



ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Welcome to the new academic year and to the first 'Parish Newsletter' of 2016-2017. It is once again produced (*with a little help*) by pupils in Y6 who have just finished their annual decorating of the porch of St James' Church, Ashurst, ready for Harvest Festival Service tomorrow and which features reflections by all pupils on their annual 'September Walks for Charity' which will be shared with families and parishioners attending the Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 9th October.

The *route* for all three Walks this year i.e. Y5&6, Y3&4 and YR-Y2, was more or less the same - with a few *deviations* for the school's youngest pupils who had only been with us for two weeks at the time of their particular Walk - and took in Bramber (including the castle and the church), Upper Beeding, the River Adur and the Downslink.

All three Walks were enjoyed in *the* most beautiful of conditions and all present were reminded of Keat's poem, 'To Autumn': season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.

As we trudged along, we sang various hymns including 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and thanked the Lord for the wonders of nature, the joy they give and for all that the Lord so bountifully provides.....

YR, Y1 & Y2.....

*Oval rose hips burning bright orange
High sun brightening hot shining on our backs*

*Tall green grass waved by the wind.
Leaves growing shiny green on brown branches*

*Juicy red blackberries hanging from the bush
Drooping down to the ground*

*Tangled ivy climbing high to the tip top of the trees
Thin tall stalks peeling layers away*

*Heavy ripe blackberries dropped and squashed on the grass
Tiny elderberries with fragile floppy stalks.....*

Y3 & Y4.....

Neon dragonflies whizzing at such a pace just a blur of colour.....

Most wonderful colours of leaves: yellow, orange, red and brown yellow....

AND Y5 & Y6.....

The eye of the castle watching us as we walk along...

The darting swallow dipping and dancing....

Burning orange berries nestled in thorny hedges

Neon colours bursting through the wildlife

Duckweed camouflaging the water

Wandering into the greenness of the plants

The towering castle in amongst the crowded trees

Dappled lights as we walked through the tunnel of trees

The calm wind wagging past us

Bees swarming for the bright flowers

Juicy ripe mouth-watering berries ready to be picked

Vibrant snails slithering on the pavement

Tiny animals hidden in the metallic green plants

The watching eye looking over Bramber.....

Thank you staff and pupils.

We look forward to seeing members of the village and Parish tomorrow; and to inviting you once again to join us in school for our own special 'REMEMBRANCE SERVICE' at 10.30 on Friday 11th November, our 'OPEN AFTERNOONS' on 17th October and 12th December (from 2.30-4.00) and our forthcoming CHRISTMAS PLAY - for which, more details from School Office and/or on the school's website shortly.

Meanwhile, kindest regards

Mrs J A Williams, Headteacher