

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Computing suite



We are delighted to inform you that our Computing suite was refurbished recently thanks to a large donation from the Friends of Holbrook. We now



have 30 new desktop computers, computing chairs, carpet, blinds, wall displays and TV screen, which accommodate a whole class. Our digital leads were full of praise for the new suite:-

"The computers are much faster." James

The new screen is useful, so that you can see what you have to do and how you can improve." George

"The wall art is amazing!" India

The children were very excited to see the transformation and we hope to invite you in very soon to see the transformation.

### Curriculum news

#### Anti-bullying week



Our anti-bullying ambassadors helped to deliver the key messages this anti-bullying week, encouraging children to reach out.



We began by wearing odd socks on Monday to raise awareness for anti-bullying week. Then the ambassadors used their socks to perform sock puppet shows to the school in assembly, to play out different scenarios and how the children could "Reach Out."

Throughout the week, children have taken part in anti-bullying lessons. Plus the anti-bullying ambassadors have created art-work with our KS1 children, been on playtime duty looking out for those Reaching Out and supported work in their classes where children have been paying compliments and reaching out to others in their class, not just their friends.



Thank you to our anti-bullying ambassadors for all their hard work supporting anti-bullying week.

## House Cup

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



Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
252	308	390	298

## Support for families

West Sussex County Council is working in partnership to support people and families who are struggling the most with the rising cost of living.

We would urge those who are struggling to seek the support that is available to them and request your help in sharing this information via the enclosed leaflet to your school community. To view the enclosed 'Here to help' leaflet, please click the article title link and view the full WSSfS article page.

The County Council is using its £4.8 million Household Support Fund, from Government, to provide a package of financial and practical assistance to people this winter. Working closely with district and borough councils and charities we will get help to those most in need.

Our Community Hub continues to offer direct support to vulnerable households, providing essentials such as food and supplies, as well as grants to those who are eligible.

Our 36 West Sussex libraries also offer a warm welcome to all visitors. Friendly library staff are on hand to help and advise people on a range of topics, from money management to energy saving, job seeking and benefits guidance. Regular library events like Story Time are free for families of young children. On our ['Here to help - Cost of living'](#) webpages, people can find lots of practical advice and information about how to apply for extra local and national support.

## Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is:- Should we ever have to change our appearance? – see below.

# TAKEHOME



Should we ever have to change our appearance?

## In the news this week

Pupils in schools should not be unfairly singled out for having afro hair, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has said in new guidelines for schools. The EHRC reported that rules banning certain styles are likely to be breaking the law. This includes styles such as afros, braids, cornrows, plaits, locks, and head coverings. The new guidance was announced to help schools in England, Scotland and Wales ensure their hair policies are fair.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you, or do you know anyone who has, had to change your/their appearance for work or for school?
- > Share your thoughts on the new changes, do you think it's important these guidelines are given to workplaces and schools?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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**Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)**

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 trip to Newhaven Fort
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/2 Nativity to Y1 Parents
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert at St. Mary's church
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/2 Nativity to Y2 Parents
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas assemblies at St. Marks church
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity to Parents
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the Autumn term
<b>Spring 2023</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day of the Spring term
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Workshop-Sensory Processing Differences
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices at the O2
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day- School closed for pupils

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,



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