DETAILS
17th October	Harvest festival – moved from last week.
18th October	Year 3 open classroom: Come and visit our Egyptian museum. Reception and Year 1 Parents Phonics and Reading meeting.
22nd October	Pumpkin Parties School Disco <i>Reception, Year 1 & Year 2</i> 4.30pm-5.30pm <i>Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6</i> 5.45pm-6.45pm
23rd October	Climbing wall Last day of Term 1
6th November	9.00am— meeting for Key Stage 1 and 2 about homework. (Reading and Maths)
11th & 12th November	Parent teacher evenings

