

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news

On Friday, four Year 6's represented the school in a Table Tennis Matchplay competition at Kingslea Primary School. Following a pool stage to decide on groupings (Holbrook A were drawn in Division 1 and Holbrook B in Division 2), the children were required to umpire in matches they were not competing in and rose admirably to this new challenge. After the conclusion of all their games, Holbrook A finished a credible 3rd and Holbrook B 4th in their respective divisions. Well done to Liam, Ethan, James and Rowan.

Mrs E Wright



- Another busy week at school. Our choir enjoyed the young voices experience at the O2 where they performed alongside 8,500 children. Year 2 Children participated in new age kurling and year 6 in athletics.
- All of the children have been busy looking out for birds as a part of the big birdwatch. Plus, year 6 had a visit from Mrs Hunt from Millais, teaching them new coding skills on the computers.



House Cup

The winner of the House Cup this week is Dragons – well done!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
276	346	237	269



Home Learning and parent partnership

Home learning is an activity (e.g reading, learning number bonds/tables) that a child is asked to complete outside of the school day, either on their own or with an adult.

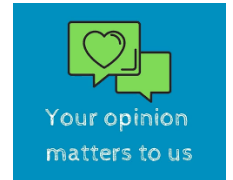
Research has shown that the influence of parental involvement can have a major impact on school readiness and attainment levels from birth, right up to sixteen years old.

Parents and adults in the home are essential for home learning. We encourage parents to share the home learning with their child and to decide upon the most appropriate way to complete it.

Parents can often worry that they don't have the knowledge to support their children with their home learning. If you are not sure how you can help please ask your child's teacher. However, the research shows that you make a big difference to your child's attainment just by showing an interest in their work and encouraging them. You don't need to know the answers! Thank you for your support.

Website review

We are looking to update and improve the school website and would love to hear your views about what you would like to see. Please complete the short survey (only 4 questions!) using this [link](#).



Safeguarding

Noxious fumes from cigarettes and cars – please could parents avoid smoking or keeping their engines running when parked near the school site. As well as being bad for the environment, the children are also being exposed to noxious fumes that have the potential to harm. Thank you.



Chartwells

Regarding future strike days, we are recommending to Key Stage 2 parents that you do not order a hot meal from Chartwells on these days. Please send your child in with a packed lunch if the school remains open.

Therefore, for Key Stage 2 children, if you have booked a meal for the 2nd, 15th or 16th March, you may wish to cancel the order.

We apologise for the disruption, but due to the uncertainty surrounding future strike action, we feel that this is the best course of action.

We will issue guidance for Key Stage 1 children at a later date.

Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'How much control do influencers have over our choices?' – see below.

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How much control do influencers have over our choices?

In the news this week

A drink called 'Prime Hydration' has arrived in the UK and as quickly as it arrived, it sold out. The creators of the drink are online influencers KSI and Logan Paul. After opening, some shops saw pushing and shoving as people tried to get their hands on the drinks, with many deciding to limit customers to one bottle per person. The craze did not stop at the supermarket shelves; on eBay the drinks were up for sale for thousands of pounds each. The founders of Prime, KSI and Logan Paul, have a combined YouTube following of over 40 million people.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you watch any influencers online? Talk to others in your home – do they watch influencers?
- > Are there other well-known people that you admire or look up to? What are they known for?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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New Hot Meal Ordering System

A reminder of the cut off dates for ordering your child's hot meal:

February Cut off Dates	February Cut off Dates
Thursday 9/2 for w/c Monday 20/2	Thursday 2/3 for w/c Monday 13/3
Thursday 16/2 for w/c Monday 27/2	Thursday 9/3 for w/c Monday 20/3
Thursday 23/2 for w/c Monday 6/3	Thursday 16/3 for w/c Monday 27/3

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Spring 2023	
Friday 10 th February	Forest School Roadshow to Year 5
Tuesday 7 th February	Eco Committee Clothes sale
Monday 13 th February-Friday 17 th	Half Term
Monday 20 th February	INSET Day- School closed for pupils
Tuesday 28 th February	Parent Consultations
*Wednesday 1st March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 8 th March	Titanic Virtual Museum with Y4
Friday 3 rd March	Fire service to visit Y2
Wednesday 22 nd March	Y6 trip to Amberley Museum

*Date changed due to potential strike action

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,



Natalie Davies

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