Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

#### **Curriculum news**

# **Hedgehog visit**

"On Wednesday, Reception had visit from Henry and Harry the hedgehogs. They were very sweet and the children enjoyed learning all about what hedgehogs eat, where they live and that their babies are called hoglets. The children loved being so close to real life hedgehogs!" *Mrs Sisson* 



#### Lewes castle

"Year One had a fantastic time on our trip to Lewes Castle on Wednesday. We climbed up a lot of steps to the top of the tower where we could see for miles and miles; we dressed up as lords, ladies and knights and we handled some ancient artefacts. We learned a lot about the features of a castle and had a great day!" Mrs Geisler



### **Outdoor classroom week**

The children took part in outdoor classroom day this week, even though the weather was a little bit challenging at times! The children enjoyed; a poetry walk, creating castles with mud, representing numbers, roman tracking and marching, fibonacci numbers, art and tree measuring, all outside.



## **House Cup**

The winner of the House Cup this week is Phoenix by just one point — well done!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
426	403	427	369



# **Anti-bullying week**

Anti-bullying week is coming up (14 - 18<sup>th</sup> Nov), with the theme of "Reach-Out" the anti-bullying ambassadors have put together a programme for the week including:-

- Odd socks day on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November children to wear odd socks to raise awareness
- Anti-bullying assembly with a very special performance from our anti-bullying ambassadors
- Praise for those reaching out by giving a smile, asking if you are ok or inviting someone to join in a game at playtime
- Pass the compliment, human bingo and reaching out art work

#### **Parent Consultations**

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Parent Consultation evenings on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November. Bookings are still open, if you have not yet booked an appointment. Teachers will be holding their appointments in their classrooms, which you will be able to access from the outside doors.

# Photo day

Don't forget it's photo day on Tuesday, if your child has PE that day – please send them to school in school uniform and trainers **NOT** PE kit, thank you.



## **West Sussex Music**

Is your child interested in learning an instrument? We have the following peripatetic music tutors at Holbrook:

Guitar - Bobby Harris

For individual and small group lessons at school, please apply online: Registration - West Sussex Music

Violin & Viola - Emily Hester

For individual and small group lessons at school, please apply via email: emilyhesterteaching@gmail.com

Keyboard & Piano – Janet Beale

Current waiting list in place. To be added to the waiting list, please apply online: Registration - West Sussex Music

Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute & Recorder – Marian Oborne

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## **Christmas Trees for sale**

Local Company Ilex Garden Management has kindly agreed to make a donation to Holbrook for every tree sold. For more details see previous email sent and to place an order: email:ilexgardens@outlook.com, call 07592 247312 or find them on Facebook-Ilex Garden Design and Management



# **Picture News**

This week's topic for discussion is will robots make the world a better place? – see below.



# Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	School photographs - individuals
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Bowles meeting for Y5 Parents
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance service
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd socks day (start of anti-bullying week
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
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
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Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day of the Spring term

Have a lovely weekend Kind regards,

Ian Holmes