



Thursday 18th October 2018

Melanie Vine, Headteacher

HARVEST

Children will be celebrating Harvest in a school assembly on Friday 2nd November. We would like to ask if children could bring in a food donation of packed or tinned food (no fresh produce) for the Braintree food bank which is run by the Trussel Trust, covering Braintree, Halstead, Witham and all surrounding villages. A list of items suitable for donation is detailed below.

How do food banks work? Food bank clients are issued with vouchers from care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and police who are able to identify people in crisis. Food bank clients then take their voucher to the centre where it can be redeemed for three days emergency food. We think this is a very worthwhile charity and hope you will be able to help.



Rex Smith, Emily Dewitt, Madeleine Boulton and Tyler Simmon – super drawing in the style of Paul Klee.

Logan Smith – for working very hard on a disaster story.



Shopping List HARVEST 2018

Thank you so much for your support. Our clients are very grateful. We have seen increased levels of need during the spring and summer this year and our warehouse stocks are lower than they have ever been in the six years we have been open.

We urgently need:

- Fruit Juice (1lt Longlife)
- Longlife Milk
- Cereal Bars
- Instant Mash
- Sponge Puddings
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Rice puddings
- Packet soups
- Custard—packets that can be made with boiling water
- Chocolate bars e.g. Kit Kat, Penguins etc
- Biscuits
- Tinned fish
- Tinned Fruit
- Sugar (500g bags please)*
- Cold meats
- Coffee (small jars please)*
- Cereal (700grammes please)*
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Jam
- Packet Rice



Please no baked beans as that is one of the few items of where we have very full stocks.

* **Please note: We often ask for small packs**—Larger packs do not fit in our boxes and make it difficult for our clients to carry home. Also, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs.

PLEASE NOTE: We are grateful for your donations to the Braintree Area foodbank. However, we can only accept donations of freshly-bought, unopened and undamaged goods which are still well within their "use by" date (no less than 6 months). We cannot use items which do not meet these requirements, and the donation is wasted. Thank you.

Fireworks Display

Ticket order forms have come home through your child's book bag and are available from the Main Reception. There will be no bonfire this year, due to the position of our beautiful outdoor classroom.



Reminder for Year 6 Parents

The closing date for applications for children in Year 6, for a secondary school place from September 2019, is 31st October 2018. Parents of children who have yet to submit an application must do so by the closing date.



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Essex Wildlife Trust

Abberton Reservoir Nature Reserve
& Visitor Centre

ESSEX & SUFFOLK
WATER *living water*



Photo: Mike Cleary

October Half Term Events

Whooooo's for Dinner? Owl pellet dissection

Mon 22nd, 10am-12pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm.
Suitable for children aged 6+

Pumpkin Carving

Tues 23rd, 10am-12pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm.
Pumpkins provided.

Brambly Hedge: Autumn Story

Weds 24th & Thurs 25th, 10am-12pm

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Pond Dipping

Weds 24th & Thurs 25th, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Self-led Orienteering Trail

Fri 26th, 10am-2pm, Drop-in event,
£3 donation

Fright Night

Sat 27th, 8pm-8:30pm
Donation £8 per child, £4 per adult

£6 donation per child unless stated otherwise. Please come dressed appropriately for being outside.

Info: abberton@essexwt.org.uk

booking: 01206 738172

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Essex Wildlife Trust

Abbotts Hall Farm & Tiptree Heath



October Half Term Holiday Forest School

Make dens, woodland crafts, light fires and learn about wildlife. Forest School is a child led process facilitated by Forest School trained leaders.

Abbotts Hall Farm

Great Wigborough, Essex, CO5 7RZ

Over 8's Drop Off Day

Tuesday 23rd October

Over 5's Drop Off Day

Friday 26th October

Booking Essential

9.00am-4.00pm each day
Children must be signed in and out
£20 requested donation per child

Over 5's Drop Off Day coming to
Abberton Reservoir soon!

Tiptree Heath Nature Reserve

Maldon Road, Colchester, CO5 0PU

Family Morning

Monday 22nd October
10.00am-12.30pm

Booking Essential

All ages welcome (Adults and under 18 months free)
£8 requested donation per child

Nature Tots Forest School

Wednesday 24th October
10.00am - 12.00pm
Under 5's
£7 per child



Info and booking: reception@essexwt.org.uk 01621 862960

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Key dates – Autumn 2018

October

19 th	Non-pupil day
22 nd 28 th	October half term
30 th	NSPCC assembly and workshops
31 st	Y6 SATS meeting – 2.30pm
	EYFS reading meeting -7.00pm

November

1 st	EYFS reading meeting 2.00pm
2 nd	Harvest celebration assembly
3 rd	Fireworks
6 th	Y1 visit to Hollytrees museum
	EYFS parents' lunch
9 th	100 th anniversary of the end of WW1
19 th -21 st	Open week

December

4 th & 5 th	KS1 nativity – 2.00pm
6 th	EYFS nativity
7 th	Christmas Fayre
11 th	Flu immunisations
14 th	Christmas jumper day
	Christmas dinner
20 th -6 th Jan	Christmas break (3 rd and 4 th non-pupil)

Friends AGM

Wednesday 7th November at 7.00pm

Friends PTA are a group of parents and teachers that organise events throughout the year to raise money for our school, which every child benefits from. We recently bought the lovely outdoor classroom for the children to use during lesson times and we pay around £6000 a year for swimming lessons. We also subsidise school trips to keep the cost down for parents.

If you would like to be part of our friendly team or take up a position on our committee, then please pop along to our really informal meeting. It's a great time to share your thoughts and ideas about our events, so please come and show your support.

You can keep up to date with all our events on our Facebook page. Please search Friends of Earls Colne Primary.