

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Pupil achievements

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

Green Cards – Marshall Bennett-Jones, Elliot Rose, Lilly Wooster (4N), James Leyton, Amelia Baker, Charlotte Rush (4F)

Merits – Silver: Francesca Noakes, Alex Chilvers, Reuben Goddard, Amelia Murrell (6K), Albert Brownlee, Matthew Down (6H), Bronze: Alex Woolcott (6H), Lucy Stocker (5N, first in Y5)



Music

It is lovely to see music flourishing again at Holbrook with many of our young musicians continuing their lessons either in-person or online. This week I received two certificates of achievement for the Clarinet Preparatory Stage, awarded to Luke Holmwood and Rowan Simkins. Congratulations to you both.

House Cup

This winner of the House Cup this time is Phoenix – well done!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
202	307	385	249



Curriculum news – a royal response!

This week Year 3 were excited to receive a letter from HRH Prince of Wales. The children wrote to Prince Charles as part of their 'Plastic is not Fantastic' learning about persuading people to reduce single use plastics. In his reply, the Prince of Wales thanked the Year 3 pupils and sent his 'warmest thanks and best wishes to all those at Holbrook Primary School.

Science Week

The children have enjoyed plenty of science activities this week as part of Holbrook's Science Week organised by Mr Kenny. Highlights include Years 5 and 6 travelling into space with the mobile Planetarium from Herstmonceux Observatory, discovering micro bugs in moss and building catapults.



World Book Day Competition

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of World Book day, Henry Adams Estate Agent invited pupils to design a flag, based on their favourite book character or author. All participants received a certificate and our 3 winners were Safiya Uddin (3R), Takara Henning and Boris Geskhov (4N) – congratulations!

Staff profile



Hello, my name is Mrs Roberts. At Holbrook, my role is Teaching and Learning assistant in year one, Rabbits class.

I really like working at Holbrook as the children make me smile every day, and my colleagues make great cupcakes! In my spare time, I really enjoy exploring the area with my children and eating at all the great restaurants in Horsham.

My favourite subjects at school were English literature, drama, sociology and RE. If I wasn't a teaching assistant I'd probably still be making TV programmes and wishing I could have the holidays with my children and spend my days with the next generation of thinkers and doers in a great school.

My favourite quote is 'If everything was perfect, you would never learn and you would never grow' - Beyonce

Comic Relief's Red Nose Day

Thank you for your generous donations today, which will be sent directly to Comic Relief. The money will go to help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people in Ukraine. We will confirm the final total in due course.

Diary Dates

Spring 2022	
Thursday 24 th March	Annual Governors' Day
Tuesday 29 th March	Choral Day at Christ's Hospital
Wednesday 30 th March	Netball Tournament at The Bridge
Thursday 31 st March	Y6 Trip to Amberley Museum
Wednesday 6 th April	Parent workshop (social/emotional development)
Friday 8 th April	Last day of the Spring term
Summer 2022	
Monday 25 th April	First day of the Summer term
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 6 th May	Choir trip Young Voices concert at the O2
Monday 9 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 27 th May	School closed for INSET day
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th – 6 th July	Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential trip
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 6 Transition day
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

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes