

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the final newsletter of the half-term.

Curriculum news

Life savers - Year 6 had a fantastic afternoon learning about basic life support skills; CPR, choking and the recovery position. They listened and behaved impeccably and worked really hard when practising their skills on the manikins.

Mrs E Wright



Learning Outside the Classroom – we love taking our learning outside the classroom. Here are just a few examples happening this week at Holbrook. Year 3 out and about in the local area on litter picking duty, Reception children collected autumn leaves and Year 1 learnt about numbers in our conservation area.



Harvest Festival Thank You

This week I received a letter from the Salvation Army who were extremely grateful for the generous donations we collected as part of our Harvest Festival, earlier this month.

Book Fair - Save the Date!

We have a fantastic local independent bookseller coming to run a book fair for the children on November 24th. This is a great opportunity to buy a book for pleasure or even a Christmas present! More details to follow after half term.

A special thank you to all the parents who have kindly donated books for our school library. We are busy labelling them up now and hope to be ready to share them with the classes after half term!

A special mention and thank you to Mrs Wolski, for winning 100 books for Holbrook School and thanks also to the Smith family for donating the new stools for the library.



Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Parent Consultation evenings on the 8th and 10th November. Bookings open tomorrow morning. Further details can be found in a separate Parentmail.

Safeguarding

A few children have been left unattended before and after school recently. A reminder that the school doors open at 8:35am and the gates a few minutes before. We finish at 3:00pm (EYFS & KS1) and 3:10pm. Please ensure that children are supervised outside of these times to avoid accidents and unnecessary distress. Thank you.

Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is helping those in need – see below.

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How can we help those in need who are far away?



In the news this week

Pakistan has had the heaviest rainfall in decades. The United Nation's (UN) Secretary General has urged the world to help Pakistan, after flood water covered a third of the country. Starting an appeal to help the tens of millions affected by the disaster, Secretary General Antonio Guterres blamed exceptionally high levels of rain and climate change. The flooding has affected over 30 million people in Pakistan as the heavy rains have washed away roads, people's homes, and farms. Emergency services have been pushed to their limits trying to rescue those stranded and evacuate them to temporary housing.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any experience you have of floods or flooding, have there ever been floods in your local area? What did people do to help?
- > Although they are far away, can you think of ways that you can help others who are in need? What help do you think the people affected need the most?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Mon 24th – Fri 28th October	HALF TERM break
Monday 31 st October	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 1 st November	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 2 nd November	Y1 trip to Lewes Castle
Tuesday 8 th November	School photographs - individuals
Tues 8 th & Thurs 10 th November	Parent Consultations
Friday 11th November	Bowles meeting for Y5 Parents
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance service
Tuesday 22 nd November	Y4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Friday 25 th November	Y5 trip to Newhaven Fort

Tuesday 6 th December	Y1/2 Nativity to Y1 Parents
Wednesday 7 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St. Mary's church
Thursday 8 th December	Y1/2 Nativity to Y2 Parents
Friday 9 th December	Christmas assemblies at St. Marks church
Tuesday 13 th December	EYFS Nativity to Parents
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th December	Last day of the Autumn term
Spring 2023	
Tuesday 3 rd January	First day of the Spring term

Have a wonderful half-term.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes