

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Pupil achievements

This week we celebrate and congratulate the following children and their achievements;

Green Cards – Lauren Stroud (6K), Melissa Acimis (5N), Erin Wells (5N), Safiya Uddin (3R), Marcy Stroud (3R), Molly Holton (3R), Alfie Leach (3R).

Merits – Bronze: Marley Hickling (5V) Silver: Emma Hampson, Lauren Stroud (6K)

Pen Licence – Henry Stewart (3R)



House Stars

This week's House Stars chosen by the House Captains are;

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
Poppy Leach 3B	Lucy Stocker 5N	Ethan Duggan 5N	George Woodward 4N



Curriculum news

Drama workshop

Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed a drama workshop on Monday, where they became Superheroes! Their mission was to fight littering and what can be done to help.



Reception Washbrooks Farm



The Reception children had a beautiful day for their first ever school trip, when they went to Washbrooks farm for the day.

The children learnt all about the different animals at the farm including: horses, pigs, cows, sheep and goats and they took part in an animal handling session. The tractor ride and the adventure playground were also a hit and there were many tired and happy children (and some teachers too) at the end of the day.

Alternative Sports Festival

On Wednesday 18th June some children from Years 4, 5 and 6 represented Holbrook at an Alternative Sports Event at Millais. We had so much fun participating actively in many events including goalball, boccia, caterpillar team games, archery, ultimate frisbee, pogostick, stilts and many more. We worked with children from other schools and learned valuable team building skills whilst having a lot of fun! We were so proud our children supported each other and those from other schools too.



Walk to School Week

This week the eco-committee have been very busy supporting our walk to school week.



Cerys – “We have been patrolling outside of school and counting the cars that came down Holbrook School Lane.”

Alyssa – “We used a tally chart to record all of the cars.”

Thiago – “On Monday we had 28 cars and on Tuesday we had 15 cars, we were happy about this as there are 420 people in the school and only 15 used a car!”

Felicity – “We managed to encourage people to experiment with active ways of coming to school and raised awareness.”

Lily – “We helped people cross the road safely, we were a bit nervous about this.”

Jude – “We gave people fliers to come to school a bit more actively.”

Amelia – “On Friday we went to the church and Tythe barn (Park and stride locations) to walk with the people who used park and stride.”

Ava – “We walked with the children walking to school - even in the pouring rain!”



In assembly this week, the top walk to school classes received the Walk To School award and all of the children that managed an active journey to school every day this week have received a special walk to school week badge.

Thank you very much to our amazing eco-committee who came to school early to help out and well done to all the children and families who managed to walk to school this week.



Remember that our Twitter page has regular updates of what has been going on in school weekly. Please follow us @PrimaryHolbrook to see what has been going on.

FREE Mental Health Support Courses for Children, Young People and Families in West Sussex

Online Parenting Through Difficult Times course is a three-week course designed to help parents and carers of children of all ages achieve a sense of calm and safety and to give their children and young people tools for managing their big feelings (includes private online group and individual support).

Girls' Net is a six-week journey for girls equipping them for times of challenge and change. This course is made up of six one and a half hour sessions in a small group of same-age girls guided by a fully trained Girls' Net Mentor. In between the sessions, girls have access to an interactive notebook online to prompt further exploration of each week's topic. Girls' Net is currently held online for girls grouped by age (8-18 years). By the end of the course, the girls not only have gained some practical tools for managing their emotions, but they have also had the experience of shared support.

To access a free place on one of the courses, parents can apply by emailing Rites for Girls direct at ukadmin@ritesforgirls.co.uk. For Girls' Net only, reserve a place [online](#). Flyers attached.

Safeguarding – social media

At Holbrook school, we want our pupils to grow into respectful young people, who understand how to settle differences in a respectful and constructive manner, both online and offline.

Our ICT and internet acceptable use policies set clear expectations for pupils and parents about online conduct. We expect parents to abide by these guidelines so that you can help us model safe, responsible and appropriate social media use for our pupils. This includes voicing opinions about the school in a way that respects the hard work, dedication and professionalism of our staff, and speaking to or about other parents and children in a way that is respectful and appropriate.

We would ask parents to make any complaints they have through the official school channels rather than posting them on social networking sites and also to be aware of how others read their comments.

Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

Summer 2022	
Monday 23 rd May	Parent Practical workshop-calming strategies
Thursday 26 th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee picnic
Friday 27 th May	School closed for INSET day
30th May – 3rd June	HALF TERM
Wednesday 8 th June	Y2 Trip to Drusillas
Wednesday 8th June	Y3 Greek Workshop
Thursday 9th June	Y5/Y6 Rail Safety Workshop
Friday 10th June	Sayer Croft meeting for Y4 Parents
Friday 10 th June	Class Photos
Monday 13 th June	Y6 cycle training starts
Monday 27 th June	Parent Workshop- anxiety
Tuesday 28 th June	Country Dancing Festival at Shelly Primary school
Tuesday 28 th June	Sports Day
Monday 4 th – 6 th July	Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential trip
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 6 Transition day
Friday 1 st July	District Sports (new date)
Saturday 9 th July	FOH Summer Fayre
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of the Summer term
Friday 22 nd July	Additional day off school to honour Queen's Platinum Jubilee during June half term

Term and INSET dates for 2022-23 can be found on the school website [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,



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