

**Friday 3 October**



YR Y1&2 Y3&4 Y5&6



Photo: Badgers Class Macmillan Cancer Care Charity Afternoon



**Dates for your Diary:**

- Thurs 9 Oct** – Dormice Class (Yr R) Info around phonics and teaching 9am in school
- Fri 10 Oct** – 9am Harvest Festival at Church (Drop off at church)
- Tues 14 Oct** – Parents Evening 4.30-7.30pm
- Wed 22 Oct** – Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm
- Mon 27-Fri 31 Oct** Half Term
- Mon 3 Nov** – INSET Closure Day

We will be holding our Harvest Festival at The Blessed Mary Church next Friday which is the first experience Dormice Class (YrR) children will have of how we use the church. Please can you drop off at the church at the normal time – staff will be there to receive your children. Breakfast club will run as normal and we will walk those children up to church. If you would like to, you are welcome to stay and participate. It is an act of collective worship which means we are all invited to come together to join in. After the service, we will wait a short time to let parents leave and disperse before walking the children back to school. Buddies will lead Year Rs by the hand and everyone walks slowly in a long line, stopping whenever any cars pass. Once back at school, we then continue the school day as normal!

**Hedgehogs**



Hedgehogs enjoyed a visit from a real scientist this week, Elliot Bird (Mrs Bird's son) who is a geophysicist, came in to share some experiences. He brought various samples of rocks for the children to test and observe. This really helped bring their scientific learning about rocks to life and also raises the aspiration that school learning does relate to real jobs in science.

**Badgers Church Practice**



To prepare for the Harvest service Year 5&6 may pop up to the church, weather permitting.

**Badgers' Charity Afternoon**



Thanks to everyone who came along to Badger's Class Coffee and Cake afternoon to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care. It was a lovely afternoon and the children enjoyed waiting on families and showing off the things they had baked. Thanks for the extra donation of cakes too. An amazing £245 was raised!

**INSET Days left for 25/26**

- Mon 3 Nov
- Mon 5 Jan
- Mon 23 Feb
- Fri 22 May

**Check you haven't missed these communications this week:**

- Weds** – Email Booking for Parents Evening went live 7pm
- Weds** – Email to Y3&4 – **extra swimming** session (10 Dec) to make up for the cancelled one this week
- Thurs** – Email to All re **Flu vaccines** for Yr R-6

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**Harvest Food Gifts**

For the Harvest Service, we invite children to bring a food gift, if they would like, to 'offer' in church. These food gifts will stay at the church and add to those from weekend services to go into the Meon Valley Food Banks. Please no fresh produce as this will not keep over the weekend. At the moment the food bank is in particular need of:

- Tinned Ravioli and tinned hot dogs
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Stir in pasta sauce (pots not jars)
- Toilet roll
- Tinned meat/ veg/ fruit
- Washing tablets (non-bio)

**Sports News**

On Tuesday, children from Years 2, 3 and 4 took part in a cross-country event. There were schools from across the area and the children set off in large groups, by Year group and as boys and girls. Everyone did really well and worked hard to complete the course. The top 4 runners from each school in each group recorded places – we did rather well, coming 6<sup>th</sup> out of the 14 schools there in the Y3 boys race and the girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup>! A notable individual performance was Eve who came 5<sup>th</sup> in her race. Thanks to Mrs Mason and to Mrs Pilgrim who accompanied the children and to everyone who helped with transport.



### Flu Vaccines

An email was sent this week about the NHS flu vaccines offered to all children year R-6. If you would like to take up this free vaccine for your child, follow the instructions in the email which gives consent directly to the NHS nursing team who come in and deliver.

The vaccine is delivered as a spray up the nose, most children are very comfortable with this. Flu can be a really nasty, debilitating illness so this safe vaccine is the best way to protect yourself. I'm certainly getting my flu jab soon!

### Phonics Info for Dormice Parents



A reminder to Year R parents that you are invited into class on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October just after 9am for some information about how we teach phonics and early reading and some of the other class routines.

Drop off as normal and let your children go in. Once they have been registered, they will relocate to the hall and then Mrs Mason will come and get you from the gate – around 9.10am.



### First Wet Play for Dormice

A gloomy wet morning meant wet plays today, the first proper one for Dormice Class (Year R). When it is wet, the join year 1 & 2 in their classroom. It's nice and large and means they can interact with different ages – often they will join in and copy the games the older children are playing, much as they do outside. This is also a very subtle transition arrangement as it means they get used to the Squirrels classroom and the toilets early on. This also ensures they start to get to know Year 1s who they will join with next year. All this makes the step up to Squirrels Class easier when it comes!