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Key Dates:	
Throughout October - walktober	10 th October - World mental health day
7 th - 9 th October- Year 1 balance bike sessions	18 th & 21 st October - Open day tours for new entrants
8 th October- school individual photos	21 st & 22 nd October - Parents' evenings

Communications this week:	
Individual School Photos	Y1 Balance Bike Sessions
Informing Services - SEND Survey	
Parents' Evening	

Dear Parents & Carers,

My assembly on Monday was all about the Walktober challenge, please do complete the challenge cards that were sent home with the newsletter last week. It's great to see so many of you actively travelling to school so far.

We had a photographer in school yesterday taking pictures for our website and prospectus, it was fantastic seeing the children engaged with many exciting learning opportunities in the classrooms and outdoors.

Thank you so much for all your donations as part of our Harvest Assembly today, Eastleigh Basics Bank pass on their massive thanks to you all, it will make a big difference to the local community providing a well-stocked food bank for all who need it.

Walktober

Following my assembly, I hope many of the children have been talking about the Walktober challenge. Our school is taking part in international walk to school month by joining the Walktober challenge run by the My Journey Team at Hampshire County Council. We would like as many of our children, families and staff to travel actively and/or sustainably throughout October by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, using park and stride or public transport.

Balance Bike Sessions - Year 1

Year 1 have the exciting opportunity of balance bike sessions next week with Bike It John. From 7th - 9th October every Year 1 child will have the chance to learn how to use a balance bike, control their bike round corners and how to safely come to a stop using a brake which will help them transition to pedals without the need for stabilisers. Please see separate communication for the day your child's class will be taking part, please bring own named helmet to school on this day if you have one.

Sickness/Diarrhoea

Just to remind you the school policy states that if your child has had sickness/diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

Parents Evenings - 21st & 22nd October

We will be having our first parents' evenings of this academic year at the end of this half term. Further information with timings and how to book was sent out earlier today. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's class teacher/teachers and to find out about how they have settled into their new year group.

YR First Class Photos - Daily Echo

A photographer from the Daily Echo came into school this week and took first class photos for Cherry, Apple and Plum classes. We will let you know when these will be in the paper.

Harvest Festival

A fantastic display of all your donations as part of our Harvest Festival assembly this morning. Eastleigh Basics Bank were so grateful for the very generous donations.



Merdon Football Competition

Some of our Year 2 children last week took part in a local inter-sports football competition, we came second which was a fantastic result - well done to all involved!



Year R

Year R have loved learning outside this week and looking for signs of Autumn on their welly walk.



Hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Kind Regards
Phillippa Longman

