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Newsletter 6

Dear Parents

Newbury Cashiers

Year 6 children have the opportunity to become cashiers for our school branch of the Newbury Building Society. The children completed an application form and were interviewed by staff from the building society last week. Alice, Daniel, George, Imogen, Patrick and Tom were successful and chosen to be cashiers, they will be trained at the Basingstoke branch before starting in our school branch.



Able Writers

A group of children from Year 5 and 6 attended an able writers' day at South View Junior School last week. Ella, Freya, Imogen, Megan, Seth and Patrick met Coral Rumble and they looked at three stages of writing – warming up, getting started and getting finished. The author read some of her poems and the children tried writing their own. They all enjoyed the day and said it was lots of fun!

Class 3 Group to The Vyne

A group of Class 3 children - Chi Kit, Harry, Kevin, Kiera, Lex Sullivan - went to the Vyne earlier this week with Mrs Rogers and Sorrell (a Vyne Warden) to learn about fungi. Before they left school they carried out some experiments with yeast. They saw lots of types of fungi at the Vyne, some were really tiny and one was massive! They also found out lots of facts about fungi.



Year R Autumn Walk

Our Year R children went for a walk around the village yesterday looking for signs of autumn. They set off while it was still misty and went up to The Chute and across the field behind. They saw different types of berries, fruit and acorns. They were able to discuss why the field was empty of crops and why the ground was wet, even though it hadn't been raining. They also saw lots of leaves of varying colours, both on and off the trees. They all had a lovely time and enjoyed their walk.

Presentations from Year R, Year 2 and Year 6 Information Evenings

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our recent information evenings, it was great to see so many of you. The powerpoint presentations will be added to our website soon under the information tab, there will be a new section titled Parents Information Evenings.

Developing Independence in Year R

In order to help our Year R children come into school more independently please can I ask that you say good bye to your child at the main door into school after half term. The children can then be responsible for hanging up their own coat, putting their snack and reading folder away before settling to their early morning activity. Please could you use the rest of this week and next week to prepare the children and maybe have a few practices at saying good bye at the door? Of course if you need to speak to a member of staff you are still very welcome to do so and we will always try to see you when you ask, however this may not always be possible to do at the start of the day and you may need to make an appointment via the school office.

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 10th October – Year 6 parents SATS information evening

Friday 12th October – School Association Quiz Evening 7pm

Wednesday 17th October – School photographer

Wednesday 17th October – Harvest Festival 2pm in St Andrew's church – all welcome

Friday 19th October – INSET Day – School closed to children

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October – School Closed for half term holiday

Monday 29th October – School re-opens for second half of autumn term

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Payne
Headteacher



Remember to follow our PE activities @SherborneSJPE

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