



# Ebchester Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

## Phonics Evening

We would like to invite the parents of the Reception and Year 1 pupils to a phonics evening which Mr Carr is leading. The presentation will take place in the Infant classroom on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 3.15pm. During the presentation, Mr Carr will explain how phonics are taught in the early years and what you can do at home to help. The presentation should only take 30 minutes and Reception/ Y1 pupils will be able to use Miss Willis' after school club free of charge.

## Tesco Bags of Help



Kirsty from the Tesco store in Consett visited yesterday to present us with a cheque for £2,000. This money along with the money raised at the summer fair and some of our Sports Premium funding will be used to purchase an activity trail for the school field. All being well, the school council will select the trail in the coming weeks and we can have it installed by Christmas. Many thanks again for all of your support.

## Attendance

Well done to class 2 who are our winners this week.

<u>Class One</u>	<u>Class Two</u>	<u>Class Three</u>	<u>Class Four</u>
96.8%	99.2%	95.3%	93.2%

## Harvest Festival

It was lovely to have so many parents and friends join us for our Harvest Festival this week. As Rev Ian mentioned on the day, half of our donation will go to Consett foodbank and the rest to the People's Kitchen. Many thanks for all of your donations.

## Messy Church

Everyone is welcome to join us for the 5<sup>th</sup> birthday of Messy Church. It will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall from 3.15pm. All pupils under 8 will need an adult with them.

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## Forest School

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been identifying the trees in our woodland, building mini shelters, and writing letters with mud and sticks! The strong winds last week ensured that there were plenty leaves for the year 2s to make some lovely leaf crowns! **Mrs Stavers**

## Dukeshouse Wood – Class One

We would like to invite parents of the pupils in Class One to an information event for the trip to Dukeshouse Wood planned for next July. The meeting will be held in Class One on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.30pm. We look forwards to seeing you there.

## Parent E-Safety Presentation

A date for your diary – we are holding our Parent E-Safety presentation on 16<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm. The presentation will involve all of the pupils leading a short presentation on what they have been learning about in digital literacy. This will be followed by a short talk from Mrs Stewart about how to keep pupils safe online. Pupils will be able to leave with parents once the presentation is over. We hope that you will be able to join us.

## WE Activity Day – Class One

The Class One pupils will be taking part in an activity day led by WE Schools on the 9<sup>th</sup> October. Through the day they will take part in an assembly and workshops around the topic of social action and youth empowerment. All of the activities tie in perfectly with our PSHE curriculum. Could I ask the parents of the Class One pupils to complete the attached media consent form to allow the charity to take photos during the day.

## Themed Meals

Taylor Shaw are providing us with two themed meals in the coming weeks: a Halloween menu (31<sup>st</sup> October) and a Bonfire Night menu (5<sup>th</sup> November). If your child normally has packed lunch and they'd like to try the themed menus, please contact Mrs Phillips.

## Class Information

### Class Four

Class Four took a trip around the school grounds yesterday to look at all the changes we could see as we move into Autumn. Reception enjoyed talking about the seasons, singing a song about falling leaves with Miss Willis and collecting Autumn leaves to make a picture. Year One went on a tree hunt as part of their Science learning. We identified seven different types of deciduous tree on our



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school field! Some of them we already knew the names of (oak and sycamore) and some we hadn't heard of before (hawthorn and alder). **Mr Carr**

### Class Three

This week Class 3 have continued to learn about our wonderful world. We have explored the life cycle of a sunflower and planted our own bean plants in cotton wool. Next week we will hopefully be able to see the roots of our bean plants start to grow and write about how they are changing! We have also started to look at the 7 continents of the world and played games and activities to help us remember them. **Miss Edmunds**

### Class Two

This week in Class Two it has been as busy as ever! We started the week by setting up our science investigation in which we are investigating what plants need to grow. We currently have broad beans growing in the cupboard, fridge and on the windowsill! In writing we have reached a point within 'Beowulf' where we are going to be writing a narrative of the battle between Grendel and Beowulf and his warriors. Therefore, we have been working extremely hard to make our writing more exciting by using lots and lots of description and exciting vocabulary. I'm sure the 'Big Write' next week will be amazing! We are going to finish off the week with some French, so please ask your child to show you what words and phrases they have learned. **Miss Rogers**

### Sponsored Walk

A quick reminder that we will be having our sponsored walk on Tuesday 2nd October. All parents are welcome to join us – we will meet in Chopwell Woods car park at 9.30am. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat available in school on that day.

As always, please feel free to call into school or phone the school office if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely,  
Rachel Clasper  
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