

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum news

Y6 Bowles trip

Once again, our Year 6 pupils have had a wonderful week at Bowles residential centre and enjoyed themselves in a variety of adventurous activities. I was delighted to attend on Tuesday and Wednesday to see the children rise to the challenge of climbing, abseiling, archery, team ropes, zip wires, kayaking, bush craft, and many other activities.



Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to all those who were able to attend our Parent Information Meetings over the past two weeks. We hope that you found the meetings informative. The information has also been made available electronically to anyone who was unable to attend via our website



Free School Meals – is my child eligible?

This can be confusing as children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. However, families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals (including Reception, Year 1 and 2) could also raise an extra, £1,320 for your child's primary school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

To check if your child is eligible, please collect a form from the school office. If you require more information, please speak to Mrs Moloney.

Census Day - Thursday 6th October

A school census takes place twice a year (Autumn and Spring) and we request that all children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 take up a free hot school meal. The reason for this request is that for each child recorded as having a hot school meal on this day, the school will receive vital funding that is required to support your child's development. It is a great opportunity to try a hot meal or new food if your child does not already eat one and we will do our best to encourage your child to eat their hot meal. If your child will only eat a packed lunch, then they may bring in a packed lunch as usual. We would like to thank all parents

for supporting the school and encouraging their child to have a hot school meal on Thursday 6th October. The menu for Census Day is attached.

Safeguarding

The latest version of the Holbrook Safeguarding and Child protection policy has been approved by the governing board and can be found on the school website.

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Autumn 2022	
Tuesday 4 th October	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 4th October	Royal Opera House Workshop Y3
Mon 24th – Fri 28th October	HALF TERM break
Monday 31 st October	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 1 st November	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 2nd November	Y1 trip to Lewes Castle
Tuesday 8 th November	School photographs - individuals
Tues 8 th & Thurs 10 th November	Parent Consultations
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance service
Tuesday 22nd November	Y4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Wednesday 7 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St. Mary's church
Friday 16 th December	Last day of the Autumn term
Friday 9 th December	Christmas assemblies at St. Marks church
Spring 2023	
Tuesday 3 rd January	First day of the Spring term

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes