



Photo: Hedgehogs (Y3&4) Visiting Butser Hill This Week



It's been a lovely sunny week but some chilly mornings – things are definitely feeling rather autumnal so it was the perfect week to talk about fungi, nuts, seeds and berries this week in collective worship. Various berries are on trees all around and overnight fungi can appear so I explained important safety messages about avoiding touching and definitely not eating due to some being so poisonous. This was balanced with respecting living things – it's OK to be interested and amazed but to leave them to live. Of course the berries in particular are also a key food resource for wildlife as the season moves into winter. I wonder what they can tell you about?

Hedgehogs Visit to Butser Ancient Farm

Hedgehogs (Y3&4) enjoyed their visit to Butser Ancient Farm on Tuesday. This trip was a history visit to help them understand what life might have been like in the stone age. It's so hard to imagine life so long ago, it's so removed from the present so the trip helps to use experiences to make it real. They spent time in a replica round house, had a go at grinding chalk to mix with mud for building and to make jewellery from copper wire (picture above). They also got to experience being archaeologists, searching a quadrant area for buried artefacts, which as you can see from the concentration in the photo (right), they really enjoyed!



Harvest Festival

A date for your diary – our Harvest festival will be at The Blessed Mary Church at **9am on Friday 10th October**, families are welcome to join us. Please could you drop off at the church on that morning at the usual time – staff will be there ready. More details in next week's Newsletter to explain what will happen and also, especially for our new Year R parents, how we walk safely back from the church.

Attendance Policy

Attached to this Newsletter is a copy of our Attendance Policy (also available on the website). Good attendance is essential to maximise learning which can be achieved, wellbeing and social development and the policy details all the procedures around absence, penalty notices for non-attendance and how we track patterns.



Village Music Concert & Art Gallery

A reminder of the Art Gallery at Blessed Mary Church and Music Concert. If your child would like to join in, head to the church for 5pm, before the concert for a short rehearsal. I have some free tickets – please ask in the school office!

Music Concert: Sat 27th 6pm (rehearsal 5pm for singers)
Art Gallery: Sat 27th 10-3pm, Sun 28th 1-4pm

Dates for your Diary:

- 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

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:

None this week

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